



PATHFINDER

Rabbi Moffic —

3 Reasons Clergy Matter Now More Than Ever

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Last month began with some depressing news. A prominent rabbi was charged with horrendous acts and an awful rabbinic abuse of power. And The Huffington Post featured a thoughtful piece about why the views of clergy may not really matter. It's enough to make some of us question our vocation.

But this week I also officiated at six funerals. I was reminded at each of them of why I do what I do. I was reminded that clergy can be, in the beautiful Hebrew phrase *klei kodesh*, vessels of holiness. Death can call out the best within us, and help us teach about living life with meaning.

Indeed, rabbis, pastors and priests do not matter because what we say is infallible truth. We do not matter because we have some privileged access to God or esoteric knowledge. We matter because we can transmit truths and practices that bring meaning to life. Those truths often stand in contrast to the conventions of the larger

culture. In fact, **religion at its best teaches ideals and practices that are counter-cultural.** Here are few examples.

1. Gratitude: A core truth of many faiths is that life is a gift. It is not something we are entitled to. Had the galaxy not aligned precisely as it did and stars not explode exactly so 14 billion years ago, we would not be here. Do marketers and politicians tell us this truth? No, clergy do.

At every funeral where I officiate, I remind the mourners that the life of their loved was a gift God gave to the world. In however long or short a time that person lived, they touched us.

Faith does not measure a life by its achievements. It measures it by its existence. Life is a gift.

2. Death is not the end: I recently finished a magnificent book of conversations with

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Cantor Glikin's Desk —

Hava Nashira – Let's Sing!

**Alone, I cannot lift my voice in song.
Then you come near and sing with me.
Our prayers fuse and a new voice soars.
Our bond is beyond voice and voice.
Our bond is one of spirit and spirit.**

- Rabbi Pinchas of Koretz

Participatory services are nothing new at Solel. However, if you have not yet attended a Hava Nashira service, then you have not experienced what congregational singing and musical engagement are all about. "Hava Nashira" literally means "Let's Sing!" and the service features a full band, composed of Solel's very own congregants. Members of the band include Jason Meltzer on the trumpet, Dan Rubin on the saxophone, Dan Schaeffer on the bass guitar, Larry Kaskel on the djembe, and Larry Mason on the drums. Congregants can also be heard singing, harmonizing, and leading the congregation in prayer. Over the past year since Hava Nashira first took place at Solel, we have had Eli Cohen, Judith Golden, and Jamie and Jolie Davidson (a father-daughter duo) join me on the bimah in leading the singing.

Several concepts guide the creation and execution of the Hava Nashira service, which make it into the rewarding and transformative experience that it is. The first guiding principle is connected to the role that music plays within worship. The second is liturgical soundness. The third is tied to the idea of worship as a communal and personal spiritual journey.

The Role of Music

Music speaks to the heart and can touch us in ways in which words alone simply cannot. Music affects us on a deeper level, it communicates truths that can be felt, even when they cannot be verbalized. Music opens up the crevices of our souls and helps us to connect to something greater than ourselves, inching closer to experiencing the Divine.

Hava Nashira is a service in which music is the primary form of prayer expression. Based on the idea that music is a most potent heart-opener, the Hava Nashira service relies on carefully-selected musical settings of prayers to facilitate a deeply meaningful prayer experience for the congregation. The goal of this service is to touch the hearts and souls of the people within the congregation and to help them experience the release and joy of Shabbat.

Hava Nashira!

AN ENGAGING AND SPIRITED SERVICE
FEATURING FRESH AND FAMILIAR MELODIES.

JOIN US ON NOVEMBER 14 AT 7:30 PM FOR AN
EVENING OF SONG AND INSPIRATION,
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It's Shabbat....Let's Sing!

Future Dates:
January 9
March 6
May 8

Liturgical Soundness

Our sages understood that Shabbat is unlike any other day of the week. This reality was reflected in the liturgical choices that they made for our worship services. Unlike weekday Ma'ariv (evening) service, Shabbat evening service opens with a unique rubric entitled Kabbalat Shabbat.

Kabbalat Shabbat consists of Psalms 95-99, Psalm 29, and Lecha Dodi, adding up to seven components, one per each day of the week. Psalms 95-99 and Psalm 29 represent the six work days. Lecha Dodi, a mystical poem written by Kabbalists in sixteenth-century Tzfat, represents Shabbat, our day of rest and spiritual fulfillment.

The six opening Psalms build up to Lecha Dodi, which becomes the climax of Kabbalat Shabbat. The Kabbalists believed that the feminine part of God, the Shechina, was exiled along with the Jewish people following the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, leaving God fractured. On Shabbat, the male part of God, which is in our world all of the time, is mystically reunited with the Shechina, the exiled female part of God, leading also to our increased joy and contentment. This mystical reunification, often compared to a Divine wedding, takes place during Lecha Dodi.

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From the Desk of the Executive Director

The High Holy Days were truly inspiring for all. The extended sanctuary was nearly full to capacity for the Erev Rosh Hashanah, Rosh HaShannah services and for Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur we also 'packed the house'. Due to some spiritual weather and lots of forethought the temperatures were excellent. I believe we could all hear the beautiful music of Cantor, the choir, and our accompanists and the very thoughtful words of Rabbi Moffic, President Michael Ebner and those offering personal expressions.

A HUGE thank you to our volunteer ushers led by our Vice President of Worship- Jerry Wolf and his able support team of Danny Weil, Nancy Goodman and daughter, Julie Schaefer, Ross Erlebacher, Steve Cohen, Gerry Weiner, Marc Horowitz, Barbara Dibble, David Helfand, Gregg Hollander, Tim Cohen, Joel Korman, Scott Schwartz, Todd Weiner, Susan Kaden, Paul Frank, Michael Wax and their helpers. Thanks to their families for sharing them with the whole congregation.

