

חבורה HAVURAH

THE ADDISON COUNTY JEWISH CONGREGATION

Community News

Fall Review 2016

5777 Winter Newsletter

We've been busy at Havurah this fall....



Our Rosh Hashanah Apple Picking event at Happy Valley Orchard was a lot of fun. About thirty of us gathered to enjoy apples & honey and then picked our own apples. We were also joined by a group of about 15 Hillel students from Middlebury College.



Our High Holy Day Food Drive collected over 300 pounds of food for H.O.P.E. in Middlebury.

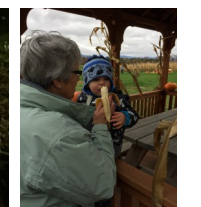
Special thanks to Pam Berenbaum and Ruth Gilbert.



On October 16 we put up the Havurah sukkah. Some of the volunteers worked on constructing it while others made paper chains and decorations. During Hebrew School on October 17 we put up all the decorations, had a brief service and invited anyone who wished to shake the lulav and Etrog. *Special thanks to Pam Berenbaum and Scott Barkdoll for overseeing construction, supplying power tools and coordinating the building effort and to Mark Stefani for providing our schach.*
Thank you to everyone who helped out!



On October 30 several families gathered for our annual Family Fun Day at Lester Farms in New Haven. We made s'mores on mini hibachi grills, explored the corn maze and learned some tips and tricks for carving the perfect Halloween pumpkin. It was muddy but getting dirty was part of the fun!



**CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR UPCOMING
EVENT INFORMATION AT
WWW.HAVURAHADDISONCOUNTY.ORG
AND TO SUBSCRIBE TO
OUR MAILING LIST.**

Community Gathering of Love & Hope, Saturday, December 3rd- See Page 5

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Havurah of Addison County is an inclusive, non-denominational Jewish community serving Vermont towns between Burlington and Rutland including Middlebury, Addison, Waltham, Bristol, Cornwall, Brandon, Bridport, and beyond.

We are unaffiliated and welcome a broad range of traditions. Because our community comprises a rich diversity of Jewish backgrounds and education, we are a volunteer-driven and lay-led congregation seeking to create unique Jewish experiences.

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If you are interested in attending Steering Committee meetings or Havurah's events please contact Emily Joselson at EJoselson@langrock.com.

We are always looking to expand our network of community participants. Havurah could not exist without you! Have some extra time on your hands but don't want to take on too much? Contact Sarit Katzew at HHedDirector@gmail.com. We can find small ways to help!!

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SHABBAT SERVICES FOR 5777

Our Friday evening *Kabbalat Shabbat* services begin at 6:15pm. Our Saturday Shabbat morning services begin at 10am. Please check our calendar and/or website for service dates.

Havurahaddisoncounty.org

Upcoming Services:

Saturday, December 3-
Toldot regular morning service

Friday, December 9-
Hebrew School Led Evening Service

Saturday, December 17-
Vayishlach alternative format service

Friday, December 30-
Chanukah Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, January 7-
Vayigash regular morning service

Saturday, January 21-
Shemot alternative format service

Friday, February 3-
Hebrew School Led Evening Service

Friday, February 10-
Kabbalat Shabbat/*Tu B'Shevat* Seder

Saturday, February 25-
Mishpatim regular morning service

CALENDAR (SUBJECT TO CHANGE; CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES)

ALL EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT HAVURAH HOUSE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Saturday, December 3

10am Shabbat Morning Service— *Toldot*

12:30pm Community Gathering of Love and Hope

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Monday, December 5

3:30pm Hebrew School

Friday, December 9

6:15pm Hebrew School Led Evening Service

Sunday, December 11

3pm Chanukah Cooking Class

More info see page 5

Monday, December 12

3:30-5:15pm Hebrew School

3:45-5pm Chanukah Carnival

More info see page 6

Thursday, December 15

6:45pm Chant Group

Saturday, December 17

10am Shabbat Morning Service— *Vayishlach*

Sunday, December 18

3pm Annual Chanukah Party

Monday, December 19

3:30pm Hebrew School

Mondays December 26 & January 2

HEBREW SCHOOL WINTER BREAK

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, January 29

Community Meeting

Friday, February 10

Tu B'Shevat Seder

Saturday, March 18

HAVURAH FUNDRAISER

HAMILTON PURIM TISH

(21 and over event)

Tuesday, April 11

Community Seder

EVENT SPOTLIGHT:



Chanukah, Oh Chanukah, Come light the Menorah

Sunday, December 18

3-6pm

3-3:30 Craft projects, dreidel playing

3:30-4 Food and drink (latkes and more latkes)

4-5 Klezmer band, singing, Israeli dancing

5-5:30 Candle lighting, more dreidel playing

Latke cooks wanted—Contact Amy Trubek
(atrubek@uvm.edu)

Ken Wolpin is looking for musicians from past Chanukah parties as well as new players to bring lively Yiddish tunes to the party.

