



PATHFINDER

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Joyce Schrager's Short Stories class will resume on March 25, 2015 & her Current Events class will resume on March 16, 2015.

My Writing Addiction

All of us have rituals. We may brush our teeth first thing in the morning. We may go for a run after work. We may drink a glass of water before bed.

Rituals help ground us. They bring a sense of order, of predictability, of comfort into an all too unpredictable and chaotic world. Religion, in fact, can be understood as a series of meaningful rituals for life. We have Shabbat, we have the holidays, we have life cycle events that bring a sense of purpose and direction to life.

On Rosh Hashanah a few years ago I talked about one of my rituals. For me a day does not feel complete if I do not write. Sitting down at the computer and getting out a few paragraphs or sometimes just a few words is an essential ritual. It helps me make sense of what is in my mind and heart.

I feel blessed to share some of those words from the pulpit, in the classroom, in the *Pathfinder*, books and other media. My first traditionally published book, [*What Every Christian Needs to Know About Passover*](#),

was just released at the end of last month.

Yes, you read that right. It's entitled, [*What Every Christian Needs to Know About Passover*](#), though I think many Jews will find new insights and ideas around Passover in it as well.

The book emerged out of several invitations I had received to speak about Passover at churches, including several of the largest here in Chicago. They knew Passover was an important holiday for the early Christians, who of course, were all Jews. Yet neither pastors at the church nor their members really knew much about the Passover story. They sought guidance from someone who loved and cherished the traditional Jewish Passover and felt comfortable sharing those Jewish traditions and wisdom with others.

I was able to take some of what I had shared in lectures, taught in classes, and spoken from the pulpit and synthesize it with personal stories and new ideas to cre-

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Cantor Glikin's Desk — Build Me a Sanctuary

Five of the eleven Torah portions in the book of Exodus deal with the building of the Tabernacle. The Tabernacle, a structure carried by the Israelites throughout their wanderings in the desert, was a residence for God. "Make Me a Sanctuary that I may dwell within their midst," commands God in Exodus 25:8.

With almost fifty percent of the book of Exodus devoted to this temporary structure for God, it must be important. But, why? Many questions come to mind with regard to the Tabernacle. If God is omnipresent – if God is everywhere, then how can God dwell in one specific place, the Tabernacle? Why would God need a Tabernacle to dwell in? Does God really need the Tabernacle? And, if God does not need the Tabernacle, then who does?

A passage from later in the Tanakh describes King David sitting in his palace. David is concerned: "Here I am dwelling in a house of cedar, while the Ark of God abides in a tent!" (II Samuel 7:2) Low and behold, God replies: "From the day that I brought the people of Israel out of Egypt to this day I have not dwelt in a house, but have moved about in Tent and Tabernacle. As I moved about wherever the Israelites went, did I ever reproach any of the tribal leaders whom I appointed to care for my people Israel: Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?" (II Samuel 7:6-7) The answer to God's rhetorical question is clearly "no" – God never asked for and does not require a permanent structure to dwell in.

If God does not require a permanent structure to dwell in once the people of Israel are settled in their land, it follows that God likely also did not require a temporary structure to dwell in while the people of Israel were wandering through the desert. And, yet, God commanded the people to build the Tabernacle. Why?

At least one possibility is that while God does not require a physical structure to dwell in, *we* do. We need to have a sacred space that is designated as "God's dwelling place." This is the reason that even though we can and often do encounter God in places, such as nature or in our own homes, we still build permanent structures such as synagogues, where we come to encounter God. And, even within the synagogue structure, we delineate sacred space further by designating certain rooms, such as the Sanctuary or the Chapel, as especially holy and full of God's presence, or, at the least, as especially pregnant with the possibility of an encounter with the Divine.

As human beings, we are in search of something greater than ourselves in our lives. At times, we feel such Divinity, we experience God's presence clearly and palpably. But, at other times, we are not sure where God is in our lives and how to find a connection. Especially in such times of longing and searching, when we are unable to feel God's presence, we might look to find holiness in the modern-day Tabernacle – the synagogue. God is omnipresent and likely does not need us to erect physical structures in which God dwells. Yet, we do. We need to have a physical place to go when we are in search of meaning and holiness.

- Cantor Vicky Glikin

¹ Tanakh – the Hebrew Bible. T stands for Torah; N stands for N'viim – the books of the Prophets; Kh stands for Ketuvim – writings, such as Psalms, Proverbs, book of Job, and Megillot.

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.

