



# PATHFINDER

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The unmistakable truth is that the name we are given reflects our parents' wishes. We do not choose it. We do not control it. We may love it. We may hate it. Yet, we have no choice but to be identified with it.

## From the Rabbi — Have You Earned Your Name?

(*Rabbi Moffic's Article in the Huffington Post*)

### The Name Our Friends Call Us

We have a bit more control over the name our friends call us. It often derives from our personality or skills or interests. Yet, it too often falls outside of our control.

My grandfather was named Ervin, but his friends called him Tam. He was tall, and his friends thought he looked like a famous basketball player of the time named Tam. Thus, he earned a nickname for life.

### A Hebrew name of "Beautiful Face"

While we may not have much control over the name our friends call us, we can try to live up to its positive aspirations. Rabbi David Whiman tells the story of an adult woman studying to become a Bat Mitzvah. She told him that her Hebrew name was "Shaynah Punim." (Many Jews have a Hebrew name in addition to their English or other vernacular name, typically given by parents at birth.)



## Cantor Glikin's Remarks

Israel used to be the one issue that glued the entire Jewish community together. Jews of various strands may not have agreed on what Jews eat, wear, or value, but they all agreed that Israel needed our undivided and uncompromising support, at least in the public sphere. Israel could do no wrong in the eyes of her Diaspora supporters, even as Israelis engaged in open critique of their beloved motherland.

Over the last couple of decades, this situation has been slowly changing. Today, 65 years after her creation, Israel is a strong democracy. She boasts some of the world's most impressive technological and scientific accomplishments, a unique and rich culture, a growing and independent economy, and a readiness to help countries in trouble all over the world. She still finds herself in the midst of a perilous neighborhood, but is also home to one of the best trained and supplied armies and secret services in the world.

Israel today is an increasingly complicated society. Her narrative is no longer black and white, but contains many shades of gray. Her realities are complex. And, so is our relationship with her. It's not that we don't love Israel anymore – we love her deeply. But, like any mature relationship, we are now past the infatuation stage. We start to realize that our beloved snores, leaves the toilet seat up, and oftentimes leaves things messy. We realize that as much as we love Israel, we also often-times struggle and are challenged by her.

I recently returned from the Wexner Fellowship Alumni Institute, where I attended a lecture by Dr./Rabbi Rachel Beit-Halachmi, also an alumna of the Fellowship and one of today's leading Reform thinkers. Recalling Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik's idea that Jews have historically been linked together by two distinct covenants, Beit-Halachmi asked the question of whether there is still a covenant that binds the Jewish people together. As a way of background, Soloveitchik's two covenants were: 1) a covenant of fate (*brit goral*), which is related to Jewish people's experience of shared suffering; and 2) a covenant of destiny (*brit yi'ud*), which is related to the opportunity to shape the future of the Jewish Israel now that we have Israel.

According to Beit-Halachmi, the ability of the Jewish people to renew our "covenant of destiny" will be determined by answers to the following three questions:

- 1) Can Jewish women in Israel play an equal role in Jewish life?
- 2) Is non-Orthodox Judaism legitimate in Israel?

- 3) Does Diaspora Jewry matter in determining answers to the two questions above?

Even as the third question relates to the first two, the second question finds expression in the first. One of the central internal questions facing modern-day Israel and what former Secretary of State Hilary Clinton called "the unfinished business of the 21<sup>st</sup> century" concerns women's rights in Israeli society. From women being arrested for wearing prayer shals at the Western Wall, to women being forced to sit in the back of the bus on routes traveling through ultra-Orthodox communities, to women's faces being removed from advertisements in Jerusalem, to women's voices being barred from public broadcasts and ceremonies, women are being barred from Israel's public sphere by the ultra-Orthodox minority.

Women who attended the Women's Seder on March 16, heard about this issue directly from Israel in an interview with Shira Ben-Sasson Furstenberg, an Orthodox woman and activist at the New Israel Fund in Israel. You can find a transcript of the interview with Shira in this issue of the Pathfinder. I also encourage everyone, men and women, to visit the new Solel webpage dedicated to monitoring women's rights in Israel, which includes a video of the interview, as well as readings on the topic, and steps for further action:

<http://www.solel.org/cvgrl>

Israel has her share of challenges and it is our responsibility to be informed about them and to take action as we are able. And even as we are keenly aware of Israel's warts, it is also our responsibility to celebrate her for her many accomplishments and positive contributions to the world. One way to celebrate Israel in our community is to attend Solel's Spring Concert, **Israel at 65: A Musical Celebration** on April 28 at 4pm. More information on this concert can be found in this issue of the Pathfinder.

Wherever you find yourself with regard to Israel, whether overwhelmed by your love for her, unable to see past her shortcomings, or somewhere in between, it is your active engagement that is absolutely crucial. In addition to Rachel Beit-Halachmi's three questions, I humbly posit that the renewal of the "covenant of destiny" depends on the Diaspora Jews' ability to have a nuanced conversation about Israel and to remain engaged in this conversation despite the emotional toll that it oftentimes takes on each of us.