The special requirements seating design has worked tremendously well for the past 2-3 years for those needing assistance with special hearing needs and physical limitations. This has made the holidays very meaningful and ease of participation for these members. In addition, for those unable to physically attend, over 260 people attended via our web-streaming system from their homes. Solel is truly a welcoming, participatory congregation.

The family services have also been a great success due to the superior efforts of Rabbi and Cantor in making the children welcome and gaining an understanding of the Days of Awe. Over 600 children and adults attended these services. Of course, our thanks to Director of Education Geoff Prass and his team of madrichim for operating the child care programs during all the holidays.

Not least, my personal thanks to our office staff, Evelyn Brewer, Exec. Assistant and Michelle Raz for the unending work of the office in preparing the many mailings, the ticket distribution, the membership materials mailings, all the preparation of materials for Rabbi and Cantor, for the choir and everything that makes the Days of Awe run smoothly. You are the BEST!!!!

Our facilities look great and the ongoing work of keeping the order falls to our unbelievable team led by Juan Gutierrez, et al. The congregation should be very proud that our 50+ year old building looks GREAT due

to the ongoing, yearly efforts of this team, both inside and outside.

To our members, thank you for your kind words to me about our operations during the holidays. As you can see I have a great team to support the logistics of this major event in our spiritual year.

Happy and Healthy New Year to all.

- Allan Litwack

Solel Blood Drive
Sunday, November 9
8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Begin the New Year with a mitzvah by saving a life! Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

When you participate in the blood drive, you will have the opportunity to join your fellow congregant donors for bagels and cream cheese, home baked goodies and shmoozing.

Appointments can be made by contacting: Judy Eichner at osofine3856@aol.com or call (847) 951-9091 or Diane Resnick at dnrphd@gmail.com or call (847) 926-8510.

BE A HERO... SAVE 3 LIVES !
JUST 1 PINT MAY SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!

 **LIFESOURCE**
Chicagoland's Blood Center

From Our President —

As a youngster, soon after the end of World War II, I would accompany my grandparents, father, and uncles to Congregation Tifereth Israel in Passaic, New Jersey. My mother and aunts attended infrequently – perhaps for *Kol Nidre* – finding this *shul* inhospitable because women occupied the balcony. We – the men and boys – took our places in assigned pews on the main floor. Our grandmother was strategically situated in the balcony. We could always look up, seeing her perpetual smile. Tifereth Israel, as I learned, was the *Galitzianer* synagogue. Founded in 1890, it welcomed all worshipers provided they adhered to the Orthodox *minyan*. (There was much competition in Passaic, with its expansive Jewish community and approximately fifteen different congregations by the 1950s. Standing on the exterior staircase of Tifereth Israel you could readily see the Hungarian Synagogue to your left and just around the corner was *Chevra Thilim*.)

As the years passed, my father and his four siblings would migrate away from the old shul, some identifying with Conservative synagogues and some with Reform Judaism. I would become a *Bar Mitzvah* at Clifton Jewish Center in the next town over. This new Conservative congregation quickly prospered. Its hallmarks included a dynamic young rabbi and inspiring teachers in a burgeoning Hebrew School. I remember my teachers and our rabbi fondly.

Time passed. During my years as an undergraduate and then as a graduate student, it became clear, as I reflect upon all of this, that a pattern had taken hold. I had settled into my religious sensibilities. Wherever I lived at the moment – in Ohio, in Virginia, in New Jersey, and since 1974 in Illinois – I found myself drawn to synagogue life. It now is clear to me. The synagogue comprised a constant in my life.

Upon taking up my teaching post at Lake Forest College, I soon learned about Congregation Solel. Founded in 1957, it had attained a renown reputation for its vibrant approach to worship, its experimentalism, its traditions of lay leadership as well as learning, and its commitment to social justice. And so it became – for these strangers far away from our roots in New Jersey and now residing in this new land named Illinois – our Jewish community. Our children attended Religious School, Darryl sang in the choir and sat on the Religious School Council, and I served the congregation on task forces, search committees, and all the rest. Just prior to my retirement seven years ago, I was asked to serve on the board of the congregation. I did so at the urging of

my daughter (“Think of this, Dad, as your transition. It will be good for you!”) Who knew?

During this year’s High Holidays I surveyed the congregation intensely. I saw our cherished founders, whose hopes and energy shaped Solel. I also observed multi-generational families, in some instances three generations deep. What a blessing! I watched young families, perhaps experiencing the Days of Awe at Congregation Solel for the first time. I especially relished observing our high school and college students, confidently reading Torah or chanting the Haftara. Darryl and I also attended the high-energy family services, with wonderful participation by our youth choir accompanying Rabbi Moffic and Cantor Glikin.

When I think of our synagogue, the Hebrew word *Ke-hillah* – community – comes to mind. I regard Congregation Solel as a vibrant, embracing, and ever-changing Reform Jewish community. I have, to my good fortune, worshiped in numerous synagogues in my lifetime. But we have found our Jewish home at Solel.

- Michael Ebner
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Downtown Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Moffic

November 5 at noon

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

Future Dates:

December 3

January 7

February 4

March 4

April 7

May 6

June 3

Gun Violence: A Jewish Perspective

Congregation Solel members will have the opportunity to explore the problem of gun violence during a special weekend program, November 21 and 23, 2014 at Solel.