➔ **Please notify the office if you would like to have your name or the name of a loved one added to the MiSheberach list.**

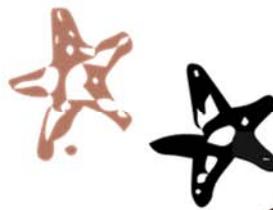
➔ **Please notify us if you or a loved one are in the hospital and would like a visit or a phone-call from your clergy.**

➔ **If you are in need of meals, rides, or companionship, please contact the office, so that we can put you in touch with the Mitzvah Committee.**

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

A Women's Seder to celebrate

*Join us for dinner,
with song, wine,
friendship and freedom.*



Date: Sunday March 22

Time: 4:00 pm

Cost: \$36/person, or \$360 to reserve a table of 10

RSVP: By February 24th

Bring: A Passover-friendly side dish or a dessert to serve 8-10 people

Submit: The recipe for your side dish by February 20th

- CELEBRATE TOGETHER AS WOMEN
- TELL AND HEAR OUR STORY OF FREEDOM IN A DIFFERENT WAY
- LEARN ABOUT THE WOMEN WHO MADE THE EXODUS HAPPEN AND WHO CONTINUE TO DO SO EVERY DAY
- SING WITH CANTOR GLIKIN AND YOUR FELLOW CONGREGANTS



Mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts and friends are welcome. Daughters in 5th grade or older are welcome to attend. Please register at www.solel.org, or return this form to the Solel office. Tables will be assigned. **If you would like to be seated with someone else, please register your ENTIRE party on this form.**



© Shadur

Name	Email address and/or phone number	Chicken	Vegetarian
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Number attending _____ x\$36 per person (10 people per table)

My side dish I will bring: _____ (optional)

Added donation to help offset cost \$ _____

Total amount \$ _____

Credit card (Visa, MC, Discover) _____ Exp.: ___/___ Security Code _____



From Our President —

I wrote this just a few days after the horrific acts of terrorism in Paris. In doing so I wear my cloak as a long-time professor of American history, offering my fellow congregants perspectives that may prove helpful.

Acts of terrorism, frequently confounded by the complications associated with ethnic and geo-political conflicts, are not without precedent. Prominent examples – some of them more familiar than others – reach back to the onset of the twentieth century. This might help readers of *The Pathfinder* to better understand what transpired in Paris some three weeks ago.

- King Umberto I of Italy was assassinated on July 29, 1900 by an anarchist who claimed to be acting on behalf of the common people.
- President William McKinley was assassinated on September 14, 1901 by Leon Czolgosz, the Ohio-born son of Polish immigrants. Czolgosz found life perplexing and eventually came to regard himself as an anarchist. McKinley's assassin proclaimed that his inspiration for his own dastardly deed was the example of killing of King Umberto I fourteen months earlier.
- Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria was assassinated while visiting Sarajevo, Serbia in 1914, an act that historians understand as exerting a catalytic role leading up to the First World War.
- Between April and June of 1919 a series of anarchist bombings occurred in the United States. On June 12th anarchists detonated bombs in eight cities. Obviously those bombings were not spontaneous. None of the intended victims – all prominent figures in government – were badly injured, although a night watchman lost his life in one of the explosions. A. Mitchell Palmer, the Attorney General of the United States, had a close call. His residence was nearly demolished and his family was shaken. The Palmer's across-the-street neighbors, Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt, found bomb fragments on their doorstep. A manifesto of the anarchists read: "There will have to be bloodshed . . . there will have to be murder; we will kill because it is necessary." These cold words could have been written for what occurred last month in Paris.
- Prominent foreign leaders have been assassinated since the end of World War Two. Many of the victims are familiar to us, but some less so. Here is the list: Mahatma Gandhi of India (1948), Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Kahn of Pakistan (1951), King Abdullah I of Jordan (1951), King Faisal II of Iraq; President Anwar Sadat of Egypt (1980), President Benigno Aquino of the Philippines (1983), Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India, (1984), Prime Minister Olaf Palme of Sweden (1986), Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel (1995), former president Rafic Hariri of Lebanon (2005), and Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan (2007). Alas, this extensive list of victims has a most familiar geographic ring.
- Mass exterminations of people – the purges in the Soviet Unions, the Holocaust inflicted by Nazi Germany in Europe, the brutal Japanese occupation of China, the Khymer Rouge killing fields in Cambodia, ethnic cleansing in the former Yugoslavia, in Rawanda, Sudan, and most recently in Nigeria – are *not* isolated episodes.
- The list of American public figures, since 1900 who found themselves targeted by assassins includes (if the attack proved fatal the name is listed in boldface): **President McKinley** (1901); **Mayor William Gaynor** of New York (1911); former President Theodore Roosevelt (1912); Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York (1932); **Mayor Anton Cermak** of Chicago (1932); **US Senator Huey Long of Louisiana** (1935); President Harry S. Truman (1950); Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1958); **President John F. Kennedy** (1963); **Malcolm X** (1965); **Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.** (1968); **Senator Robert F. Kennedy** (1968); Governor George C. Wallace (1972); President Gerald Ford (twice during 1975); **Supervisor Harvey Milk** of San Francisco and **Mayor George Moscone** of San Francisco (1978); President Ronald Reagan (1981); and Congresswoman Gabriel Giffords (2011).
- Within the United States our peace and tranquility also have been dislodged by multiple episodes of mass violence that resulted in the deaths of many innocent people. I restrict myself to a handful of such instances: **(#1)** the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama by white supremacists that claimed the lives of four African American students attending Sunday school (September 15, 1963); **(#2)** the destruction by domestic

