

הבורה HAVURAH

THE ADDISON COUNTY JEWISH CONGREGATION

Community News

Winter 2016

5776



NEW KABBALAT SHABBAT/FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE SERIES OFF TO A GREAT START!

The first of a new series of Havurah *Kabbalat Shabbat* and Potluck evenings took place on January 22 celebrating both *Tu b'Shevat* and *Shabbat*. Almost 40 people gathered for this special service led by Rabbi David Edleson and Rebecca Gould.

The combined service and potluck featured a beautiful booklet specially made for the occasion. Music, poetry, chanting and food made for a fun and meaningful experience.



Everyone enjoyed the special mood created and the evening received rave reviews! As a result we will be making this *Tu b'Shevat Seder* an annual staple in our Havurah calendar.

Our new service model consists of adult-centered, spiritually focused, *Kabbalat Shabbat* evenings at Havurah. Our next *Kabbalat Shabbat* in this series will be held on **Friday, March 11 at 6:15pm** with a special focus on music. Please join us for this Shabbat Shira & Potluck. More details to follow in our Constant Contact blasts.



Special thanks to Rebecca Gould and Rabbi David Edleson for leading this wonderful program.

For a complete list of our upcoming ritual offerings please see the calendar on page 3.

SAVE THE
DATE
Gala Fun(d)raiser
& Silent Auction
April 30, 2016
Invitation to follow
Details on Page 7

COME JOIN US!
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR HAVURAH HOSTED
COMMUNITY SUPPER
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Location: Congregational Church
Time: Various shifts between 2 and 6:30pm

We will need food donations, servers and help with set up and clean up.
See page 5 for more information.

If you can join us please contact Jane Steele
ASAP at Jane-Steele@comcast.net

SHABBAT SERVICES FOR 5776

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.

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This winter we lost two beloved Havurah community elders. Please see page 7 for Emily Joselson's moving tribute to Sam Fogel and Dina Edelman who lived truly remarkable lives. *Zichronam Livracha*— May their memories be a blessing.

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.

STAFF

Program & Outreach Coordinator/
Director of Education.....Sarit Katzew
Gimmel Class Teacher.....Rachel Edwards
Gimmel Class Aide.....Sophie Saunders
Hay Class Teacher.....David Sandler
Hay Class Aide.....Shoshana Tieyah

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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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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



We are excited to have these new additions to our Community.

Leslie Caer Amadora
Kian

Ann Eileen Baker

Elizabeth Ginsberg & Karl Diller

Katie & Chris Kramer
Anna, Ethan

Owen & Margaret Rogal

Karen & Jay Straim

Barbara & Julie Tatkon-Kent
Kendra

Rabbi David Edleson & Timothy Lanier Owings

Rebecca Kneale Gould

Be sure to introduce yourself to our new members at Havurah events. We strive to make everyone feel welcomed and included!

Please join us
Saturday, February 13
6:30pm
For a Havdalah Potluck
at Havurah House

Bring a delicious dish to share!
Details to follow.



2016 CALENDAR (SUBJECT TO CHANGE; CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES)

ALL EVENTS TAKE PLACE AT HAVURAH HOUSE UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Monday, February 1

3:30pm Hebrew School
5:15pm *B'nei Mitzvah* Class

Saturday, February 6

10am *Shabbat* Morning Service
Followed by *Torah* Study Discussion led by
Rabbi David Edleson

Sunday, February 7

4pm Playgroup

Monday, February 8

3:30pm Hebrew School
5:15pm *B'nei Mitzvah* Class

Friday, February 12

4:00-6:30pm Havurah hosted Community Supper at the
Congregational Church in Middlebury