Spurred by increased interest in the issue, Solel's Just Congregations initiative organized a two-part program, beginning with "Thou Shalt Not Kill: A Jewish View of Gun Violence in the 21st Century," during Shabbat services Friday evening, November 21, when Rabbi Evan Moffic will comment on what Jewish teachings have to say about the issue.

"Thou Shalt Not Stand Idly By" will continue the topic from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Sunday, November 23, in the Chapel. There will be presentations and break-out sessions, designed to provide information and assess interest in the Solel family in working on addressing the issue. The Sunday program is open to Solel members only.

Presentations on Sunday will focus on three major issues: Laura Frisch will speak on keeping your children safe and what to tell your children; there will be a video of Dr. Gary Slutkin's TED talk, "Let's Treat Gun Violence Like a Contagious Disease;" and a look at gun violence in our own backyard.

Breakout sessions will center on what we can do, with a wrap-up defining next steps.

If enough Solel members are willing to work on the problem, we will continue at a later date with research and discussion aimed at finding a path to follow. You do not have to commit to working on the issue to participate November 21 and 23. All interested Solelites are welcome.

Just Congregations is a program of the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ) and is organized as congregational-based community organizing. This just means that the issues on which Just Congregations initiatives chooses to focus on are determined by host synagogues' members, not from the top down.

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THOU SHALT NOT KILL: A JEWISH VIEW OF GUN VIOLENCE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Shabbat Service with Remarks by
Rabbi Evan Moffic
Friday, November 21, 7:30 pm
(open to non-members)

THOU SHALT NOT STAND IDLY BY

Sunday, November 23
10:00 am - 11:30 am
(open to Solel members only)

Presentations:

Guest Speaker: Laura Frisch
Keeping Your Children Safe; What to Tell Your Children

Video: Dr. Gary Slutkin's TED Talk
Let's Treat Gun Violence Like a Contagious Disease

Gun Violence in Our Own Backyard?

Breakout Sessions: What Can We Do?

Next Steps

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*Sponsored by Congregation Solel's
Just Congregations Initiative*

Artist of the Month: Steve Leavitt

Our artist for November/December is Steve Leavitt. His art bio starts early in his life. Born in 1956, Steve attended grammar school during the culturally rich 1960's. Picasso, Chagall, O'Keefe, Dali, Miro, Calder, and many others were all alive and producing new work regularly. Art was an international field, crossing borders and oceans, and all strata of society. Artists like Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein were new young arrivals. Pop Art arrived in 1964. Because of teachers in grammar school, Steve was familiar with the Impressionists, Mondrian, Japanese brush painting and the art museums by the time he was ten years old. With a natural penchant for the arts, through the library, he began educating himself, and by the sixth grade he was familiar with great modern architecture and the New York Art scene. At twelve (1968), Steve was making abstract maquettes (small sculpture studies) and putting together small shows. He has continued to produce work and show regularly for forty-six years. Steve's first solo show was in 1974 at the Glencoe Public Library (34 portraits in various media on paper). Because the world is constantly evolving the work naturally changes, tasks and mediums vary; however, mysteriously, there is an uncanny constant throughout. Steve is currently in production of a series of paintings of varying color harmonies that could be classed as color field paintings.

On November 9, 2014 at 10:30 am, Steve Leavitt will speak about his art in the New Lounge.

Often, the first question people will ask Steve when he is introduced as an artist is, what kind of artist are you, do you paint, sculpt, use a camera, what kind? He responds by telling them that he is somewhat of a Leonardo, meaning that what he does depends on how he can best be useful in the studio. His work is dependent upon a dialogue and therefore his engagement can influence the direction he takes, but outside factors are far stronger in determining the path he takes. At best, Steve is more of a servant, like a good accompanist following the lead. If his work is good, then indirectly one may feel the presence and influence of that lead. His talk will hopefully be both question, answer, and discussion.



Pray 'n Play

Saturday, November 8

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

December 13

February 14

April 11

January 10

March 14

May 9

From Pulpit Rabbi To Navy Chaplain

(The following article was published in The Jewish Week on December 13, 2011.)

Rabbi Rosenzweig will speak at Congregation Solel's Sixth Annual Veterans' Day Shabbat on Friday, November 7, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Rabbi Emily Rosenzweig of Mt. Vernon, New York was sworn in here this week by the JWB Jewish Chaplains Council as a military chaplain, becoming the first woman rabbi from New York to serve in that capacity. Ordained in 2006 by the Reform movement's Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles, Rabbi Rosenzweig is now one of nine women rabbis — plus another 60 male rabbis — serving as chaplains in the armed forces, according to the JWB.

Rabbi Rosenzweig, 35, received a Master of Arts in Jewish Education from the Rhea Hirsch School of Jewish Education in 2004. After graduation, she performed 10 months of community service with AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) before enrolling at HUC. For the past five years she served as the assistant rabbi at Temple Israel in Aurora, Illinois. In January, she will report for chaplain training and then officer training before reporting for duty for a minimum of three years as a lieutenant junior grade at the Naval Station Great Lakes in Illinois.

Q: Why did you decide to switch from being a pulpit rabbi to becoming a Navy chaplain?

I have always wanted to be of service to the Jewish people and to the country. Although my congregational work was meaningful, I found that it wasn't meeting a certain need for me professionally. I was running programs and was the administrator of the school ... but things like figuring out what brand of chips to serve as a snack is not what I wanted to be doing.

But why the military?

I have always been interested in national service. The AmeriCorps program I did after college had a sort of a military tinge to it; we wore a uniform and had some physical training. I liked the camaraderie and the structure of it. I thought that while I was still able to pick up and move and take this different career step — there being no spouse or children depending on me — I should do this.