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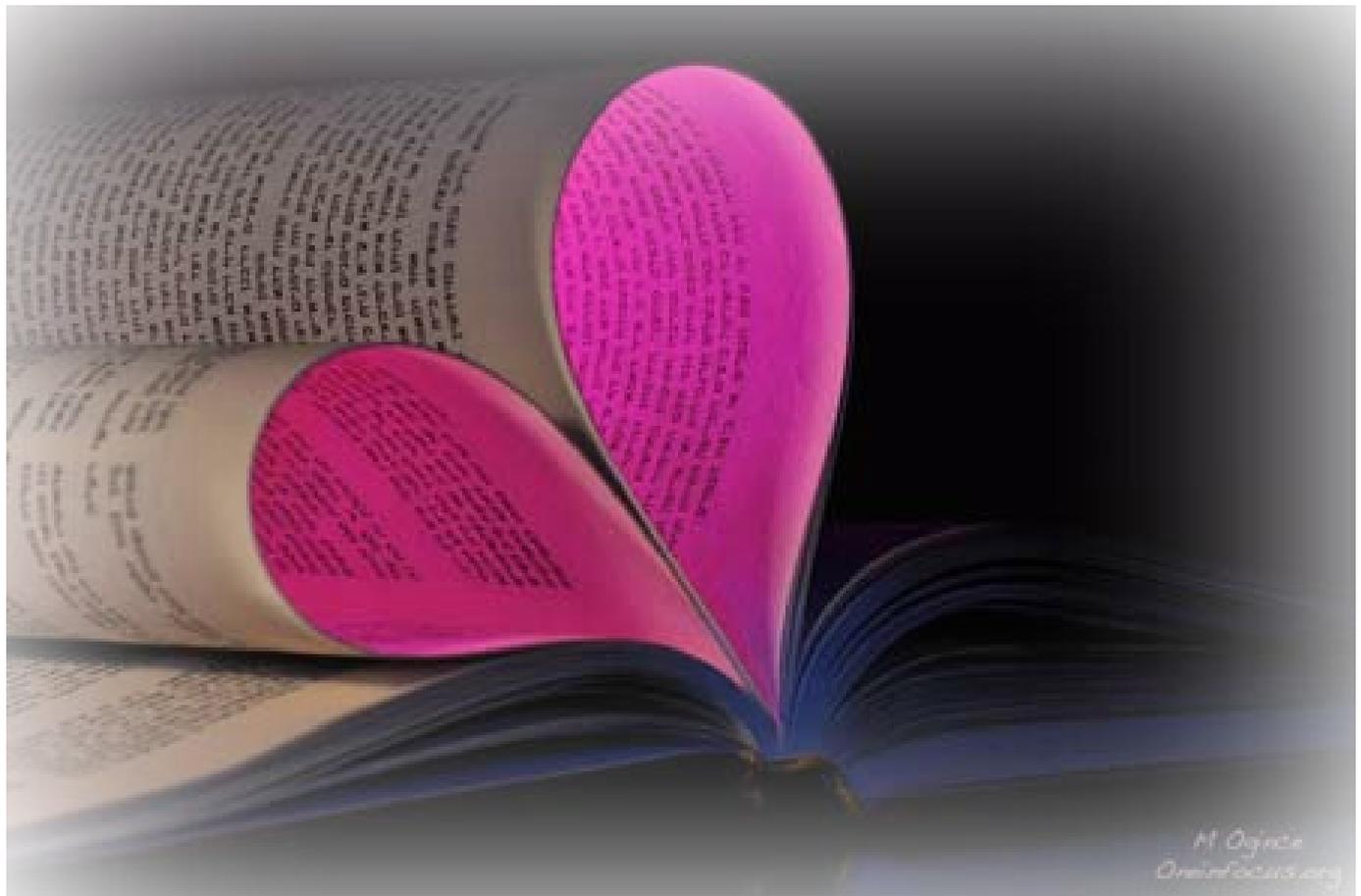
YOU SHALL LOVE WITH ALL YOUR HEART

**Friday, February 13, 2015 at 7:30 pm
at Congregation Solel**

Join us for a special Shabbat service featuring Congregation Solel's and Lakeside Congregation's adult choirs as our communities join together to celebrate the power of connection and LOVE.

