



# Havurah

The Addison County Jewish Congregation



## High Holidays 5774 Schedule September 2013

### ROSH HASHANA

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2013**

**7:00 PM**-Evening Service at Mead Chapel  
*Apples and Honey Reception following services in Forest East Lounge*

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2013**

**9:30 AM**-Shacharit Morning Service at Mead Chapel  
**5:00 PM**-Tashlich Service at Otter Creek Foot Bridge (Marble Works Side)

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2013**

**9:30 AM**-Shacharit Morning Service at Havurah House

### YOM KIPPUR

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2013**

**6:30 PM**-Kol Nidre Service at Mead Chapel

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2013**

**9:30 AM**-Shacharit Morning Service at Mead Chapel  
**11:15 AM**-Yizkor Memorial Service at Mead Chapel  
**5:00 PM**-Minchah-Afternoon Service and Ne'ilah. Concluding Services at Mead Chapel.  
**7:00 PM**-Shofar Blowing and Havdalah at Mead Chapel.

*Babysitting space is available at both Mead Chapel (Hepburn Lounge) and at the Havurah House. Please note, however, that babysitters are not provided. A Break-the Fast will be held at Middlebury College following the Shofar Blowing and Havdalah. Reservations are required. Please find the reservation form inside the newsletter.*

# Hebrew School and Service News

September 9, 2013	Regular Classes and First Day Parent Meeting
September 16, 2013	Regular Classes. Decorating our Sukkah
September 23, 2013	Regular Classes. Sukkot Celebration
September 30, 2013	Regular Classes followed by School Simchat Torah Celebration at 4:15. All are welcome!!!!
October 7, 2013	Regular Classes

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September 20, 2013	Hey Level Sukkot Friday Evening Service 6:15 PM
September 28, 2013	Shabbat Services, Bereshit, 10:00 AM

*While some of Havurah's services involve the active participation of Hebrew School students, the services are not intended to be solely for the Hebrew School community. All are welcome to celebrate Shabbat at Havurah Services!*



## 2013-2014 Education Committee

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We look forward to welcoming students to the 2013-2014 Havurah Hebrew School on Monday, September 9, at 3:30 PM. We'll begin with an opening assembly and our students will meet their teachers. While students are in their first Hebrew School class of the year, parents will meet with Rabbi Ira Schiffer and the Education Committee. Rabbi's Class students and parents should arrive at 5:00 PM on September 9, 2013. Our class schedule for the year is as follows:

**ALEPH, GIMMEL, HEY: MONDAYS, 3:30-5:15 PM**  
**RABBI'S CLASS: MONDAYS, 5:00-6:30 PM**

Students, teachers and parents meet each week from 5:00-5:15 PM for songs and activities to help broaden our learning and build a sense of community. **Parents are encouraged to join us each week. Please remember that this assembly time is part of our school day and that students are not dismissed until 5:15 PM.**

# Membership

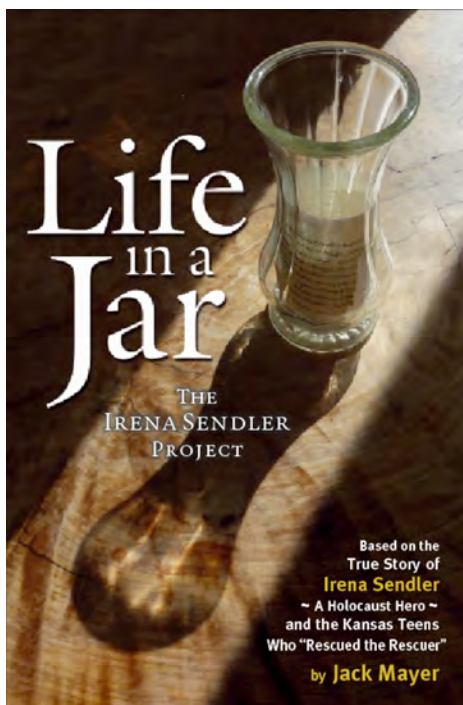
*We wish to thank the following members and friends for their generous gifts:*

Jean Godnick in memory of Edward Godnick  
Anne Brewer in memory of Charlotte Rettinger  
Seymour Rettinger in honor of Sophie Lefkoe's Bat Mitzvah  
The Lefkoe Family in appreciation of the excellent leadership provided by Rabbi Ira Schiffer and Mitch Pearl  
Kenneth Eisner in memory of Charlotte Rettinger

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Talia Isabel Donadio was born on July 25, 2013 to Allison and David Donadio, of Washington, D.C. Talia has made her parents, and her paternal grandparents, Emmie and Stephen Donadio, delirious with joy. Allison, currently on maternity leave, is a social worker in Montgomery County, Maryland, and David is an independent communications consultant with a boutique writing practice in Washington. On behalf of the Havurah, we wish the entire Donadio Family a hearty Mazel Tov!!!!