Would you want to serve in a combat zone?

I want to serve where I am needed. My father is very happy I'm not headed to Afghanistan, but if I am needed I would be glad to serve. There are female chaplains in Afghanistan but not in combat areas. My mom surprised me when I said I was thinking about the military; she said she was thinking about it for me too.

Why did you choose the Navy?

I was hoping to be on a coast, and the Navy's motto of being the global force for good resonated with me. I like the idea of being able to go where people need help — whether to Haiti or Japan, and to possibly serve in a humanitarian role and represent the country and Jews that way.

Have you ever gotten seasick?

Yes.

Did the Navy ask about that?

No, but they asked if I could swim. And yes, I can. I can get away from a sinking ship.

Have you met any of the other women rabbi chaplains?

Sarah Schechter and I were both ordained at HUC in Los Angeles and she is now an Air Force chaplain. I have also met Rabbi Heather Borshof several times. She is in the Army. I also spoke with a woman chaplain in my recruiting process and she said she always felt respected if for no other reason than because of her rank and role.

Will you be conducting Sabbath services?

I will primarily be working with non-Jews, and for six days a week I am everybody's chaplain. On Shabbat I am the Jews' rabbi. There will be a weekly Friday night service, I assume, and on holidays I will be able to do some sort of programming in addition to a service.

Do you think women chaplains bring something different to the job?

I have been told I am a very good listener and that is important — to be able to hear people, both what they are saying and not saying. I always take a lot of strength and guidance from Jewish tradition. I think it is helpful to anyone and can benefit anyone. I have a teacher's mind — I look for teachable moments as a way to share Judaism and to share wisdom with others.



Above: Rabbi Emily Rosenzweig

Local Leaders, Organizations Join Forces to Create a Brighter Future for Waukegan's Students

It was announced in October that two Waukegan-focused, not-for-profit organizations are joining forces to intensify and further focus their efforts to send more Waukegan students to college. The announcement—made by Elyse Danckers, Executive Director of Waukegan to College (W2C), Mary Sue Welch, President of the Board of Directors (W2C), and Chuck Gutman, founder of Envision Scholars—was the culmination of several months of robust discussions, as the two groups worked together to create their blueprint for an integrated future.

The newly-formed organization will hold fast to and build upon the most important and impactful programs and philosophies of each of the two formerly-distinct groups. The integrated 501(c)(3) organization will retain the name “Waukegan to College”, with the pivotal “Envision Corps” programming added to the established offerings. W2C will continue to be led by Executive Director Danckers and a newly-expanded Board of Directors, including Mr. Gutman and others formerly involved with the Envision Scholars leadership team.

In announcing the decision to join forces, Danckers provided the following context. “As the concept of integration was reviewed and discussed, it became clear that the two groups—operating separately—were involved in many overlapping activities and programs with shared goals and objectives. The shared vision was immediately evident in the mission statements of the two organizations. W2C’s mission ‘to create brighter futures for Waukegan students, families, and communities by preparing students to enroll in and graduate from college’ was closely tied to that of Gutman’s Envision Scholars: ‘to eliminate the barriers that stand between Waukegan-area youth and a college education.’”

However, Welch went on to explain that the integration promises much more than the simple merger of two organizations with similar goals. “There were important and distinct approaches and programs sponsored by each of these two groups. The integrations allows the students and families of Waukegan to benefit from the best that each organization had to offer, while simultaneously eliminating overlaps and thus freeing resources to reach more students, more effectively.”

Leaders from both W2C and Envision Scholars were eager to acknowledge the unswerving and generous support from their volunteers and donors. Danckers

committed to clear benefits for these essential stakeholders, as well. “Identifying synergies of support, while creating a larger critical mass, will help us to be more effective and efficient with our volunteers’ and donors’ time and resources. This expanded footprint will also help us to attract more corporate and grant support.”

But, in summary, Gutman reminded the audience of the true winners—the students and families of Waukegan. “This integration will serve as an important agent of change, as we collectively and passionately build a better Waukegan.”

For more information, please visit the W2C website at www.waukegantocollege.org or contact Elyse Danckers at edanckers.w2c@gmail.com.

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

December 7 & March 15
9:45-10:45 am

*This workshop series will draw 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.*

December 7:

Topic: *Giving, Receiving, and Food*
Suggested reading: Chapters 5-7 of
The Blessing of a Skinned Knee

March 15:

Topic: *Discipline and Our Goals in Raising our Children*
Suggested reading: Chapters 8-10 of
The Blessing of a Skinned Knee

Attend all or just one of the sessions.

**RSVP by email the synagogue office at
soleoffice@solel.org
or call (847) 433-3555.**

Rick Segall — Personal Expression on Yom Kippur 2014/5775

A couple months ago, my family did a 2700 mile road trip out East to go pick up my daughter from summer camp. The route we chose would take us just 30 miles from my hometown of Warren, Ohio – and I couldn't resist the opportunity to stop by my old stomping grounds. I pictured it as a kind of grand homecoming tour to show my son the place his dad grew up – and I couldn't wait.

Our first stop was my childhood home at 740 Shady Lane. The current owners were on vacation, but a gracious house sitter let us tour the outside of the beautifully landscaped yard that our family and friends used to call "Segall Park." The sights – and even the smells from the yard made the memories come rushing back.

Next stop was HC Mines Elementary School. A few weeks before classes were slated to start, we walked through the school with only the custodian there to polish the floors. Thirty years after leaving, I found it impossible to believe that the lockers were really that small. Again, the memories came rushing back.