The service will feature special music prepared just for this occasion. Cantors Vicky Glikin and Michael Davis will deliver a sermon-in-song on the theme of love.

Celebrate the love of partners and friends with your community as we welcome a sister congregation to our temple for Shabbat.



Pray 'n Play

Saturday, February 14

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!!



**Saturday Mornings
10:30 am**

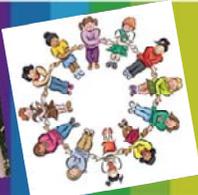
March 14

April 11

May 9

Shabbat Shalom! A Service for the Whole Family

Friday, February 27



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

Future Dates:

March 27

April 24

May 29

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.

Rosh Chodesh Adar ★ Celebration for Women

★ Wednesday, February 18
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm



ראש חודש

Rosh Chodesh is a celebration of ourselves, our uniqueness as women, and our relationship with the Divine. Join the women of Solel as we celebrate the beginning of the Jewish month of Adar. You will see familiar faces, make new friends, and learn more about the month of Adar, grow spiritually, and engage in meaningful activities and discussion. Please bring non-perishable food donations for the Deerfield Food Pantry and Moraine Township Food Pantry.

7:00-7:20 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.

7:50-9:00 pm – A special activity.

This Rosh Chodesh Celebration is hosted by Andy Amend and Laura Frisch.

Please RSVP to Solel's office at soleloffice@solel.org.

Questions? Please be in touch with Cantor Vicky Glikin at vglikin@solel.org.

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

Future Rosh Chodesh Celebration Dates:
May 18

Workshops Help Waukegan Students Get Closer to Their Dreams of College

The following article appeared in the Chicago Tribune on January 6, 2015.

Hoping for a chance to get a higher education, 15 Waukegan High School seniors recently spent a day at the Congregation Solel Synagogue in Highland Park getting help with essays that can win scholarships.

On Friday, Jan. 2, volunteer members of Solel held their annual Envision Scholars workshop for minority students of the Waukegan 2 College (W2C) group.

During the workshop, students like 17-year-old Hansel Lopez were offered feedback on their written work.

Robin Shapiro of Highland Park is a workshop mentor who felt impressed by Lopez's essay, in which he explains the reason why he wants to become an engineer.

As a Mexican immigrant brought here as a toddler, Lopez said he feels like a "visionary with a greater good in mind."

With his essay depicting the struggles that he and his family have faced due to their immigrant and indigent status, Lopez is aspiring to be the recipient of a scholarship.

But that's not all that the young visionary is hoping for.

Lopez wants to design a plane that can be used to safely deliver and distribute food to people in war-torn parts of the world.

"I know what it's like to be hungry," Lopez said of the motivation behind his chosen field.

On a day when other Waukegan students might have been sleeping in during their holiday break, Lopez and his friends were making headway on their college path.

"That's how these students are," said W2C Executive Director Elyse Danckers. "They're driven and they're willing to put in the time to realize their dream."

This is the third year the congregation has held the workshop and the first since the Envision Scholars and W2C groups merged last year.

This year also brought out more students than previous years.

Danckers credits all of the groups' efforts for the workshop's growing success.

Proof of some of those success stories were expressed by two previous workshop students, who were able to receive scholarships to their destined universities.

Josue Pasillas and Kaream Williams came back to Lake County to be "near-peer mentors" at the workshop.

"Everyone has a story," Williams told the students. "Don't be afraid to tell it."

Williams' story, the one he shared in his essay, was about the strength he needed to find, even after his mother and sister passed away.

By reading and getting to know those personal stories of triumph over adversity, the Solel mentors say they come to admire the students and become their friend.

At the end of the day, both mentors and students learn a powerful lesson in humility and humanity.

- Yadira Sanchez Olson



Mentor Robin Shapiro helps 17-year-old Waukegan High School student Hansel Lopez with his essay during the Envision Scholars workshop.
Photo: Yadira Sanchez Olson/Lake County News-Sun

Director of Congregational Learning Search Committee Update

The committee is pleased to report that the search for a new Director of Congregational Learning (formerly titled Religious School Director) is advancing.