Contact Ken at Ken@wolpin.com
(Or 802-324-3173)



ADULT B'NEI MITZVAH CLASS

Havurah is offering an Adult B'Nei Mitzvah class, culminating in a special Saturday Shabbat service in June, 2017. This opportunity is open to women and men, whether you can read Hebrew or not. It is open whether you had a Bar/Bat Mitzvah and want to "renew your vows," or you never had one and would like to have the experience of being formally called to the Torah. It is also an opportunity for study (but not too much!) and learning by meeting together with our Director of Education, Sarit Katzew periodically during the year.

Members of the class will learn to read a few lines from the Torah (don't worry-you will receive a recording of those lines and have plenty of time to practice!). But we also want to be flexible. So, in addition to or instead of reading from the Torah, you could learn a portion of the service, for instance, chanting part or all of the Haftorah portion. The class will focus on what you need to know to read from the Torah, but will also include a focus on other aspects of Judaism.



Your participation in the June service can take on various forms:

- 1: Have an Aliyah, to read a portion of the Torah, along with the blessings before and after the Torah portion.
- 2: If so desired, do the blessings before and after the Haftorah as well as reading a portion of the Haftorah.
- 3: Give a part of the "Sermon" on why we joined the B'nei Mitzvah class and what we learned from it.
- 4: Learn about "life cycle" traditions and customs.

For more information please contact Sarit Katzew at HHedDirector@gmail.com.

We would like to get the class underway as soon as possible so that we have enough time for students to prepare. Please let Sarit know if you are still interested in participating!

DONATE YOUR HOUSEWARES!

In an effort to be both more green and give our community gatherings that "homey" feel we all appreciate, we are collecting houseware items: dishes, cups/mugs, silverware, tablecloths, etc.

Check your basement! Check your attic!
Declutter your kitchen by donating gently used items to the Havurah for use at our future events.

If you would like to donate contact Sarit Katzew (HHedDirector@gmail.com) or simply bring items with you next time you're at Havurah.



IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS

Do you have an idea for a program?

Do you have a talent you can share?

**Is there a program you would like
Havurah to present?**

**Have you seen, or heard, a presentation
that would be perfect for our Havurah?**

**Share your ideas to continue
strengthening our Havurah community.**

**Contact Sarit Katzew
(HHedDirector@gmail.com)
with your ideas!**

Community Gathering of Love & Hope

Initiated by the Middlebury Area Clergy Association

Saturday, December 3rd

In response to recent local and national events we want to facilitate a gathering to express love and hope for our community.

- 12:30pm gather at houses of worship in the Middlebury Area and prepare to walk to the Middlebury Green
- Processions converge on the Middlebury Green by 1pm
- Bring non perishable food, winter clothing items or cash donations to be collected on the Green (These donations will be presented to local organization HOPE)
- Post It Wall—write messages of hope and love (This “Wall” will then create a rotating display around Middlebury.)
- Brief remarks and music
- Join hands in concentric circles and dance to celebrate our strong, united community.

Let us come together and engage in positive actions of love and hope to uplift our community and stand together in solidarity.

This event is open to the public. We encourage participation regardless of religious affiliation. Feel free to arrive at the green without coming from a house of worship.



Chocolate Dreidels

CHANUKAH COOKING CLASS

Sunday, December 11th 3-5pm



Beet Latkes

Come learn some tips and tricks for spicing up your latkes this year!

We'll make classic potato latkes but also a variety of alternative recipes (beet, carrot, vegan).

We'll also explore using the Vermont State Vegetable, the Gilfeather Turnip.

We will also be making chocolate/pretzel dreidels (great activity for kids)!

This class is co-led by Sarit Katzew & David Edleson. Sarit has an extensive cooking background including revamping recipes for local favorite, Noonie Deli, and also operated her own catering company, Savory & Sweet by Sarit, for 5 years while living just outside New York City.

David Edleson is an ordained Reform Rabbi who served as the first Dean of Cook Commons at Middlebury College. He now teaches religion, ethics, and literature at the Community College of Vermont. Before becoming a rabbi, David worked as an under-chef in Atlanta restaurants, and has continued to build his Jewish cooking skills over the decades.