I know that on this day, it's not very nice or couth to mention – but our next stops were at Main Moon Chinese Restaurant for the world's best chicken lo mien – and at Pizza Works for an amazing pizza called "The Briar Hill Special."

We hit six or seven places that afternoon – each one rich with memories from my childhood. But before leaving town, I wanted to make one last stop. For my first 18 years, it was a place that was my home away from home. As we drove down East Market Street toward downtown Warren, the building came into view. And as we got closer and closer, my heart sank. There it was. Beth Israel Temple Center. The front lawn looked like it hadn't been mowed all summer and it was overgrown with weeds. The bushes and trees were overgrown.

The building looked run down, broken, cold and empty. And there in the front yard, to my horror, was a sign: "For Sale." I was devastated.

Beth Israel was established back in 1918 and it was the first and only temple in Warren, Ohio. My grandparents were some of its early members. My mother was president of the Sisterhood and my father served on countless temple boards. Forty years ago, more than 100 families – basically ALL the Jewish families that lived in Warren – belonged to the congregation. The building was always alive and vibrant and the true hub for Judaism in our tiny town.

I have conscious memories back to four or five years old in that synagogue, but baby pictures place me there even before those memories kick in. If I close my eyes, I can still see the classrooms and the small chapel where I attended Sunday school and later taught Sunday school after confirmation. I can still smell the dozens of latkes being fried on the old gas stoves in the temple kitchen before the annual Hanukkah party. I can see the glow of the small light bulbs on the yartzheit board illuminating the brass plaques inscribed with the names of my grandparents and great grandparents. I can hear the sound of the graggors every time Rabbi Steinhardt said the name Haman while reading the Megillah during our Purim Carnival. And then there were Friday nights.

Our family always sat in the third to last row in the sanctuary – that was unofficially known as "Segall Row." As we would listen to Cantor Gottesman, I would run my fingers through the plush thick fabric on the crushed red velvet seats and whisper to my brother until we got stern looks from my parents. Inevitably, my mother would put her arm around us or my father would open his huge hand for us to put our tiny hands inside, then he would gently squeeze and smile. No matter what was going on the world, sitting there in that beautiful sanctuary on East Market Street in Warren, Ohio on a Friday night... that was family time that made us feel connected to each other and our oh-so-tiny Jewish Community.

How tiny? Well, I was one of six Jewish kids in my high school graduating class of 417. And two of the others were my twin brother Bob and my cousin Grant.

So now, on my big homecoming tour – a huge part of my childhood seemed gone. I couldn't walk inside Beth Israel, point things out to my son and take him down a stroll on memory lane. But as I mourned the loss of something so important, it made me start to think about my relationship with my current synagogue. Beth Israel wasn't important to me because my parents TOLD me it was important. I instinctually knew it was important because my parents were always there and taking part in the Jewish life of the community. Have I been giving the same message to my children? Beth Israel holds such beautiful and powerful memories not because of what I took from it, but because of what my family and I put into it. That investment formed who I was as an individual, who we were as a family, and who we were as a community. My father passed away 4 years ago yesterday and my Mom is battling health issues in Arizona. What I wouldn't do to go back to

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those crushed velvet seats to feel my mother's arm around my shoulder or my hand inside my father's grip. Am I providing those loving memories for my own children at Solel? I hope so.

I know I can't go back to the way things used to be. None of us really can. But we all have the opportunity to create new memories for our children, our grandchildren and all of the friends and family we love. We have a chance to ask how we'd want to be remembered – and how we want Solel to be remembered – when our loved ones come back here for their homecoming four years from now. What memories will come rushing back? I know that's something I'll be thinking about as we enter into this new year.

L'Shanah Tovah.

Susan Wellek — Personal Expression on Kol Nidre 2014/5775

On August 4, 1944, just 2 months into the Normandy Invasion that led to the World War II defeat of Germany, Julienne Cailly was 14 years old living near the town of Mesnil Clinchamps in Normandy, France.

On that August 4 day, young Julienne was witness to the shooting down of an Army Air Corps fighter plane that crashed in a field very close to her parent's farmhouse. The plane was on fire and Nazis were close by so those who witnessed this event were terrified to go to the site, but Julienne's neighbor, Bernard Mette ran to the site and when he saw that the pilot was dead and there was nothing he could do he returned home in fear of the German soldiers who would surely appear. The pilot of that plane was Lt. Harold Wellek, my husband's first cousin who was only 19 years old when he died at the hands of the Nazis who shot his plane down. The next day the Germans fled in fear of the advancing American troops and the French citizens of this area rejoiced with their new freedom from the oppression of the Nazis.

Three years after this incident Bernard Mette happened to be plowing in the same field when he

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Kristallnacht Commemoration & Veterans' Shabbat

Friday, November 7
7:30 pm

Guest Speaker:
Rabbi Emily Rosenzweig
US Navy Chaplain, Great Lakes
Naval Training Station

All Jewish veterans are warmly encouraged to attend this program. Wearing of service caps is encouraged.

Festive Oneg Shabbat will follow the service and program.

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came upon a shiny object. That object turned out to be a wristwatch with an engraving on the back. He took the watch believing it had belonged to the deceased pilot he saw back in 1944. He put the watch away and never spoke about it again. About 3 years ago, a historian writing a book about the Normandy invasion happened to interview Bernard and he told of his possession of the watch. A search began for relatives and/or descendants of the owner of the watch.

So last year our family was notified by researchers and told that a French Organization was in possession of a wristwatch that belonged to Lt. Harold Wellek. Could he have been our relative? A flood of memories came back. Harold Wellek was 17 years old when he lied about his age in order to join the U.S. Army. He was eager to defend his country as so many were at that time.