The new position title reflects a best practice approach to religious education.

It is anticipated that our new Director of Congregational Learning will ultimately design and implement educational programming not only for the Religious School, but for the entire congregation. The search committee, in conjunction with the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, has aligned its immediate goal with the congregation's strategic planning process.

The Director of Congregational Learning position is posted with a number of national organizations. The search committee is reviewing resumes and has conducted early interviews with candidates.

Please continue to look for updates regarding our search in future editions of the *Pathfinder*.

Should you wish for further information, please contact Susan Kaden (skaden20@gmail.com) or Ross Erlebacher (rosserlebacher@gmail.com).

Director of Congregational Learning search committee members:

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Carol Schweidel
Lisa Wasserman

Ex-Officio Members

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Allan Litwack
Josh Lowitz
Cantor Vicky Glikin
Rabbi Evan Moffic

Save the Date!

On Friday, April 10, 2015 Congregation Solel will celebrate Rabbi Evan Moffic's five years in our pulpit!! **This service will begin at 7:00 pm**

We will have a very special worship service organized by Cantor Vicky Glikin.

The members of the Rabbi Moffic Fifth Anniversary Committee are: Jerrold Wolf (chair), Julie Bringas, Linda Chizewer, Cantor Vicky Glikin, Gail Goldstein, and Josh Lowitz.

Further details will be announced in the March issue of *The Pathfinder*.

**Lunch & Learn with at Solel
February 10 & 24 at noon**

**Downtown Lunch & Learn with
Rabbi Moffic
February 4 at noon**

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

Future Downtown L&L Dates:

March 4

April 7

May 6

June 3

Rabbi Moffic

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ate a first-ever book of its kind. While I'm not expecting it to hit *The New York Times* Best-Seller list, I hope it can prove helpful and inspiring to anyone who wants to learn about one of our most sacred holidays.

Sometimes people ask where I find the time to write while leading a busy congregation that I love and trying to be a good dad and husband. The truth is I ask our members the same question all the time.

We have busy lawyers who chair their school board; moms who are constantly on the move with their kids and volunteering at three different organizations while taking care of aging parents; busy lawyers who make time to oversee major construction projects here at Solel; busy doctors who make time to create new charities and volunteer in distressed areas; and consultants who travel all week and somehow find the time to serve on our temple board and lead important initiatives.

We all make time for what is important. As Rabbi Tarfon famously put it, "The day is short, the task is great... and the Master of the house is pressing."

- Rabbi Evan Moffic

Jewish Parenting 101 with Cantor Vicky Glikin & the Religious School Committee

**Sunday, March 15
9:45-10:45 am**

Topic: *Discipline and Our Goals in Raising our Children*

Suggested reading:
Chapters 8-10 of *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*

RSVP with the office at
solelooffice@solel.org or (847) 433-3555.

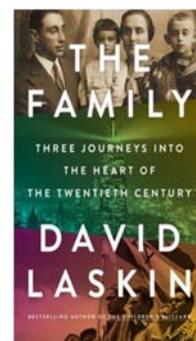
*This workshop series draws on the bestselling phenomenon among parents and educators, *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*, an essential guide that offers an inspiring roadmap for raising children.*

ONEBOOK SOLEL

**Our OneBook Solel selection for this
Spring is David Laskin's**

The Family *Three Journeys into the Heart of the Twentieth Century.*

In tracing the roots of his family, Laskin captures the epic sweep of the twentieth century. A century and a half ago, a Torah scribe and his wife raised six children in a Jewish enclave at the western fringe of the Russian empire. The torrent of history took the scribe's family down three very different roads. One branch immigrated to America and founded the fabulously successful Maidenform Bra Company; another went to Palestine in the 1920s as pioneers and participated in the contentious birth of the state of Israel; the third branch remained in Europe and suffered the onslaught of the Nazi occupation.



***We heartily recommend that you read
this book before David Laskin's visit.***

Save the dates!

OneBook Solel is particularly excited that Mr. Laskin will be with us on **Thursday, April 23 at 7:30 p.m.** to offer insights into his and his family's Journeys.

On **Sunday, April 26 at 1:00 p.m.** a book leader will facilitate the book discussion.

From Our President

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terrorists of the Oklahoma City Federal Building that killed 168 people and injured nearly 700 victims (April 19, 1995); and (#3) the multi-faceted acts of international terrorism – in Manhattan, Washington DC, and aboard Flight # 93 – on 9/11/2001 that resulted in the deaths of 2,996 people.

The foregoing leads me to five observations, few of which offer much in the way of consolation about the world we inhabit in the first quarter of the twenty-first century.