Saturday, February 13

6:30pm *Havdalah* Potluck

Monday, February 15

NO HEBREW SCHOOL OR *B'NEI MITZVAH* CLASS

Wednesday, February 17

7pm Steering Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 18

6:45pm Chanting Group

Saturday, February 20

10am *Shabbat* Morning Service

Sunday, February 21

4pm Playgroup

Monday, February 22

3:30pm Hebrew School
5:15pm *B'nei Mitzvah* Class

Friday, February 26

6:15pm *Kabbalat Shabbat* Service led by
Hebrew School *Hay* Class

Saturday, March 5

10am *Shabbat* Morning Service

Sunday, March 6

3pm Havurah Hangout: Learning Jewish Ways of Mourning

Monday, March 7

3:30pm Hebrew School
5:15pm *B'nei Mitzvah* Class

Friday, March 11

6:15pm *Shabbat Shira Kabbalat Shabbat* & Potluck

Sunday, March 13

4pm Playgroup

Monday, March 14

3:30pm Hebrew School
5:15pm *B'nei Mitzvah* Class

Thursday, March 17

6:45pm Chanting Group

Saturday, March 19

10am *Shabbat* Morning Service

Sunday, March 20

4pm Playgroup

Monday, March 21

3:30pm Hebrew School
5:15pm *B'nei Mitzvah* Class

Friday, March 25

6:15pm *Kabbalat Shabbat* Service led by
Hebrew School *Gimmel* Class
Shushan Purim

Monday, March 28

3:30-4:30pm Hebrew School
4:30-5:15pm Purim Carnival
5:15pm *B'nei Mitzvah* Class

March Steering Committee Meeting TBA

SPRING SAVE THE DATES:

More information to follow in the Spring Newsletter

April 3rd– Havurah Hangout: Passover Dessert Cooking Class

April 23rd– Havurah Passover Community Seder

April 30th– Silent Auction & Fun(d)raiser

May 2nd– Hebrew School *Yom HaShoah* Program

May 8th– Hillel/Havurah *Shoah* Remembrance Program



WATCH OUR PROGRAM & OUTREACH COORDINATOR ON MIDDLEBURY 5-0 WITH CHRIS MASON



Our Director of Education/Program & Outreach Coordinator Sarit Katzew was invited to sit down with Officer Chris Mason for his local access TV show on Middlebury Community Television. The show's premise: Knowing our neighbors makes for a stronger community. After interviewing Sarit, Officer Mason had this to say:

“The bright and innovative Director of Education and Program & Outreach Coordinator of Havurah talks about her role in the organization. Sarit shares her enthusiastic vision for the future, providing services and a broad array of programming to the diverse Jewish community - and energetically building connections within the wider community. Her expansive and welcoming view of Havurah and of Judaism is uplifting, and her positive energy is deeply engaging.”

You can watch Sarit's full interview on the MCTV website by going to Middleburycommunitytv.org, and a link will be sent out in an upcoming Constant Contact email blast.

PUTTING OUR COMMUNITY MEETING IDEAS INTO ACTION

Thanks to everyone who attended our vibrant Community Meeting & Dessert Potluck on November 12 where, among other things, we discussed our visions and hopes for Havurah's future.

Back by popular demand are our Havurah Hangouts, introduced just last year. Starting in February we will be holding Havurah Hangouts one Sunday every other month at Havurah House. We will implement the ideas that came from the community meeting, as well as your new ideas. The Hangouts will be led by the Havurah Community, so share your knowledge, your talents, your whims, and your passions. We are looking forward to trying out "club" ideas (such as book, film or mah jongg groups). Or just come and hang out!



On the alternating months, we will have a special *Kabbalat Shabbat* service, which began with our lovely *Tu b'Shevat Seder* and Potluck. These services are generally adult focused and seek to provide an alternative to our regular ritual program. Some may be “themed”, with a focus on meditation or music— like the upcoming one on Friday, March 11— *Shabbat Shira*. If you have thoughts about what you would like to experience for *Kabbalat Shabbat* please contact Sarit Katzew (HHedDirector@gmail.com).