Harold was the only child of Dick's aunt and uncle and they never really recovered from losing him.

When news of the watch was received, my husband's first reaction was that we would make the trip to France to get it. After thinking about it, we also decided that the best way to teach our grandchildren the history of World War II and some family history as well would be to take our entire immediate family to France for the retrieval of the watch. So we began our plans to go to Normandy for the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the D-Day invasion.

We began the historical part of our trip by visiting the WWII landing sites at Utah Beach, Omaha Beach, and Pointe du Hoc. We also visited the World War II museums and most movingly, the American Cemetery at Colleville where we put stones collected from Omaha Beach on the graves of Jewish heroes. These sites gave our grandchildren a real sense of the bravery as well as the sacrifices of thousands of soldiers, sailors and marines.

The culmination of our stay in Normandy was on Tuesday, June 10 when the French people of this small town pulled out all the stops to plan a meaningful afternoon for Lt. Harold Wellek's family. The day began with all 15 of us climbing into a decorated horse drawn wagon to be taken to the site where the P-47 crashed. Many of the town's citizens and the Mayor were there to greet us and they had erected a flagpole that was flying the American flag, which was then lowered, folded correctly and presented to my husband. It was there that we first met Julienne Cail-

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ly, now 84, and Bernard Mette, now 96 who related their eyewitness stories to us as well as the horrors they experienced during their country's occupation by the Nazi regime. As Jews we tend to think of the Nazis through a Holocaust lens; however, these French people told unbelievable stories about the Nazi's brutal treatment of French civilians including children and babies.

While at the crash site, men from the French organization that sponsored the day began searching for scraps of parts from the plane with a metal detector and pieces of the plane were found and given to us. We were then taken to the grounds of an elementary school and we were given seats of honor along a red carpet in front of a veiled monument. We were welcomed by a marching band, school children waving French and American flags and at least two to three hundred townspeople. Following speeches from dignitaries all mentioning the sacrifice of our cousin and other airmen in bringing them their freedom, the playing of both countries' national anthems and the flyover of a French fighter plane, the beautiful granite monument was unveiled and it read in French, "To the memory of the American pilot, Harold Wellek who died for our liberty on the 4th of August, 1944. The citizens remember." In English, at the bottom of the stone, it says "We will never forget." The monument also has a picture of Harold in his officer's cap. It's difficult to relate the emotional reaction that was felt by all our family. Although we knew there was to be a ceremony, we had no idea that such a grand occasion was to take place. We were all quite emotional and although the only one of us who actually knew Harold is my husband, the rest of us were just as tearful and overwhelmed.

Following all this, we were ushered into a reception room of the school for cider and cookies and it was there that 96 year old Bernard Mette presented Harold's watch to my husband. On the back of the watch is engraved, "To Harold from Mother and Dad, October 23, 1942". This was, obviously, an 18th birthday present from his parents. How sad it is that for all these years that watch was laying in a drawer in France and they never knew how grateful this entire town was for their son's sacrifice.

We were all deeply moved when the grandchildren of Julienne Cailly, now in their 20's, expressed their gratitude by hugging us and saying that if not for the American airmen like Harold Wellek, they would have never been born. I can't remember another time in my life when I have hugged and kissed so many strangers.

I think I can sum up the reaction of our children and grandchildren to this occasion by quoting two of our grandsons — a 16 year old who said "Mana, this is the

best day of my life" and our 9 year old who told my husband, "Papa, someday I'm going to bring my children and grandchildren here."

On this Yom Kippur Eve, I am reminded of all those that have lost their lives defending the cause of freedom. Our cousin was just one of them. In being able to memorialize him in this little village in Normandy, France and witnessing the gratitude of so many people I am filled with hope that if we, and by we, I mean all of humanity, could just remember that life is precious and we must cherish and guard it with love and kindness to all.

Amen.

Ken Brown — Personal Expression on Rosh Hashanah 2014/5775

Last week, I lit a Yahrzeit candle that marked the first anniversary of my mother, Charlotte Brown's death at age 93. For those of you who did not know her, it is unfortunate because she was truly a remarkable person. At her funeral- I spoke of some of the things she taught her family and friends- including how to be a parent, how to love, accept adversity and even how to die. My mother set an amazing example for me.

To paraphrase Abraham Lincoln, "Everything I am and everything I ever will be, I owe to my mother, Char".

The last few days before my mother died, we talked about many things including her philosophy of life. I want to share part of an email my mother sent to me shortly before she died.

*I have certainly not had a dull life. I have been loved, been able to give love, experienced the warmth and beauty of good friends, family, and have had a long and full life. Maybe I will be lucky and will see a few more sunrises, watch a few more sunsets, hear the birds singing by my bedroom window and have the ability to see and hear and appreciate the beauty that life has to offer. Take pleasures in the simple things in life. Looking at the sky, the trees, reading a good book, listening to music, watching the changes of seasons, indulge in what sports you enjoy, **do what makes you happy.***

We also talked about my life and she told me how lucky I was and that I had led a charmed life.

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My wife, Bobbi, and I have been together for 47 years and we have been married for 43 years. We have 2 sons, David and Danny, who make me proud every single day. Our sons have now brought into our family their amazing wives, Nikki and Kelly, and they have each blessed us with a grandchild. Bobbi and I have worked together professionally as lawyers for most of our careers. Partners in every sense of the word. We have many wonderful friends, have traveled throughout the world and are fortunate to still have an active lifestyle. So when Char said I lived a charmed life as a lawyer, I knew I could not argue against such overwhelming facts, especially coming from my mother.