# **Yom HaShoah (Holocaust) Commemoration**

## **April 6 at 7 pm**

### **Congregation Solel**

*The liturgy compiled by Cantor Glikin was first performed to great acclaim at Hebrew Union College in 2010, where it was described as a “tour de force” and a “most moving and spiritual event.” This year, Cantor Glikin will bring this liturgy to Congregation Solel, accompanied by piano, cello, violin, and a quartet of singers. This event is appropriate for adults and children in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or older. Included will be a candle lighting ceremony in memory of those who perished during the Shoah (Holocaust), those who survived against all odds, and those who risked their lives for the sake of others.*

We would like to acknowledge at the Holocaust Commemoration Service on April 6 all those within our congregation who have been affected by the Shoah. If you have relatives who perished, you or someone in your family survived against all odds, risked their life for the sake of others, participated in the liberation of concentration camps, or have dedicated your time and resources to educating about the Shoah (Holocaust), we want to hear from you!

Please contact the office at (847) 433-3555 or [soleloffice@solel.org](mailto:soleloffice@solel.org) to have your name or the name of someone in your family included in the program and recognized.



## From Our President

Over six months have passed since I first addressed the congregation on Erev Rosh Hashanah with a challenge to help us meet our urgent needs for renovation of our spiritual home by participating in Phase 2 of the Campaign for Solel. As we are beginning our project with the first portion of fire protection system installation March 25—April 5, 2013, I am proud to report that many of you have responded to the challenge and have stepped up and pledged your support for the vitally important Campaign for Solel.

It is particularly exciting for me to see that a significant portion of our Phase 2 donors (30%) are new member families who have joined in the past 5 years. I am thrilled to see the next generation of members stepping up in support of Congregation Solel. It demonstrates that the newer members are feeling the same connection to Congregation Solel that my family has enjoyed for decades and are investing in the future of our Jewish family.

It is also humbling to see that many of our Phase 1 donors have come forward again with additional gifts to support the Phase 2 projects. Our Phase 1 Pathfinders were instrumental in the improvements that have already been made throughout our congregation and they helped to build the thriving culture of generosity that is central to our Solel life. Their continued participation in this campaign demonstrates that the “community of giving” culture is alive and well at Congregation Solel and will continue to sustain our world-class programs and beautiful spiritual spaces.

The construction schedule for our project is identified in the following chart. All work will be completed in advance of Erev Rosh Hashanah this September.

As the Campaign for Solel draws to its conclusion over the next several months, we will see the transformation begin to take place as we begin construction on some of the key parts of our renovations. The contributions made to date by our generous members make us feel confident to begin this work – **BUT THE NEED IS STILL GREAT.**

In order to finish the Campaign for Solel and complete the critical improvements that our congregation needs to thrive for the next generation, we need to raise additional funds. Our congregation’s prudent financial practices have allowed us to remain debt-free for many years. The Board of Directors, clergy, staff leadership and I are all extremely committed to continuing this tradition of fiscal responsibility in completing this work, but in order to do that, we need the support of our member families.

In the coming weeks, please feel free to reach out to Allan Litwack to make a pledge. If you have any questions about the Campaign for Solel, feel free to contact Allan Litwack, our Campaign for Solel Co-Chairs (Jerry Wolf and Harold Chizewer) or me. Together, we will bring the Campaign for Solel to its successful close by early summer and enjoy witnessing the renovation and rejuvenation of our spiritual home

-Larry Mason

Activity	Date
Classroom & Classroom Corridors Fire Protection System Work	March 25 thru March 29
Chapel Fire Protection System Work	April 1 thru April 5
Sanctuary and Main Lounge Work	May 20 thru August 23
Social Hall Work	June 3 thru August 23

# Good News to Report Regarding Our Partnership with Envision Scholars

On Wednesday, January 2, 16 Solel volunteers and 15 students from Waukegan High School (who participate in the Envision Scholars program) gathered at Solel for an essay writing workshop to apply for the Gates Millennium Scholarship. On March 9, Solel learned that three of the students are finalists for the Gates Millennium Scholarship!

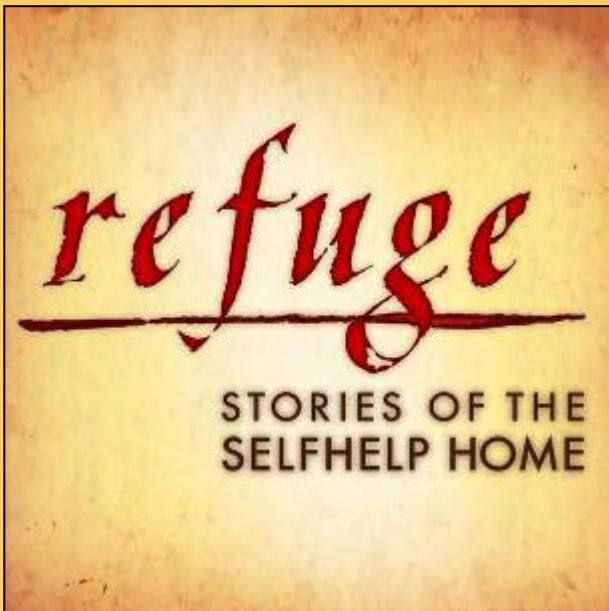
To put this achievement into perspective, there were over 54,000 applicants for this prestigious award. The fact that 3 of our students are finalists is an incredible statistic. It's also an incredible testament to the value of getting involved, illustrating the difference we can make in the lives of Waukegan area students. As a reminder, winners of the Gates Scholarship receive a full ride to the 4-year college or university of their choice. In addition, this scholarship fully covers graduate school expenses for the fields of computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health or science. For some of the students above, their attendance at college may depend on this scholarship. So let's keep our fingers crossed until mid-to-late April when the final 2013 Gates Scholars are named.