Class will include hands on demonstrations and end with a chance to try what we've made!

Materials fee of \$18 per person. Cash or checks payable to Havurah.

Each participant will also receive a recipe packet.

To Register email Sarit at HHedDirector@gmail.com

HEBREW SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



Sarit Katzew
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If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about our Hebrew School program please contact Director of Education, Sarit Katzew at HHedDirector@gmail.com.

We've had a very busy fall at Hebrew School from Sukkah decorations to Simchat Torah dancing to a new Hebrew Intensive Program and new staff! Welcome Celeste Berenbaum, our new Kitah Vav Class Aide.

The students are engaged and have worked on a variety of projects from making holiday cards to performing special plays for peers and parents.

We're happy to see increased parental participation both in volunteering and attending end of day assemblies. We also welcome two new members to our Education Committee, Sara Kutchukian and Jacob Tropp.

We are looking forward to exciting upcoming programs like our Chanukah Carnival (see below) and field trips like a February visit to Project Independence to spend some time volunteering and giving back to the community.



Students had an opportunity to leave their permanent mark on our Hebrew School this fall.

Parker Chester completed the trunk for our tree mural. She did a great job!

Students added the "leaves" with their handprints as a special beautification project.

Take a look upstairs next time you're at Havurah!

INTENSIVE HEBREW PROGRAM

The new Hebrew Program is well underway and students seem to be thriving! Each week one or both groups are pulled from class to focus exclusively on building their Hebrew skills through games, multimedia and conversational excersizes.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Come support our Dalet Class as they lead Shabbat evening services on Friday, December 9th at 6:15pm.

Students will share pieces they wrote on various prayer themes. We hope to see you there!

CHANUKAH CARNIVAL Co-Sponsored by PJ Library in VT Monday, December 12th 3:45-5pm



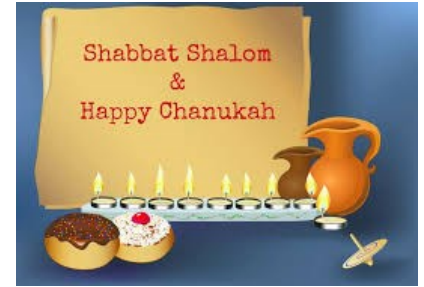
Join us for a fun filled Chanukah Carnival. Post B'nei Mitzvah & Hillel Students along with adult volunteers will be running a variety of stations: Make-Your-Own Chanukiyah, Dreidel Games, Cake Walk and more!

Come enjoy latkes, jelly donuts, chocolate dreidels and gelt!
Guess how many dreidels are in the display jar and win a special prize!

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Feel free to bring your family and friends!.
\$5 suggested donation per person.

Please RSVP to HHedDirector@gmail.com by December 9 so we can plan our set up needs.

Chanukah Kabbalat Shabbat Service Friday, December 30th at 6:15pm



Let us light candles together so that we shine brightly in these dark times!

On Friday evening, December 30, at 6:15pm, come join us for a simple Chanukah candle lighting and Kabbalat Shabbat service led by David Edleson and Becky Gould.

Chanukah reminds us of the importance of light, the importance of organized resistance to oppression, and the always-present possibility of miracles. We know it is the weekend of New Year's Eve and people have plans, but we wanted, particularly given recent events, to have a short, sweet, light-filled service to honor the holiday, lift our hearts, and give us hope.

Please feel free to bring your menorahs, (and candles if you have)! We will have an oneg with latkes afterward (but no pot-luck) so stop by for an hour and enjoy!

Winter Pot Luck Shabbat Dinner Friday, January 13 at 6:15pm At Havurah House (56 N. Pleasant St., Middlebury)



Come enjoy Shabbat Dinner together . Bring a dish to share as we transition from a busy week into a restful Shabbat.

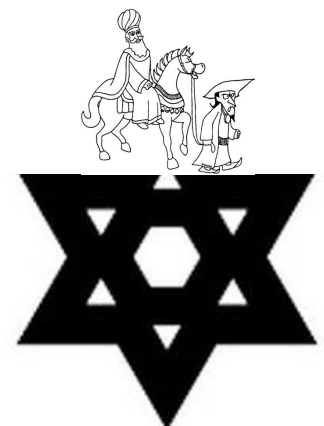
All dishes should be meat OR milk. No pork or shellfish. No nuts.

To RSVP email Sarit at HHedDirector@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE: HAMILTON PURIM TISH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER Saturday, March 18th

Come support Havurah, enjoy fine food & wine and be entertained by performances of Hamilton Parody songs based on the Purim story and History of Havurah.