My mother's funeral was on September 23, 2013. Two days later, and exactly one year ago today, I was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. So much for my charmed life.

Almost everyone in this sanctuary has been touched in some way or knows someone whose life has been affected by cancer or illness. The little I knew about pancreatic cancer is that the prognosis is not good. I knew clients and acquaintances who have succumbed to the disease, usually within 6 months to 2 years. Even with early detection, for most, life expectancy is less than 5 years.

But I am fortunate to be standing before you today to tell that my journey over the past 12 months has been nothing short of a miracle. I had surgery in January to remove the tumor. It was an unqualified success. My pancreatic cancer is stage 1 with no spreading to any other organs or lymph nodes. I completed six months of chemo and for now, I am cancer free and will hopefully remain that way for many years to come. As Rabbi Moffic said in his sermon last night, for over 4000 years, and against all possible adversity, the Jewish people have never given up and have survived. That is now my personal creed. I will never give up and continue to embrace every moment of life.

My message today is a simple one.

Life is so fragile and can change in an instant. Don't wait for a life-changing event to evaluate how to live your life. I asked one of my sons when he was 8 years old if he had one wish, what would it be? His answer was he wanted to know the day he was going to die so he could plan his life. Very profound. But we don't know when we are going to die.

We've all heard it before, but it bears repeating. Tomorrow is promised to no one. It is not how long you live, but how you live. So during these Days of Awe, I ask

you to reflect about how you may live your life differently if you knew that you, or someone you love, only had 6 more months, or 2 years to live?

For me, the answer is simple. My life now is all about making memories - being with the people I love and doing the things that bring me joy. My mother said it best. Do the things that make you happy.

I have no illusions about what the future may hold for me. But one thing I know for certain. Our mothers are always right-and my mother continues to be right. Despite having cancer, I have lived, and as long as I am lucky enough to be inscribed in the Book of Life, will continue to live, a charmed life.

The *Shehecheyanu* has new meaning for me and I feel like I should recite it every day. *Shehecheyanu* means "he who has kept us in Life". The root of *Shehecheyanu* has the same root as the Hebrew word *Chai*- which means "life" or "living". By coincidence, my Hebrew name is Chaim.

The *Shehecheyanu* is a blessing that thanks G-d for granting us life, sustaining us and enabling us to reach this day and season. Please join me in this very special prayer: *Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melekh ha'olam, shehecheyanu, v'kiyimanu, v'higi'anu laz'man hazeh.*

Shabbat Shalom!
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Friday, November 28

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The Hava Nashira service builds on the wisdom of our liturgy. Unlike any other Solel service, it opens with the singing of six psalms and climaxes with Lecha Dodi. The six opening songs, including Psalms 95-99, are sung as a continuous medley, allowing for the energy of our liturgy to build in a most powerful way. Lecha Dodi serves as the capstone, whereby the presence of the Shabbat bride is almost palpable and we are transformed in its midst.

A Spiritual Journey

Meaningful worship is meant to be a journey. By definition, a journey requires that we begin in one place and end in a different place. As such, the journey of worship is an art form, which is meant to transform us on some level, whether spiritual, intellectual, or emotional. The Hava Nashira service aims to transform the congregation on a spiritual level.

The music within the service is organized in such a way as to build momentum and provide appropriate amounts of tension and release at particular points in the service. The decisions with regard to the points where tension should be built and diffused are based on the liturgical function of the specific prayer within the service, as well as on the overall vision for the direction of the service and the desired worship experience. To aid with the flow of the service and the creation of a particular energy, all of the words (including Hebrew, transliteration, and translation) are projected on a screen, inviting congregants to raise their heads along with their voices and to create a greater sense of community with everyone being on the same page at the same time.

Congregational participation is an essential element of the service and, as such, the music is congregational, contemporary in style and does not change from service to service. Even though there may be a relatively high learning curve for those who are attending a Hava Nashira service for the first time, as you come again and again and learn the music of Hava Nashira better, the service will become even more spiritually fulfilling and fun. To become even more familiar with the music of the Hava Nashira service, please listen to a recording of a recent service at <https://soundcloud.com/cantor-vicky-glikin/sets/hava-nashira> or call the office to have a CD sent to you.

Our next Hava Nashira service is on November 14 at 7:30 pm. Please join us for this special experience! Hava Nashira – let’s sing with our voices, our hearts, and our souls!

- Cantor Vicky Glikin

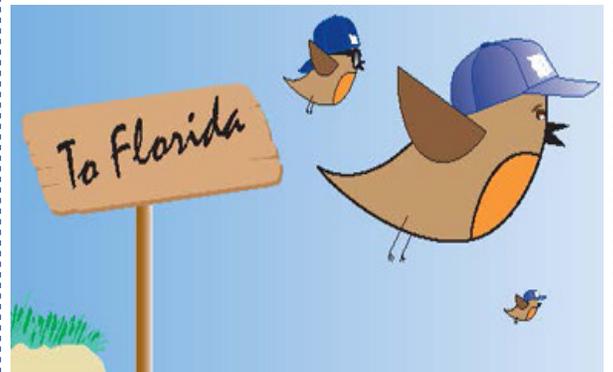
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the late Rabbi Zalman Shachter-Shalomi, the enigmatic and counter-cultural Orthodox Jewish mystic who created the Jewish renewal movement. The book was about the "December" years of life, the time when we are nearing the end of our time on earth. The purpose of the book was to give readers a spirituality for confronting death, a knowledge of profound richness its reality can give our minds and spirits.