The Envision Scholars Core Team is currently working on new volunteer opportunities. Please contact Robin Shapiro at [Robinshapiro2@gmail.com](mailto:Robinshapiro2@gmail.com) to get involved.

- **Thank you so much to everyone who helped make the Women's Seder a success!**
- **We could not have done it without you!**
- **Thank you to:**
- Susan Altfeld, Andi Bogot, Ellen Diamond, Judy Fenton, Karen Finerman, Claire Golan, Julie Gorelik, Liz Hagen, Elaine Haney, Nancy Kullman, Meta Levin, Rachel Meltzer, Beth Sanchez, Eddie Schwartz, Joellyn Schwartz, Beth Shadur, Gay Sigel, Caren Yanis, and Laura Zuckerman.
- Solel's Executive Director, Allan Litwack, and amazing office staff, Evelyn Brewer and Michelle Raz.
- Everyone who brought side-dishes and desserts to share.
- Everyone who volunteered in any way to help make the seder a reality.
- Everyone who attended the seder and helped to bring it to life with your beautiful participation and engagement.



# *Congregation Solel Presents:*



*Film followed by Q&A with director, Ethan Bensinger.*

## **Sunday, April 21 at 10 am**

"Refuge," created by filmmaker Ethan Bensinger, reaches back more than 70 years to tell the stories of Chicago's final generation of Holocaust survivors and explore a local community that has given shelter to more than 1,000 victims of Nazi persecution from Central Europe.

*Received "Best Documentary" and "Best in Fest" awards at the 2012 Sycamore Film Festival.*

<http://storiesofselfhelp-film.com>

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# Remembering Marillyn Applebaum Tallman (1922 - 2013)



Marillyn and her husband, Ted, were among the founders of Solel. We have learned at Solel that one who saves a life, saves the world. Marillyn saved more lives, mostly Jewish lives, than anyone I have ever been privileged to know.

Marillyn started this work while still a college student at the University of Illinois. She worked as an assistant to Dr. Abraham Sacher, later the founding President of Brandeis University. Sacher had designed a program to help get young Jewish Holocaust Survivors into America and American schools. Marillyn ran that program. One of the first people she saved became a California citizen and long-term Democratic Congressman, Tom Santos.

This was all while Marillyn was becoming an enormous authority and teacher of Jewish History. She and Dawn Schuman devised and taught a seven year course for adults that was a tremendous experience. The Dawn Schuman Institute is the result of that work. Marillyn also founded the Brandeis Book Sale.

Marillyn is perhaps most widely known as an incredible activist. She was deeply involved in the Civil Rights movement, but in 1968 she and Ted visited the Soviet Union for the first time. After that, the Soviet Union was constantly pressured by the organization that Marillyn built with Pam Cohen, who was then also at Solel. Chicago Action for Soviet Jewry and the national umbrella group, Union of Councils for Soviet Jewry, took on the

might of the Soviet Empire and little by little won small battle after small battle until our people were allowed to emigrate, a freedom guaranteed to them by the Soviet Constitution and the U.N. Charter, but in practice, not truly available. Thus the "Refusenik," a Soviet Citizen stripped of their rights, their housing, their job, because they had applied to leave. Marillyn could not live with that violation of basic human rights, and so over the years she built an organization, based in Highland Park, that changed it.

It was her energy, her brilliance, her passionate dedication to her people, our people, that made the difference, that changed over a million lives.

I went to Moscow and Leningrad for Marillyn in 1988. I will never forget my experiences, culminating in a Seder in Leningrad with 19 people jammed into a tiny apartment, and not much to eat, but plenty to drink.

I met many people on that carefully orchestrated trip. But what I will never forget is how the bone tired, sad eyes in the grey faces, lit up when they realized that we had really been sent to help them, and most of all, been sent by the legendary Marillyn.

She was my leader, my legend. The greatest and gentlest force for good I've ever known. And this Holy Home of ours is far more holy because of the fact that she was here.

- Arthur Segil

## We Honor our Campaign for Solel Donors

Throughout the course of the entire Campaign for Solel thus far, there has been an outpouring of love and support from members of our Solel family. The following list has been printed to honor all of our current and past members, clergy, and senior staff who saw the need for these important improvements to our spiritual home and stepped forward in support of Solel's future. These individuals have enabled us to create a beautiful new lounge and administrative suite, increase the size of our Endowment, and will allow for additional necessary improvements to Solel including a Highland Park-mandated sprinkler system to improve safety in our congregation, better accessibility, lighting and sound in the Sanctuary, Main Lounge and Social Hall and other key renovations to our *Bima* and other important spaces. These improvements will secure our future for generations to come.

Thank you to all who have participated. You honor us all through your commitment and passion for our shared spiritual home. The *Campaign for Solel* is a project for the whole Solel family.

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As of March 31, 2013

## Solel's Spring Concert is Coming!

Please join Cantor Vicky Glikin; our Choir Director, Warren Fremling; members of Solel's Adult Choir; and Kol Zimrah—the Chicago Jewish Community Singers—for an afternoon of music marking Israel's Independence Day. Solel's Spring Concert, *Israel at 65: a Musical Celebration*, will be at Solel on Sunday afternoon, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. The music will include old favorites (like *Hatikvah* and *Yerushalayim Shel Zahav*) and new beautiful melodies, moments of delightful listening and delicious participation.