These concluding thoughts, unquestionably, are prompted by the tragic events in Paris.

1. This big-picture narrative – extending back to the onset of the twentieth century – reminds us all too vividly that our world remains a very messy and troubled place. What was true at the beginning of the twentieth century is also a presence in our lives during the first quarter of the twenty-first century.
2. A preponderance, but certainly not all, of the political assassinations cited above are tied to the Middle East and South Asian subcontinent.
3. Alas, the number of assassinations within the United States amount to a tragic flaw in our much-esteemed democratic society.
4. For all of its many virtues, each of us surely recognize that the United States is not immunized from terrorism in its domestic (i.e., Oklahoma City) as well as its international forms (i.e., 9/11).
5. Our cherished community – Congregation Solel – offers each of us with a consoling and embracing spiritual home. In times of tragic loss – the assassination of Dr. King in 1968, the loss of Yitzhak Rabin, the events of 9/11, and last month's terrorist attack in Paris – we draw ourselves together as one community strengthened and renewed by our common faith. And by virtue of consoling one another we re-compose our spirits by bravely moving forward into the days ahead by conducting the day-to-day routines essential to our lives.

- Michael Ebner
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FEATURING FRESH AND FAMILIAR MELODIES.

JOIN US ON **MARCH 6 AT 7:30 PM** FOR AN
EVENING OF SONG AND INSPIRATION,
ACCOMPANIED BY SOLEL'S OWN
INSTRUMENTALISTS AND SINGERS.

It's Shabbat....Let's Sing!

Future
Dates:

May 8

The poster features a vibrant red and pink background with silhouettes of a band performing on stage. There are several circular icons: a guitar, a person playing a guitar, and a person playing a violin. The text is in various colors and fonts, including a large, stylized title 'Hava Nashira' in pink and red.

**SIGN UP WITH THE OFFICE
FOR
SNOWBIRD SHABBAT!!**

FEBRUARY 27-28

Please call the synagogue office at
(847) 433-3555 or email Michelle Raz
at soleloffic@solel.org to register
and make your deposit. The deposit
is \$125/person.

Feel free to call the Hyatt Regency
Sarasota at (941)363-2618 and ask
for Carol Danisi to make your room
reservations. Mention you are with
the Solel group to receive the
special rate.

Mazel Tov to Ariana Goldstein on her Bat Mitzvah!



Ariana Goldstein, daughter of Ken and Leslie, will become a Bat Mitzvah on February 7, 2015. She is in 7th grade at Northwood Junior High in Highland Park. Ariana's favorite hobbies are art, dance, and soccer. For her Mitzvah Project, Ariana held an art supply drive for an elementary school in need, played piano recitals at a nursing home, and volunteered at Feed My Starving Children. Ariana's Torah portion is *Yitro*, from the Book of Exodus. The most important thing Ariana learned from her Torah portion is that to be a good leader, you also have to be a good delegator and work well with a group. Ariana learned from her experience in becoming a Bat Mitzvah that practice really makes perfect. You have to be persistent and keep trying until you get it right. The greatest challenge she faced in preparing for her ceremony was really learning and understanding the difference between the way you chant Torah as opposed to the way you chant Haftarah. For Ariana, the whole experience was a new adventure and she enjoyed being on it.

Mazel Tov to Samantha Krakow on her Bat Mitzvah!



Samantha Krakow, daughter of Jeffrey and Holly, will become a Bat Mitzvah on February 21, 2015. She is in 7th grade at Elm Place Middle School in Highland Park. Samantha's favorite hobbies are playing tennis, hanging out with friends, and playing with her dog. For her Mitzvah project, Samantha is raising money to buy new siddurs for Solel. Samantha's Torah portion is *T'ruma*, from the book of Exodus. The most important thing Samantha learned from her Torah portion is that God cared enough to provide specific instructions about how the tabernacle needed to be built. Samantha learned from her experience in becoming a Bat Mitzvah that it's hard to learn Hebrew and it takes a lot of work to prepare for it. The greatest challenge she faced in preparing for her ceremony was connecting the Torah portion to her life experience.

Solel's Holocaust Torah to be Restored on February 24, 2015



Rabbi Yochanan Salazar, a *sofer*, or Jewish scribe, will be restoring Solel's Czechoslovakian Holocaust era Torah, saved from the Nazis, utilizing the ancient biblical text and instruments on this Torah.

Rabbi Salazar will be working on the Torah at Congregation Solel on Tuesday, February 24 at 4:15 pm - 8:00 pm. Please join us to observe the restoration and ask Rabbi Salazar any questions you may have about the process.