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The Polish translation of **LIFE IN A JAR: The Irena Sendler Project** has been published in Poland. My wife Chip and I had the honor of being in Warsaw for 3 days ( May 5-8) for the release of the translation published by Andrzej Findeisen (**AMF Plus Group**). It is spring and a new wind is blowing in Poland. I had a full schedule of interviews with the Polish Deputy Foreign Minister, radio, TV, newspapers, the Catholic Information Agency, literary magazines and a presentation at the brand new **Museum of the History of Polish Jews**. The highlight of the trip was spending an afternoon with the students, teachers, and the remarkable principal of the **Irena Sendler School in Warsaw** (there are 25 schools in Poland named for Irena!). The students were wonderful and eager to learn more about the hero for whom their school was named. Elzbieta Ficowska, who was rescued as an infant by Irena, was with me for several presentations. There were many emotional and heartfelt moments. None of this would have been possible without the invaluable assistance of Kinga Krzeminska and Taida Meredith, our most extraordinary translators. At the Museum of the History of Polish Jews, I participated in a panel with Marzanna Pogorzelska, who has founded the **Lowell Milken Center in Poland (Kedzierzyn-Kozle, Poland)** to carry on the mission of the Kansas center. The book's official release came on May 8<sup>th</sup> at EMPiK, the largest book retailer in Poland. (Similar to our Barnes & Noble.) Its release coincides with the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration of the Jewish Ghetto Uprising against the Germans, April 19 – May 16, 1943. I am warmed to know that my book will now be read by Polish readers and contribute to *Tikkun Olam* – “repairing the world.” **BY: JACK MAYER**



# Membership

The Havurah wishes to extend a hearty Mazel Tov to **Mike and Judy Olinick** and the entire Olinick Family on the August 17, 2013 wedding of their daughter **Abigail Olinick** to John Quesnel.

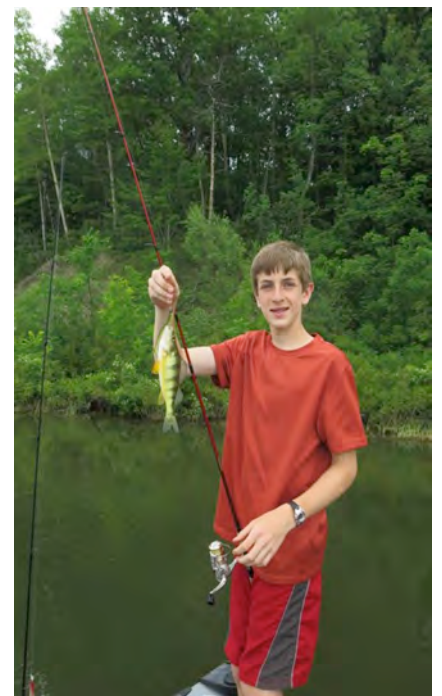
**Amy Graham** shares with us that the Hebrew School conducted a very successful Book Drive Tzedakah Project last March. She writes that, "The Havurah Hebrew School partnered with Bonnie's Book Foundation to provide books for kids in need. With great enthusiasm, the Hebrew School faculty and students hosted a book drive to collect new and gently used books to donate to the Foundation. The students decorated a book drive box, discussed the importance of reading in their lives, and sorted through their book shelves to collect over 250 books for kids who might not have books in their homes. The books will be distributed to local students at the end of the school year for summer reading. As a thank you for hosting the book drive, Bonnie's Book Foundation gave each student a new Jewish-themed book as an Afikomen present at the Hebrew School Model Seder and presented the Hebrew School with a Book Heroes Award. A major thank you to all who donated books and supported the book drive!



Anyone wishing to learn more about Bonnie's Book Foundation can visit our website at [www.bonniesbooks.org](http://www.bonniesbooks.org) or email us at [bonniesbookfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:bonniesbookfoundation@gmail.com). You can also contact Havurah member Amy Graham at 349-7447.



*The **Girard Boys** (David, Josh and Aiden) were the successful bidders for a Day of Fishing with Captain **Joel Miller** on Lake Champlain. They placed the winning bid at the wonderful May 2013 Havurah Silent Auction Fundraiser co-organized by **Emily Joselson and Dayle Klitzner**. Todah Rabbah to all for a very successful evening!!!*





# The Havurah Calendar

## COMMUNITY LUNCH PROGRAM

*We need your help!!!*

The community lunch program continues to serve between 30 and 40 people every day. ***Havurah is responsible for the lunch every third Wednesday.*** Starting in September the dates are as follows:

**Sept. 11**

**Oct. 2**

**Oct. 23**

**Nov. 13**

**Dec. 4**

If you have time, we would love to have you help either by baking cookies which you can deliver ahead or I will pick them up. Make some tuna fish salad or chicken salad for sandwiches or fruit salad or come to the Charter House by 10:30 on our day and help prepare and serve lunch. Please call Lois Kraus 802 388 6289 or email [loiskraus10@gmail.com](mailto:loiskraus10@gmail.com) if you can participate in any way.