**Kol Zimrah**, which means "voice of song," began in 1996 as a community choir assembled for a performance in Rosemont celebrating the 3000-year anniversary of Jerusalem's founding. The group now includes congregants from 19 synagogues as well as several unaffiliated members. Cantor Richard Cohn of North Shore Congregation Israel (who officiated at the Installation of Cantor Glikin and mentored her on her path to the Cantorate) was the catalyst, the founder, and Kol Zimrah's first music director. Richard Boldrey is the choir's current music director and Margo Schwartz-Newton is the accompanist.

Kol Zimrah's mission is to sustain and interpret the great tradition of Jewish choral music, to serve as a musical resource for the region, and to encourage the composition of new Judaic choral works. The choir provides a common forum for Jewish singers from many backgrounds in the pursuit of musical excellence.

Several Solel congregants will be singing with Kol Zimrah on April 28<sup>th</sup>—some are members of the Solel Adult Choir and some are not:

Carol Adelman, Barbara Altman, Ed Bederman, Andi Bogot, Joan Eagle, Eugene Finerman, Judith Golden, Diane Gordon, David Kanarek, Anne Kleinerman, Betsy Lassar, Scott Lassar, Vlad Leybovich, Larry Mason, Susie Mason, Howard Peritz, Shelly Plager, Wendy Rhodes Tom Spring, and Barbara Weiner.

There is no charge for the Solel Spring Concert and it is open to the public. Please join us for this wonderful afternoon of Jewish music and inspiration!

# SAVE the DATE!



Jewish United Fund's



featuring the Walk with Israel

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2013**  
**Ravinia Festival**

200 Ravinia Park Road, Highland Park

**12:00–4:00 p.m.\***

Entertainment and festivities for all ages,  
including a community-wide **Walk with Israel**  
(a three-mile walkathon to raise funds for Israel)

*Israel Solidarity Day brings together Jews  
from across the Chicago area to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut  
(Israel Independence Day) and stand with their community  
in support of their Jewish homeland.*

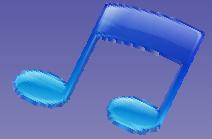
**More information coming soon!**

\*Registration opens at 11:00 a.m.

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# ISRAEL AT 65: A MUSICAL CELEBRATION



Solel's Spring Concert!

Sunday, April 28 at 4:00 pm

Join Cantor Vicky Glikin,  
Members of Solel's Adult Choir, our Choir Director, Warren Fremling,  
and our special guests -

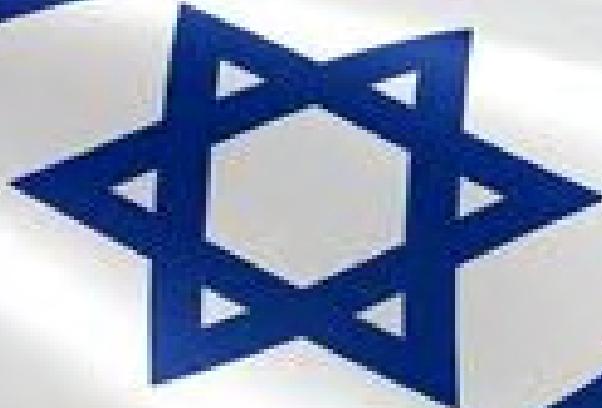
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# GOD'S PSYCHIATRIST: WHAT PSYCHIATRISTS CAN ADD TO JUDAISM

How would Jewish history have been different from  
the beginning if psychiatrists were around?

Would Abraham and Sarah  
have banished Ishmael?

Would Cain have killed Abel?

Would medication have helped  
anybody in the Torah?

Was Joseph the prototype of  
modern psychiatrists?

What was Jewish about Freud  
and the field of psychiatry?

How did Rabbis function like  
psychiatrists?



WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE ABOUT PSYCHIATRY?

SUNDAY APRIL 7 AT 10 AM  
WITH DR. STEVE MOFFIC  
(WITH A VERY SPECIAL MYSTERY GUEST APPEARANCE)

# Rabbi Moffic

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Rabbi Whiman laughed when she told him this Hebrew name. "That's not your Hebrew name," he said. "Yes it is," she replied. "That's what everyone called me when I was a kid."

Rabbi Whiman said, "They may have called you that, but 'shaynah punim' means 'beautiful face.' It's an expression, something like 'cutie pie.' It's not a name."

"No," she insisted, "that's my Hebrew name." He complied with her request, and remarked later about how happy he was to do so. He said to her during the Bat Mitzvah service, "My hope, my prayer is that you will live your life in such a way that when others see you they will see in you the light of loving, ethical and compassionate concern that we Jews call the face of the Divine, and see in your actions the image of God implanted within us. So that when you are called by the Divine to render account for the way you used the gift of life entrusted to you, the Good Lord himself will reach out and touching your face, call you 'shaynah punim' as well."

The name others call us can be a spur to bring out the best within us.

## **The Name We Earn for Ourselves**

But now we come to the name that matters most. It is the one we influence and control. It is the name we make for ourselves. It is the one we create through our deeds. It is the one we discover through our successes and our failures, our frustrations and our dreams, our aspirations and our disappointments.

Every moment of life is an opportunity to create the name we make for ourselves. It is the hardest to sustain, and the most important to discover.

