



Havurah

The Addison County Jewish Congregation



Our “above the fold” thank you this month goes to all those who made the High Holidays in Middlebury, Vermont a success. To those who schlepped prayer books, transported the Torah, lead the congregation in a reading, opened the Ark, ushered, baked honey cakes, assigned honors and countless other behind the scenes tasks, we say Todah Rabba! And of course, to Middlebury College Associate Chaplain and Havurah Director of Education Rabbi Ira Schiffer who made it all happen. When most of us are busy enjoying the lazy days of summer, Rabbi Ira is busy preparing for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. From delivering provocative sermons to coordinating with Cantor Aaron Mendelsohn, our Hazzan of 21 years, we are so appreciative of all the work and hours of preparation that goes into the High Holidays.

What a wonderful beginning to 5774!!

Hebrew School and Service News

October 7, 2013	Regular Classes
October 14, 2013	Regular Classes (Rabbi's Class Bnai Mitzvah Info Session 5:15)
October 21, 2013	Regular Classes
October 28, 2013	Regular Classes-Special Assembly on Jews in Vermont

October 18, 2013 Aleph Level Friday Evening Service 6:15 PM

October 26, 2013 *Shabbat Services at Hillel 9:30 AM

**Middlebury College student Nathan Weil will celebrate his adult Bar Mitzvah at Hillel, beginning at 9:30 AM at the Jewish Center-Freeman International Center. All are welcome to attend this special Shabbat.*

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!



Would you like to learn or re-learn the Aleph-Bet or practice your Hebrew reading skills? Director of Education Rabbi Ira Schiffer will conduct a Hebrew Skills Workshop on Monday October 14, 2013 and Monday October 21, 2013 from 3:45 PM-4:30 PM at the Havurah House. Please send Rabbi Ira an email at ischiffe@middlebury.edu if you are interested in participating in this workshop.

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Membership

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

Joan Treistman in memory of Charlotte Rettinger

Marty and Merry Lapidus in honor of Joel and Carol Miller's 55th Wedding Anniversary

Max and Lois Kraus in honor of Joel and Carol Miller's 55th Wedding Anniversary

Amy Trubek and Brad Koehler in honor of Katherine's Bat Mitzvah

Kathleen and Timothy McGowan in memory of Charlotte Rettinger

Dina Edelman in appreciation of the Havurah and Hannah Benz

Henry Colwell in support of the Havurah

Carolyn "Cookie" Tager in appreciation of Rabbi Ira Schiffer

Art and Pam Berenbaum in honor of Rabbi Ira for his dedication to the Hebrew School

Rabbi Ira and Linda Schiffer in appreciation for hard work done by The Steering Committee



We welcome into our community new members **Elissa Morton** and her children **Shoshana and Oren**. They moved to Vermont from the greater Philadelphia area as Elissa has assumed the job of Director of Budget and Financial Planning at Middlebury College. **Bill Burger and Susan Greenberg** have joined the Havurah with daughter **Carly** entering the Hey Level Hebrew School Class. The Burger-Greenberg family hails from the greater Boston area. Bill was named the Vice President for Communications at Middlebury College in January 2013. We look forward to getting to know the Morton and Burger/Greenberg Families!!!

We were sad to see the **Weinberg Family** move South this summer....to the Rutland area!! With both **Andy and Sloane** teaching in the greater Rutland region, the move made sense for their family. We will certainly miss **Grace and Jade** and hope that they will visit us on occasion for a Shabbat service or the Hannukah Party. We'll all keep our ear to the ground for luge results as Grace is a member of the Luge Olympic Development Program in Lake Placid and a nationally ranked Junior Champion. We appreciate all that the Weinberg Family did for the Havurah over the years, and wish them the very best of luck!!!



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:

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 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 for additional information.



Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 7:30 PM

Film Screening

"Fill the Void"

Followed by a discussion with

Prof. Robert Schine and Rabbi Ira Schiffer

A devout 18 year -old is pressured to marry the husband of her late sister. Declaring her independence is not an option in Tel Aviv's ultra-Orthodox Hasidic community, where religious law, tradition and the rabbi's word are absolute. For more information, see:

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt2219514/>

Twilight Auditorium

Sponsored by the Program in Jewish Studies
(Aquinnah Fund) and Hillel



**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.

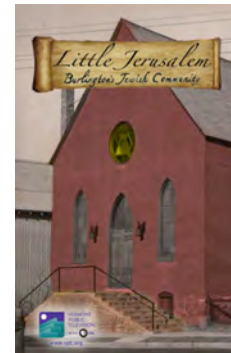
Alan will describe the history of the Louis Gould family from the turn of the 20th century to present day. Like the Lazarus

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.

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Film Screening and Discussion:

Little Jerusalem:

Burlington's Jewish Community

When, in the late 19th century, many Eastern European Jews sought freedom in North America, a core of immigrants from neighboring rural villages, or shtetls, in Lithuania made their way to Burlington, then a bustling lumber port. "Little Jerusalem" became a thriving, traditional Jewish community in Burlington's Old North End from the late 1800s until World War II, and vestiges of its heritage still remain today. Vermont Public Television's Little Jerusalem captures the rich history of this community in archival images and interviews with historians and descendants of the original settlers.

Sunderland Language Center

Room 110

Wednesday, October 2, 2013

7:30 PM

Discussion to follow with Dorothy Dickie, Senior Producer, Vermont Public Television, and Middlebury faculty.



Monday, October 28, 2013 at 4:30 PM

Lecture by Tomer Levi, Ph.D.

Associate Professor and Director of the Brandeis/Middlebury School in Israel

“Jewish Education in Ottoman Beirut: The Case of the Tiferet Israel School, Al-Madrasa al-wataniyya al-Isra’iliyya”

The case of Tiferet Israel, a Jewish school that was founded in Beirut in 1874, falls within the broader subject of the modernization of Jewish education (and generally, Jewish life) in the Middle East in the late Ottoman period. Dr. Levi will speak about this unique school, the reasons for its founding, and its relatively short life-span, placing them within context of colonialism in the late 19th century.

*McCardell Bicentennial Hall 219
287 Bicentennial Way
Middlebury College*

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A huge thank you to **David Girard**, for organizing the Havurah-Middlebury Friends basement clean out. While no one wanted to give up a glorious fall afternoon, our finished task was incredible. The old basement is LITERALLY empty and swept out. It is unrecognizable!! Gone are the toxic chemicals, broken panes of glass and numerous other hazards. The "new" basement under the social hall is swept, organized and clean. Representing the Lodge at Otter Creek we had **Dina Edelman** and **Ruth Gilbert**. They donned masks, grabbed brooms, put on work gloves and carted countless loads into the dumpster. David Rosenberg was instrumental in getting the dumpster filled, while Sam Glaser never seemed to stop moving. Heading up the youth contingency was **Adam Joselson**. Representing the Bnai Mitzvah class were **Caleb Benz** and **Jesse Rubin**, while **Adin Girard** helped with several tasks. **Alan Hewat**, **Emily Joselson**, **Lisa Young** and **Rebekah Irwin** and **Hannah Benz** were the indefatigable worker bees. It's always dangerous to thank folks by name, as I am bound to omit someone, so apologies if anyone was omitted.



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 10th of the month (email preferred) to : Havurahnews@yahoo.com.

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