Invitation & Details to follow



Support Havurah

Havurah is proud to be supported by its members. It is through member generosity that Havurah is able to offer all of the wonderful programs and resources to help build our strong Jewish community in and around Middlebury. A joy shared is multiplied. Consider a donation to celebrate events in your life and in the lives of others. If you wish to make a donation to Havurah simply use the page included in this newsletter or visit the donation page of our website. Every little bit helps build our future together!

TODAH RABAH— DEEPEST THANKS

A contribution has been given to Havurah in honor of Lois Kraus's 85th birthday by the following: Merry and Marty Lapidus, Deanna and Charlie Shapiro, Janet and Fred Greenman, Carol and Joel Miller

Katie Saunders and Jeff Berger in memory of their father, Lawrence Berger.

Pam Berenbaum and Scott Barkdoll have donated a portable wooden bima, built by Scott for Celeste Berenbaum's bat mitzvah. This portable bima consists of an angled riser and surface that can support a Torah for reading. The whole unit can be placed on any table for off-site services .

Ruah Swennerfeit and Louis Cox

Stephen Donadio in support of the Tag Sale

Jean Gonick in honor of her daughter, Katie Saunders

Dianne and Larry Krasnow in honor of Jane Krasnow

Solidarity Donations/Gifts

Tom and Nancy Maxwell

Christopher Ross

Farhad Khan

We would like to thank everyone who has shown their support and solidarity with Havurah in recent weeks through letters, emails, phone calls, Op Eds, Front Porch Forum Posts, Social Media and more.

THE CHALLENGE WAS ANSWERED

Several generous members agreed to match donations made to Havurah during our membership drive. Thank you to everyone who donated and/or matched donations.

Michelle Bayliss
Hannah and Eric Benz

Art Berenbaum

Pam Berenbaum and Scott Barkdoll

Michelle and Alan Chester

Emmett and Stephen Donadio

Cecelia and Murray Dry

Ruth Gilbert

Jodi and David Girard

Emily Joselson and Alan Hewat

Merry and Martin Lapidus

Allice Leeds

Karen and Todd Lefkoe

Laurie Patton and Shalom Goldman

Lois and Max Krauss

Laurie London

Carol and Joel Miller

Maureen and Mitch Pearl

Linda and Ira Schiffer

Martia Schine

Anya Schwartz

Deanne and Charlie Shapiro

Irwin Sharpe

Karen and Jay Straim

Lisa Young and Ron Rubin

Ken Wolpin

As always we sincerely apologize if anyone's donation was inadvertently omitted.

We certainly appreciate any and all support so we can continue to build our thriving Jewish community!

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, January 28th from 4pm-6 pm
"Cultivating the Vitality of Our Havurah"

Please save the date of January 29, 2017 (Havurah House, 4-6) for a gathering at Havurah House to discuss both new and continuing initiatives for making Havurah of Addison County a home, a place of learning and a source of renewal for you and your family and friends.

As we know from recent events, the community we call "Havurah" is diverse, creative and strong in the face of adversity. We also know that we occupy an important place in the interfaith, spiritual life of Addison County and that we are loved and valued within this broader community.

We warmly invite all of you who feel connected to Havurah, — or would like to feel more connected — to join us as we build on earlier conversations and continue to envision what we want our community to look like in the coming years. Our special guest will be Matt Vogel, Executive Director of University of Vermont Hillel who has worked with us in our visioning process and will help to guide our conversation.

We invite anyone who is interested to attend: Havurah members and non-members alike. Tantalizing refreshments will be provided and hope for your tantalizing ideas in return!

More information and RSVP will go out via email closer to the event.

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Donation made by: Name: Address:

Donation Amount \$_____

Designate a Fund (optional):

- ☐ Building Fund/Capital Campaign (building needs/improvements/purchases)
- ☐ General Operating Fund (day-to-day operating expenditures)
- ☐ Lazarus Fund (award for community service to graduating senior at Middlebury H.S.)
- ☐ Hebrew School (textbooks, classroom supplies & activities)

Please send acknowledgment to: Name: Address:

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 ☐ In Memory Of: _____
 ☐ In Appreciation Of: _____
 ☐ Mazel Tov To: _____
 ☐ Speedy Recovery To: _____
 ☐ Other: _____
 ☐ I'd like my donation to remain anonymous

Send to: Havurah PO Box 823 Middlebury, VT 05753 Attn: Treasurer

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING HAVURAH!