## **Pope Francis**

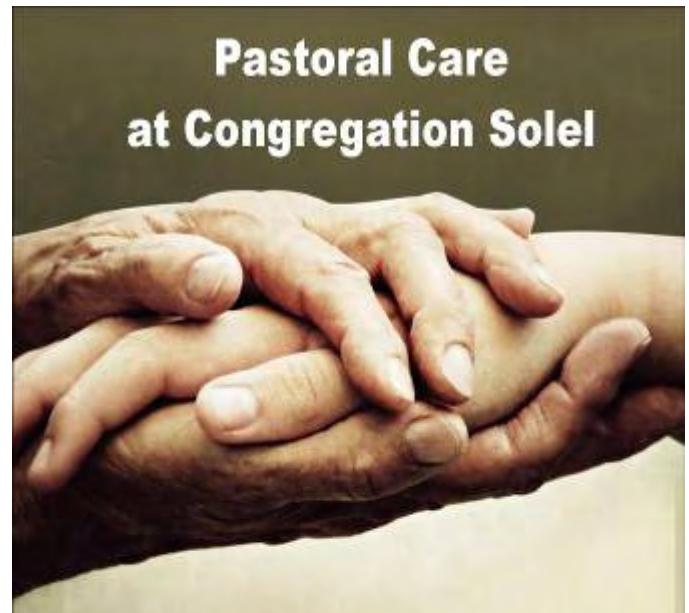
This truth helps understand the importance of the name the new Pope has chosen for himself. He was given the name Jorge Bergolio at birth. His friends have called him dignified, caring for the poor, austere and humble in his way of life. Now we will witness the name he earns for himself. Will it reflect our world's deepest spiritual needs and hopes?

Perhaps Francis has already taken the first steps

forward. In a recent speech he said, when he discovered he had been elected pope, Cardinal Bergolio received a hug from his friend, Cardinal Hummes of Brazil. "He hugged me. He kissed me. He said don't forget about the poor," Francis recalled. "And that's how in my heart came the name Francis of Assisi who devoted his life to the poor, missionary outreach and caring for God's creation."

His first appearance seemed to echo other qualities of Francis of Assisi, as Pope Francis displayed humility in asking the gathered crowd to pray for him and seemed relaxed and simple in his words and gestures. This style reflects his history of simplicity and caring for the poor, choosing to ride the bus to work and live in a small apartment as Cardinal in Buenos Aires.

We do not have to be Catholic to hope and pray that Pope Francis continues on this path of earning the name he has chosen for himself.



**Pastoral Care  
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# Women's Seder Interview with Shira Ben-Sasson Furstenberg

**Solel:** Women of Solel, I am very pleased to be bringing you, direct from Israel, one of our sisters, Shira Ben-Sasson Furstenberg. She will be addressing the issue of challenges to women in the public sphere in Israel. Shira, welcome to Congregation Solel and the 2013 Women's Seder.

**Shira:** Todah, todah, thank you. Ok, everyone, thank you for having me at your Seder table. This is really exciting and I am glad that the technical stuff is working out, hopefully. My name is Shira Ben-Sasson Furstenberg, here in Jerusalem, speaking to you from Baka, in Jerusalem. Born and raised here, actually. Raising my three children, with my husband, here in Jerusalem. I work for the New Israel Fund, and have been doing so for the past eight years, in different positions: with Shatil, our capacity-building arm; and with our grants department now, but always focusing on the issue of religious freedom and religious pluralism in Israel. This is my privilege to work on such an important initiative and to support such wonderful organizations and activists dealing with that challenge. I, myself, am an orthodox woman, as I said, born and raised here in Jerusalem in a liberal orthodox home (a moderate, moderate orthodox home) here in Jerusalem, 37 and a half years ago. Served as an officer in the IDF. Studied cultural anthropology at Hebrew U. And together with Yair, my husband, a founding and active member of Hakel (ph.), an egalitarian Orthodox congregation, where men and women sit separately, but we take part of many, various parts of the tefillah. This is a huge chunk of our lives, on a personal level. So this is me! Very nice to meet you guys.

**Solel:** Shira, could you give us a little bit of background on what is going on today, in Israel, with respect to women in the public sphere and the challenges that they are facing. And if you could give us a few specifics, I think that would be very helpful.

**Shira:** So, I think that the most burning issue, and crazy issue, is the buses. And when we talk about the buses, we talk about the inside of the buses, and we talk about the outside of the buses. In the inside of the buses, women were ordered to use the back door, and to sit in the second half of the bus. Separate but equal, using a special mechanism to pay from the back, so that they don't have to use the front door. And feeling violence turned to them if they did choose to sit in the front. This was inside the buses. Outside the buses, we had censorship, sometimes self-made censorship, of the

advertising companies. Again, I am reminding you that the public transportation services in Israel are subsidized. We had an agreement between the public bus company and the advertisers not to have women's faces on ads glued to the outside of the bus. So, this was taken to court, by our organizations: the [Reform Judaism's] Israel Religious Action Center; the Korech, which is the Orthodox Women's Alliance; and \_\_\_, a Jerusalem-based movement, took it to court. And they said, not only inside of the bus, but about the outside of the bus, we can't have this. And the crazy thing that they reached is that the company agreed to have no human faces in ads on buses. Because they didn't want to bring the women back, so they decided to take the men off.