Help us feed families in need.

Food Donations for the West Deerfield Township Food Pantry is at an all-time **LOW.**

The number of families in need has **DOUBLED.**

The number of single recipients (mostly seniors) has **MORE THAN DOUBLED.**

We have less food and more need.

Below is a list of the items needed:
(Most important is the need for protein.)

- **Protein** – Canned meat, tuna, stew, hash, baked beans, chili, peanut butter, etc.
- **Canned fruit** – peaches, pears, fruit cocktails, applesauce.
- **Side dish mixes** – rice, potatoes, pasta.
- **Fresh Fruits & Vegetables** – including tomatoes
- **Paper products** – toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, etc.
- Cereal, juice, soup, laundry detergent small size, dish detergent, cleaning products,
- toothpaste and toothbrushes.

***** Donations can be dropped off at Congregation Solel anytime the building is open and placed in the bins near the Religious School office.***

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Abbott House Clothing Drive

Congregation Solel is collecting men's and women's gently used warm clothes, coats, hats, gloves, and socks to help the residents of Abbott House to stay warm this winter! They appreciate the community's support.

Abbott House is a family owned intermediate care facility located at 405 Central Ave. in downtown Highland Park. It is a residence for individuals ages 20-80 years old with chronic mental illness. The family owned facility is run by its staff and psychiatrist who is the Medical Director. Abbott House's goal is to try to rehabilitate its residents back to society.

Please place your gently used items in the bin by Congregation Solel's coat racks. They will be delivered to the Abbott House.

For more information about Abbott House, please see their website: <http://www.abbotthousenursing.com/>.

Thank you,
The Mitzvah Committee



Hands of Peace Looking for Host Families

Hands of Peace is looking for interested families to host brave Israeli and Palestinian teens for 2 1/2 weeks this summer as they participate along with American teens in the Hands of Peace program of daily serious dialog as well as personal interaction and fun. Hosting is especially rewarding if the family has a participating teen although teen-less families, too, find the hosting experience can be enlightening and worthwhile. Hands of Peace is in its 12th year of creating a coterie of Israeli and Palestinian youth committed to each other and to peace in the Middle East.

Please visit the Hands of Peace website www.handsofpeace.org and get in touch with the Hands of Peace office if you are interested.



HANDS OF PEACE

**THANK YOU to everyone
who came on
Mitzvah Day!!**

**We had a great turnout
and successful event... all
thanks to you!**

Thank You For Your Contributions

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Joanne and Robert Bernstein, in memory of Alisa Barskaya
Harold and Linda Chizewer, in memory of Alisa Barskaya
Marcia and Ken Denberg, in memory of Alisa Barskaya
Ellen Diamond and Sherwin Waldman, in memory of Alisa Barskaya
Diane Gordon, in memory of Alisa Barskaya
Howard and Carolyn Haas, in memory of Alisa Barskaya
Greta Heiman, in memory of Jack Heiman
Marc and Cathy Horowitz, in memory of Alisa Barskaya and Reuben Horowitz
Dennis and Barbara Kessler, in memory of Alisa Barskaya
Betsy and Scott Lassar, in memory of Alisa Barskaya
Lyla Marder, in memory of Alisa Barskaya
Rachel and Jason Meltzer, in memory of Alisa Barskaya and Alison Silverman
Bruce and Ellen Mondschain, in memory of Alisa Barskaya
Evelyn Padorr, in memory of Alisa Barskaya
Fred and Brenda Turner, in memory of Alisa Barskaya

Education Fund

Laura Zuckerman, in memory of Alex Hilkevich

Human Needs Fund

Gail and Lew Segal, in memory of Jean Robinson

Music Fund

Wendy and Wayne Rhodes, in honor of Vicky Glikin and in memory of Alisa Barskaya

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Larry and Carol Adelman, in honor of the marriage of their son, Ryan Adelman, to Kassin Laverty

Tribute Fund

Mark and Lexis Blitstein, in memory of Jean Robinson
Natalie Caplin, in memory of Mildred Van Gelder
Arnold and Judith Fox, in memory of Arnold Krause
Lee and Sheldon Karon, in memory of Larry and Mary Goldwasser
Herbert and Mercedes Rauch
Cheri and Gary Robinson, in memory of Jeff Spreckman
Brenda and Fred Turner, in memory of Bella Wildberg
Barbara Volin, in memory of Alex Hilkevich and Hilliard Volin
Robert and Roberta Washlow, in memory of Bettie Byron Port
Dan and Liz Weil, in memory of Jay Wasserman
As of January 23, 2015

Condolences to...