Interested in helping with Community Lunch? Liked helping out at Middlebury's Community Supper? Didn't mind schlepping boxes at the Havurah Annual Tag Sale? Sounds like Tikkun Olam, literally "repairing the world" is something you enjoy. Consider joining our Tikkun Olam Team. Jane Steele, Marita Schine and Lois Kraus welcome all volunteers!!! Contact Jane Steele at [jane-steele@comcast.net](mailto:jane-steele@comcast.net) for additional information.

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### **BREAK -THE -FAST RESERVATION FORM ADVANCED RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

Please clip and return this form and your check made payable to HAVURAH, today, to:  
HAVURAH, P.O. Box 823, Middlebury, VT 05753

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF ADULTS: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF CHILDREN (<10 yrs) \_\_\_\_\_ X \$6.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED:\$ \_\_\_\_\_



**The Gould Family and the  
Jewish Community of  
Montpelier, Vermont**

*An Illustrated Slide Talk*

*Presented by Alan Gould*

**Monday, October 28, 2013 - 7:00 PM**

*Havurah House, 56 N. Pleasant Street (Route 7 North),  
Middlebury, VT*

Alan Gould, former Montpelier resident and Middlebury College and DKE alum, will give an illustrated talk about three generations of the Gould Family who were active in the Jewish and greater Montpelier, Vermont Communities. Alan will describe the history of the Louis Gould family from the turn of the 20th century to present day. Like the Lazarus Family of Middlebury, Vermont, the Gould family was involved in local business and politics. Daughly Gould was the mayor of Montpelier, perhaps the first Jewish mayor in the state of Vermont.

*The evening will start at 7:00 PM with dessert and socializing.*

*Alan's talk will start promptly at 7:30 PM. For more information, please contact David Rosenberg, by phone at 388-6453, or by email at [rosenber@middlebury.edu](mailto:rosenber@middlebury.edu).*

# The Havurah Calendar



The Havurah Chanting Group will meet on the evening of :  
**AUGUST 22, 2013 at 6:30 PM**  
at the Havurah House.

The group leads chants during the High Holiday Services and will continue to meet and chant for a month thereafter.

Please join us in chanting!  
*Questions? Contact Emily Joselson at [ejoselson@langrock.com](mailto:ejoselson@langrock.com).*



**Havurah's** *archivist and long time member David Rosenberg recently attended The Jewish Communities of Vermont Leadership Conference. He shares his reflections with us below:* "I am writing to you with a brief report about the "JCVT LEADERSHIP RETREAT" held, Sunday August 11, at Congregation Shir Shalom in Woodstock. Peg Goldman, Ira Schiffer, and I met with about 40 people (including 8 rabbis!) from almost all of Vermont's 19 organized Jewish communities. Our purpose was to brainstorm ideas for a state-wide Jewish community and to begin planning its organization. There already is a nascent organization – JCVT, The Jewish Communities of Vermont, website: <http://www.jewishcommunitiesofvermont.org/> - and an executive director, Susan Leff (Hillel Director at UVM), thanks to the initiative and temporary guardianship of several board members of the Israel Center of Vermont (<http://www.icvt.org/vr.php>).

We came up with a list of things we would like JCVT to do in the short-term and another list of long-term possibilities. Some examples:

**Short-term:**

- JCVT listserv
- Resource guide (print and online)
- Directory (print and online)
- Calendar of events (print and online)

**Long-term:**

- Film festival
- Food festival
- Creative/performing arts festival
- Shabbaton
- Meeting on Interfaith issues
- State-wide tzedakah projects
- Work projects
- Summer camp

The next steps:

1. Susan Leff will send a follow-up meeting summary to all participants and identified Vermont Jewish community leaders and activists (i.e., that's you!)
2. JCVT will also send a formal letter to the leaders of every organized Jewish community in Vermont inviting their participation in JCVT.
3. A meeting will be convened in late fall to set priorities and timetables and to propose a governance structure. All in all, I thought it was a promising start among an extensive and diverse group of Jewish Vermonters (from Lubavitchers to survivalists!) to build a state-wide Jewish community. Please contact me if you would like more information about JCVT."

**David Rosenberg (rosenber@middlebury.edu).**



**The Havurah is delighted to announce our rental partnership with the Aurora Middle School. Our dwindling membership numbers had us looking for additional streams of revenue; this fortunately coincided with The Aurora School looking for a venue to house their newly formed Middle School. With several overlapping families, and our own Danielle Levine a Havurah member who teaches both at the Havurah Hebrew School and the Middle School, our relationship has been strong from the start! We anticipate a mutually beneficial relationship for both the Havurah and the Aurora Middle School. For more information about the Middle School initiative, check out:**

**[http://auroraschoolvt.org/middle\\_school/index.html](http://auroraschoolvt.org/middle_school/index.html)**

The Havurah Newsletter is published monthly-more or less. We welcome contributions; news of family or friends you wish to share, notices of events and books, brief essays or letters. Please send submissions by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month (email preferred ) to : Havurahnews@yahoo.com.

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