So, we're still struggling with this, we are still supporting organizations on the ground struggling against this. We are going to see humans back on ads. The separation inside the buses was ruled illegal. And something that is happening today, and something that you can do when you visit Israel, is to take Freedom Rides. The Reform Movement in Israel is inviting Israelis and tourists to take Freedom Rides on buses that are not supposed to be segregated, but on an everyday basis, if we're not there to choose where to sit, then ultra-orthodox women are going to be back in the back, afraid to take the step for themselves. So legal work, Freedom Rides, having our eyes open, helped us handle the bus issue. I remember, number two is radio. A radio station receiving its air radio time from the State said they couldn't have the women on the air. Not women singing, not even looking at women, but just women's speaking voices can't be on this radio station, which is one of the five leading radio stations in Israel. So, again, the use of court work, legal work, was our way to tackle this. And also we conducted a survey of hundreds of ultra-orthodox women because the State said, "Women don't want to go on the air." So, we helped fund a survey among ultra-orthodox women who said, "Yes, we do want to be on the air. We don't want to fax our words in, we want to speak on the radio." So, this was ruled illegal and stopped.

And, occurrences of gas mask distribution having separate hours and separate lines [for men and women] is something our organizations have monitored and helped stop.

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# Women's Seder Interview

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And, I think one of the most terrible things were the separate streets, because on the holiday of Sukkot, there are a lot of people coming to Jerusalem. There were separate streets, with guards guarding the entrances, saying, "This way for men. This way for women." For two years in a row, we had our activists from the Jerusalem movement on the ground checking for these occurrences. We had them taken to court. The court said, "Ok, maybe we will stop it in seven days," which is when Sukkot is over. But, this year, the court agreed to rule that it's illegal and the municipality in Jerusalem stopped the segregation in the streets. So, we are stopping segregation inside buses, outside buses, on the radio, in State services, and even in the streets. We can get it done. We can stop it.

**Solel:** You sound very hopeful. What can women here in the United States do to support your efforts to monitor these issues?

**Shira:** There is a whole lot you can do. Because this is a problem with the State of Israel, but this is also a problem of the Jewish people. So, I think the first thing to do is to realize that it's your problem, too, and it's okay to get involved. Let's agree on that – it's okay for you to get involved. It's actually crucial for you to get involved, because Jews need to say, this is not Jewish, this is not the way of the Torah. This is one thing. But how can you make that voice be heard here in Israel? The fact that you are focusing on this now and being educated about this (and if you want more reading material, no problem) is step one. To hear about it, to learn about it, to tell people about it, to tell people that we are embarrassed that, in the year 2013, in Israel, women need help to choose a seat on the bus; that a woman winning a prize for medical research couldn't be awarded the prize herself because the Minister of Health was an ultra-orthodox man and the prize was sent to her because she can't come up on stage. Talk about it, talk to your neighbors, talk to your rabbis, have them mention it when they give sermons, when they talk to other rabbis. Or when you visit Israel, ask people about it. Ask your relatives in Israel, ask your friends. Take a ride with a Freedom Ride; I can help you coordinate that no problem. Just call IRAC, Israel Religious Action Center, they have them every day. And with your own, pardon my French, "tush," you can desegregate a bus. You can choose where to sit and women will follow you. So, when Secretary of State Clinton said that she is worried about women's status in Israel, and she is worried that Israel is deteriorating to be like Afghanistan, that was a major wake up call for the

government of Israel and a major catalyst for them to take ownership of the problem and start working on it. So if you can have your non-Jewish leaders or Jewish leaders in the government say things about the status of women in Israel, the status of religion in Israel, the connection between religion, women, and Israel, that is no less important than whatever it is you think about the occupation or any other issue in the Israeli society. Get the discussion going. Come on freedom rides. Talk to your leaders. You can always support organizations doing important work with funding, but you can also do things yourself.

We have a campaign asking you to take a picture saying, "Women Should be Seen and Heard," just take a picture. We will take care of having your face with that little sign "Women Should be Seen and Heard" hanging in the streets of Jerusalem, because Jewish women from all over the world should be seen and heard.

**Solel:** Thank you very much Shira. It was so wonderful to have your voice and face with us speaking for Israeli women at our Women's Seder.

**Shira:** Thank you. Have a wonderful seder and a wonderful hag.



## Mazel Tov on Leah Rivlin's Bat Mitzvah!



Leah Rivlin, daughter of Carrie Rivlin and Larry Rivlin, will become a Bat Mitzvah on April 6, 2013. Leah is in 7th grade at Elm Place Middle School in Highland Park. Her Torah Portion is Sh'mini from the Book of Leviticus. Leah's hobbies are tennis and being with friends. For her mitzvah project, Leah volunteered at Mid American Service Dogs Foundation and the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Through her mitzvah project, Leah learned that there are a lot of people in need. From her Torah portion, Leah learned that following Mitzvot will lead us to rewards. The greatest challenge Leah faced in preparing for her ceremony was learning her Torah and Haftarah portion. She found that it was difficult to find time to study, but she learned to manage her time.

## Please Help Us To Remember

We would like to acknowledge at the Holocaust Commemoration Service on April 6 all those within Solel who have been affected by the Shoah.



*Please let us know if:*

- You have relatives who perished.
- You or someone in your family survived against all odds.
- You or someone in your family risked their life for the sake of others.
- You or someone in your family participated in the liberation of concentration camps.
- You or someone you know has dedicated their time and resources to educating about the Shoah (Holocaust).