Ernestine Gruber, who was a founding member and wife of the late Herman Gruber, passed away on January 1, 2015.

Phil Kaplan, on the passing of his uncle, Sam Bernard

Toddy Richman, on the passing of her long time partner, Alex Hilkevitch

Edith Wolf, who was a founding member and wife of the late Bertram Wolf, passed away on January 7, 2015.

Mazel Tov to...

Larry and Carol Adelman, on the marriage of their son, Ryan Adelman, to Kassin Laverty

Rabbi Moffic, on the publication of his new book, *What Every Christian Needs to Know about Passover: What It Means and Why It Matters*

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If there are any questions, please call Allan Litwack, Executive Director, at (847) 433-3555, ext 225. Thank you for your continued support.

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am Youth Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am Religious School 9:45 am Challah Baking 1:00 pm Choir Singing at Gidwitz Center	2 	3 4:15 pm Religious School Conferences 6:30 pm Confirmation	4 Tu BiSh'vat 12:00 pm Downtown Lunch & Learn 7:30 pm Religious School Committee Meeting	5 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	6 7:30 pm Environmental Awareness Shabbat Service	7 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Ariana Goldstein Bat Mitzvah 10:35 am Morning Minyan
8 9:00 am Youth Choir Rehearsal 9:45 am Religious School 9:45 am 5 th Grade Workshop	9 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	10 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 4:15 pm Religious School 6:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Just Congregations Meeting	11 	12 	13 7:30 pm Choir Shabbat with Solel & Lakeside Choirs at Solel	14 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Pray 'n Play 10:35 am Morning Minyan
15 No Religious School	16 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	17 4:15 pm Religious School 6:30 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Jewish War Veterans Meeting	18 	19 7:00 pm Women's Rosh Chodesh Celebration	20 6:15 pm RS Dinner 7:30 pm 6 th Grade Led Shabbat Evening Torah Service	21 9:15 am Torah Study 10:30 am Samantha Krakow Bat Mitzvah 10:35 am Morning Minyan
22 9:15 am Executive Committee Meeting 9:45 am Religious School 10:15 am Board Meeting	23 Presidents' Day 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	24 12:00 pm Lunch & Learn 4:15 pm Religious School 4:15-8:00 pm Holocaust Torah Viewing 6:30 pm Confirmation	25 	26 	27 Snowbird Shabbat 5:30 pm Pizza Dinner 6:15 pm Shabbat Shalom with 2 nd Grade Religious School Participation	28 Snowbird Shabbat 9:15 am Torah Study 10:35 am Morning Minyan
						Kindle Shabbat Candles at dinner or at the following times (CDT): 6.....4:53 pm 13.....5:02 pm 20.....5:11 pm 27.....5:20 pm

Shabbat Services Schedule

Friday, February 6

Environmental Awareness Shabbat7:30 pm

Yitro, Exod. 18:1-20:23

Saturday, February 7

Torah Study9:15 am

Ariana Goldstein Bat Mitzvah10:30 am

Morning Minyan10:35 am

Friday, February 13

Choir Shabbat with Solel & Lakeside Choirs7:30 pm
(at Solel)

Mishpatim, Exod. 21:1-24:18

Saturday, February 14

Torah Study9:15 am

Pray 'n Play10:30 am

Morning Minyan.....10:35 am

Friday, February 20

6th Grade Led Shabbat Evening Torah Service7:30 pm

T'rumah, Exod. 25:1-27:19

Saturday, February 21

Torah Study9:15 am

Samantha Krakow Bat Mitzvah10:30 am

Morning Minyan10:35 am

Friday, February 27

Pizza Dinner5:30 pm

Shabbat Shalom with 2nd Grade RS6:15 pm

T'zaveh, Exod. 27:20-30:10

Saturday, February 28

Torah Study9:15 am

Morning Minyan10:35 am

Updating Your Solel Calendar with Future Events in 2015

Friday, February 13, 7:30 pm: Choir Shabbat with Solel & Lakeside Choirs at Solel

Wednesday, February 19, 7:00 pm: Women's Rosh Chodesh Celebration

Friday, February 20, 7:30 pm: 6th Grade Led Shabbat Evening Torah Service

Tuesday, February 24, 4:15pm-8:00 pm: Holocaust Torah Restoration Viewing and Q&A

Friday, February 27, 6:15 pm (pizza dinner at 5:30 pm): Shabbat Shalom Service with 2nd Grade Religious School Participation

Sunday, March 8, 10:45 am: Purim Shpiel & Carnival

Sunday, March 22, 4:00 pm: Women's Seder

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
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