One of his insights struck me deeply. "Most people who talk about the afterlife," he said, "don't know what they're talking about, because the afterlife is not felt with the body -- it's felt with the soul. It's being with God, and there's a real presence; it's not merely an idea."

In other words, the scientific perspective does not tell us about the afterlife. The spiritual one does. We need voices in our culture that remind us that life is not just about what we can accumulate or prove. It is about what we feel and savor.

3. "Text-people" always teach us more than textbooks: Fifty years ago the late great Abraham Joshua Heschel said we do not need more religious textbooks. We need more "text-people."

We need people -- role models and exemplars -- who teach us what it means to live a life of faith and responsibility. We need people who can teach us the truths we read about in sacred texts.

Too often clergy fail. But more often than not, they succeed. They may not be perfect. None of us are. But even when we do not have all the answers, we can model the struggle and teach the necessity of living a life of meaning. As my friend Rabbi Elliott Cosgrove put it, "Even rabbis don't have it all figured out -- so we certainly don't expect others to have done so. Our commitment is to wrestle with God's will -- every day of our lives."

- Rabbi Evan Moffic

Congregation Solel Receives the American Institute of Architects' Divine Detail Honor Award for New Reading Table

The following article and photos describe Congregation Solel's new reading table. It was featured in the November/December 2014 issue of the *Chicago Architect* magazine. The reading table was designed by Eckenhoff Saunders Architects.

The Torah reading table at Congregation Solel in suburban Highland Park was designed in an abstract, angular form to represent the Jewish faith's multifaceted traditions. Jurors noted the table's poetic function of interpreting and communicating the varied stories and scripture of Judaism was translated into physical terms. Fashioned out of sapele wood, the tabletop suspends and cradles a band of light. The rift sawn ash with a translucent white finish complements the white Bimah wall, a backdrop to the entire space. When viewed from various vantage points within the remodeled sanctuary, the table's form fluctuates and folds like paper, offering each congregant a distinct perspective of the Torah using design themes of light and the natural world. "It really does appear to float," one juror said. "It's like folded paper. It's complex and it's simple."

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Above: Susan Mason, Matt Wylie (architect), Ed Bederman, Larry Mason

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Mazel Tov to Rachel Bringas on her Bat Mitzvah!



Rachel Bringas, daughter of Mike and Julie will become a Bat Mitzvah on November 1, 2014. She is a 7th grader at Northwood Junior High. Her favorite activities are flying trapeze, skiing, and gymnastics. For her mitzvah project, Rachel volunteered at the Friend Center in Deerfield. She helped seniors with dementia to create art projects. This experience connected to her Torah portion by helping people without expecting anything in return. Rachel's Torah portion is *Lech Lecha*, from the Book of Genesis. In Rachel's Torah portion, Avram helps the people of Chedorlaomer, and refuses to accept any form of payment. In the future, Rachel hopes to continue her volunteer work. Her biggest challenge was learning to master a few tricky words of her Torah portion and transitioning between the Torah and Haftarah trope.

Mazel Tov to Anna Rossen on her Bat Mitzvah!



Anna Rossen, daughter of Barry and Lisa, will become a Bat Mitzvah on November 15, 2014. She is an 8th grader at Edgewood Middle School in Highland Park. Anna's favorite hobby is skiing. For her Mitzvah project, Anna helped adults and children with disabilities with their skiing skills. From this experience she learned that everyone learns in different ways and at different paces and that you cannot force everyone to learn in the same way or force it onto them, and that you should find the best way to teach them. Anna's Torah Portion is *Chayei Sarah*, from the book of *Genesis*. The most important thing Anna learned from her Torah portion is that it is not enough to be beautiful from the outside, you also have to be beautiful from the inside, you should be nice and kind to others. The important thing Anna learned from her experience becoming a Bat Mitzvah is that procrastinating won't make things easier but just harder in the future. The greatest challenge she faced in preparing for her ceremony was practicing and learning her Torah and Haftarah portions.

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As of October 28, 2014

Condolences to...

Dennis and Barbara Kessler, on the passing of their mother, Dorothy Kessler.

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Friday, October 31

Shabbat Shalom in Costume6:15 pm

Lech L'cha, Gen. 12:1-17:27

Saturday, November 1

Torah Study9:15 am

Rachel Bringas Bat Mitzvah10:30 am

Morning Minyan10:35 am

Friday, November 7

Veterans' Shabbat & Kristallnacht Service7:30 pm

Vayeira, Gen. 18:1-22:24

Saturday, November 8

Torah Study9:15 am

Pray 'n Play10:30 am

Morning Minyan.....10:35 am

Friday, November 14

Hava Nashira Shabbat Service7:30 pm

Chayei Sarah, Gen. 23:1-25:18

Saturday, November 15

Torah Study9:15 am

Anna Rossen Bat Mitzvah10:30 am

Morning Minyan10:35 am

Friday, November 21

Choir Shabbat Service & Gun Violence Talk7:30 pm

Tol'dot, Gen. 25:19-28:9

Saturday, November 22

Torah Study9:15 am

Morning Minyan10:35 am

Friday, November 28

Shabbat Shalom6:15 pm

Vaheitzei, Gen. 28:10-32:3

Saturday, November 29

Torah Study9:15 am

Morning Minyan10:35 am

Updating Your Solel Calendar with Future Events in 2014

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Prevention

Friday, December 5, 7:30 pm: Human Rights Shabbat

Saturday, December 13, 10:30 am: Pray 'n Play

Friday, December 19, 6:15 pm: Hannukah Celebration
with Youth Choir

Sunday, December 21, 7:00 pm: Women's Rosh
Chodesh Celebration

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