**We want to hear from you!**

**Please contact the office at (847) 433-3555 or email [soleloffice@solel.org](mailto:soleloffice@solel.org) to have your name or the name of someone in your family included in the program and recognized.**

# An Evening of American Song- World Premier!

Monday, May 13 at 7:30 pm  
at Congregation Solel

Poetry by Langston Hughes and Wendell Berry

Music by our accompanist extraordinaire, Phil Orem

Performed by Elizabeth Gray, soprano and Warren Fremling, baritone and Solel's own Musical Director

Phil Orem writes about his new compositions:

*Wendell Berry has been described as a modern day Thoreau and farms with his wife, Tanya, in Henry County, Kentucky. For close to 200 years the Berrys and the Orems lived and farmed within 10 miles of each other. Upon discovering his poetry I was immediately reminded of the childhood days I spent on my grandparent's farm. The natural rhythms of farm life, the sounds, sights and smells and the profound quiet of that life all came back to me. I feel a deep affinity for these poems.*

*The poetry of Langston Hughes, a leader of the Harlem Renaissance, was introduced to me by Elizabeth [Gray]. It is urban, jazzy, sometimes moody, sometimes joyful, often dramatic, full of the dreams, hopes and frustrations of African-Americans and the Civil Rights movement. To me it just seems extremely human.*

*While these poets have very individual and distinct voices, I find both are uniquely American.*



## Shalom Chicago Exhibit Tour Sunday, May 19 at 1:00 pm (bus leaving from Solel)

Explore the rich history of Chicago's Jewish community and discover its lasting impact on the city. From Maxwell Street and Lawndale to Hyde Park and suburban Skokie, Jews have helped shape the history of Chicago neighborhoods, religion, industry, labor, art and politics. This exhibition at the Chicago History Museum, presented in collaboration with Spertus, will illustrate the Jewish community's rich history and many contributions to Chicago's growth and development through personal stories, rare artifacts, and engaging media presentations.

RSVP to the Solel office at (847) 433-3555 or soleloffice@solel.org by check or credit card. \$25 fee includes exhibit entrance and transportation. Tour space is limited to 45 people.



## Solel Women's Seder Celebration a Success!

Mothers, daughters, grandmothers, sisters, and friends welcomed the Passover season together on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. The 2013 Solel Women's Seder was a resounding success! The experience was both enjoyable and meaningful for the 75+ participants.

First, the room itself looked beautiful. The elegant candlesticks, festive seder plates, matzah covers, and other ritual objects set the mood for a special evening. Of course food is central to any seder, and this seder was no different in that respect. The meal was delicious and included salad, chicken, and many wonderful home-made side dishes and desserts.

One highlight of the evening was undoubtedly the music – Cantor Glikin sang, accompanied by Andi Bogot on violin, Liz Hagen on viola, and Beth Sanchez on piano. It was not a performance though, as the service really came to life with all of our participation – singing, dancing, and playing tambourines. The youngest amongst us sang the four questions beautifully.

The social justice component of the seder was also enlightening. Through the wonders of technology, we saw and heard Shira Ben-Sasson Furstenberg, an Israeli women's rights activist, speak eloquently specifically for this occasion in an interview conducted by our own Gay Sigel about discrimination against women in Israel. A transcript of the interview is included in this issue of the Pathfinder.

If one thing made the evening incredibly special, it wasn't the food, the music, the beautiful presentation, or even the prayers; rather, it was the feeling of sharing the occasion together as a community of Jewish women. While it was not the first women's seder at Solel, it was the first in many years. As Gay noted in her brief remarks at the conclusion of the dinner, the idea of a women's seder was reborn this year with a great infusion of energy from Cantor Glikin. Many thanks to her, to Ellen Diamond and Meta Levin (the planning committee co-chairs), the planning committee, and everyone

who attended the event. Next year in Jerusalem!

- Rachel Meltzer



## Community Happenings... Save the Date!

**April 1, 10:30 am--** Passover Yizkor Services at Takiff Center in Glencoe.

**April 7, 8:30 am-1:30 pm--** Solel Blood Drive with bagels and cream cheese. Appointments made with Phil Kaplan, philkaplan@sbcglobal.net or (847) 433-2315, or Diane Resnick, dnrphd@gmail.com or (847) 926-8510 or at [www.lifesource.org](http://www.lifesource.org).

### **Mazel Tov to:**

*Coleen and Marc Friedman on their daughter Joanna's marriage to Flavio Ambrogiani!*

*Highland Park's Jason Brown on making history Saturday at the World Junior Figure Skating Championships in Milan. Brown won the free skate and was second overall as the U.S. men swept the world junior men's medals for the first time in the 31-year history of the event.*

*Edie Reese and Phil Goldberger on their recent marriage!*



**OneVoice with Jason Alexander, Daisy Kahn, Rabbi Jennifer Krause, Daniel Lubetzky, and Ambassador Dennis Ross.**

**Thursday, May 16, 7 pm**

Join board members and leaders from OneVoice, the grassroots organization dedicated to finding a peaceful, two-state solution to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Hear about their work with youth leaders to prepare their communities for the compromises needed to achieve peace. Could a youth-led mobilization succeed where the leaders have failed?

**Cost:** \$10 per person by credit card by phone or login to  
[www.solel.org](http://www.solel.org) or check by mail



## Check Out These Activities at Congregation Solel

### Rosh Chodesh Celebration for Women

Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00 pm



רָאשׁ חֲוֹדֶשׁ



Rosh Chodesh is a celebration of ourselves, our uniqueness as women, and our relationship with the Divine. Join other women as we celebrate the beginning of the Jewish month of Iyar. You will see familiar faces and make new friends, grow spiritually and engage in meaning-making. The program's discussion will focus on how the month of Iyar is reflected in the Israeli calendar, which contains Yom HaZikaron (Israel's Day of Remembrance) and Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's Day of Independence.)

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

7-7:20 pm — Social time—get to know the other women of Solel and nosh

7:20-7:50 pm— Rosh Chodesh ritual led by Cantor Glikin

7:50-9 pm — Study Session led by Cantor Glikin



This month's Rosh Chodesh program will be hosted by Barbara Volin. Please RSVP to Solel's office at [soleloffice@solel.org](mailto:soleloffice@solel.org) . Questions? Email **Cantor Vicky Glikin** at [vglikin@solel.org](mailto:vglikin@solel.org).

*We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful event for women!*

### Save the Date: Solel Tennis Night is Back (Again)!

**Saturday, April 20, 5:45 pm - 9:30 pm  
Deer Creek Tennis Courts in Highland Park**

We plan to reserve the entire facility for a night of doubles tennis and pizza. All skill levels are welcome. We will rotate across the courts so partners will be mixed. If racketball is your sport, we'll have that too!

**RSVP is required, as space is limited. Please contact the Solel office at (847) 433-3555 or [soleloffice@solel.org](mailto:soleloffice@solel.org) and include the names of all players. Adult Solel members only please. Cost: \$30/player. Questions? Email Marc Horowitz at [joysey1@aol.com](mailto:joysey1@aol.com)**

# Check Out These Activities at Congregation Solel



## MAH JONGG NIGHT

April 25

7:00 pm

In the Lounge

All are welcome!

From never played to expert.

Bring your set and 2012 Mah Jongg card (if you have one).

And a snack to share if you desire.

Future Dates:

May 22

## Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Moffic

Downtown Lunch & Learn

April 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon

## Lunch & Learn at Solel

April 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon



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



## Simply Shabbat

Friday, April 26, 6:00 pm



Future Dates:

May 10

Join us for an engaging Shabbat evening service full of music, storytelling, and fun for families with young children in our Chapel.

Afterwards join us for an "extended" Oneg Shabbat of delicious family friendly food.

## Pray 'n Play

Saturday, April 13, 10:30 am



*This isn't your ordinary Tot Shabbat!*

Future Dates:

May 11

Join other parents with children 0-5 years of age for a fun Shabbat "Gymboree-style" program, followed by a bagel brunch and playtime. Older siblings are welcome to attend!



# Thank You For Your Contributions

## Annual Appeal

Susan and Larry Mason, in honor of Joanna Friedman's wedding

## Building Fund

William and Ann Levis, in memory of Marillyn Tallman

## Cantor's Discretionary Fund

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*New and additional donations during the past month are identified on Pages 6 & 7.*

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## Women's Seder

Wendy Kleper, in honor of Judy Fenton Francine and Robert Lichtenfeld, in honor of the Women's Seder

*As of March 31, 2013*

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## Condolences to...

The Shorr Family, on the passing of Alice Shorr.

Sefton Tallman on the passing of his wife, Marillyn Tallman.

# April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1 Passover (7th Day)</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 10:30 am Yizkor Service at Takiff Center	<b>2</b> 4:30 pm Religious School 5:30 pm District 112 Referendum Meeting 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 12 pm Downtown Lunch & Learn	<b>4</b> 7:30 pm Scott Drury Forum	<b>5</b> 7:30 pm Friday Night Live at Lakeside	<b>6</b> 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Leah Rivlin Bat Mitzvah Service 10:35 am Morning Minyan 3:30 pm Got Shabbat Program
<b>7 Yom HaShoah</b> 8:30 am Blood Drive 9:45 am Pre-K & Religious School 10 am Guest Speaker: Dr. Steve Moffic	<b>8</b> 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 12 pm Lunch & Learn 4:30 pm Religious School 7 pm JWV Meeting 7 pm 92Y Live Broadcast	<b>10</b> 10 am Joyce Schrager Book Club 7 pm Women's Rosh Chodesh	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:30 pm Shabbat Service	<b>13</b> 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Pray & Play 10:35 am Morning
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# April Worship Schedule

## Friday, April 5

Friday Night Live at Lakeside ..... 7:30 pm

## *Sh'mini 2, Lev. 9:1-11:47*

## Saturday, April 6

Torah Study ..... 9:15 am  
Shabbat Morning Service,  
Leah Rivlin Bat Mitzvah ..... 10:30 am  
Morning Minyan ..... 10:35 am

## Friday, April 12

Shabbat Service with Youth Choir ..... 7:30 pm

## *Tazria-M'tzora, Lev. 12:1-15:33*

## Saturday, April 13

Torah Study ..... 9:15 am  
Pray and Play ..... 10:30 am  
Morning Minyan ..... 10:35 am

## Friday, April 19

5th Grade Led Shabbat Service ..... 7:30 pm

## *Acharei Mot-K'doshim, Lev. 16:1-20:27*

## Saturday, April 20

Torah Study ..... 9:15 am  
Morning Minyan ..... 10:35 am

## Friday, April 26

Simply Shabbat ..... 6:00 pm  
Shabbat Service ..... 7:30 pm

## *Emor, Lev. 21:1-24:23*

## Saturday, April 27

Torah Study ..... 9:15 am  
Morning Minyan ..... 10:35 am

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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