The first Hangout will be our “Jewish Ways of Mourning Workshop” (see page 5) on Sunday, March 6, led by Rebecca Gould. Next, on April 3, Sarit Katzew and David Edelson will teach a Passover Dessert Cooking Class. Havurah Hangouts are designed to be a space -- a Sunday afternoon -- filled with a wide variety of events for our community to lead and participate in, intellectual, spiritual, social, or physical. Please contact Sarit Katzew (HHedDirector@gmail.com), or any member the Implementation Committee (Emily Joselson, Lauri London, Ruth Gilbert, David Edelson, Becky Gould and Sarit Katzew) with ideas.

A CARING JEWISH COMMUNITY

In response to our inspiring Community Meeting this past November, we are exploring the formation of a group of volunteers to serve as a "Hesed Committee" providing support to Havurah members in times of joy and sorrow. In that spirit we are offering programs to help us feel more comfortable in assuming that role, starting with our March 6 Hangout.

If you are interested in joining our Hesed Committee please contact Rebecca Gould at rkg3sheep@gmail.com



Learning Jewish Ways of Mourning

Sunday, March 6th

3-5 pm

It is never easy to mourn someone whom we have lost, but Jewish laws of mourning offer comfort, ease the pain, and help us reach acceptance over time. Many of us have expressed interest in learning more about Judaism's rich traditions of response to death, loss and grief. Our ritual practices express reverence for humankind and respect for the dead, providing concrete ways to work out grief while demonstrating our love for the deceased. For many of us, leaning on these traditions must also be a creative act that fits who we are and the diverse communities (religious and otherwise) to which we, our friends, and our family members belong. Come share, and learn more. Those with particular interest may decide to keep learning, and perhaps form a core group to reach out when our community is in need. The hope is to form smaller targeted groups to pursue more specific topics relating to *Hesed* and Pastoral Care. But even if you just want to learn more about this rich Jewish tradition, come join us.

A Constant Contact blast will go out in the coming weeks with some optional readings and resources to help participants prepare for our discussion.

COMMUNITY SUPPER

FEBRUARY 12

At The Congregational Church

The time is nearing for Havurah's turn at hosting the Community Supper. We are serving Goulash family style in crockpots at each table— A new concept and way to interact with our guests!

We are in need of the following volunteers:

- Help with cooking at approximately 2pm
- Set up at 4pm (tables, drinks, bread)
 - Servers/hosts at 4:30pm
- Kitchen/cleanup 5:00-6:30pm

Meal items needed

ANY PORTION THERE OF:

- 24 jars of spaghetti sauce
 - 26 pounds of elbow noodles
 - 50 pounds of Hamburg
 - 16 dozen cupcakes (Valentine's Day decorated)
 - Apples (Amy & Brad)
- (Bread and salad will be provided)

Please let Jane Steele what know what you would like to contribute. Donations also accepted.

(jane-steele@comcast.net or 802-349-9754)

Thank you all for your help in providing a warm meal to members of our community.

HAVURAH WINTER FOOD DRIVE



Continuing for the month of February we are collecting non perishable goods to be donated to H.O.P.E.

Please drop items off in the Havurah House lobby or you may leave items on the Havurah House porch on any Monday before 6pm.

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.

HEBREW SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



*Sarit Katzew
Director of Education
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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.

Our vibrant Hebrew School program is well underway for the year and the students are thriving! Hebrew vocabulary, music, crafts, Holiday customs, and Torah stories are just a few of the many topics our teachers have covered through fun activities, games and worksheets. The students really enjoy the wide variety of weekly assemblies and the increased focus on Hebrew literacy.

Our teachers, Rachel Edwards and David Sandler, bring their wealth of Jewish knowledge and creativity to making sure class time is both fun and educational. Their respective aides, Sophie Saunders and Shoshana Tieyah, are tremendously helpful in their supporting roles.

Our new Director of Education, Sarit Katzew has been instrumental in creating a safe and fun yet appropriately challenging environment in which students can learn and strengthen their Jewish Identities.

Parent volunteers are also key to our school's success. Beyond providing weekly snacks and orchestrating transportation, these dedicated parents help out with events and often participate in or even lead our weekly assemblies.

Thank you to all those helping build our future!



Lisa Sausville leads a special Tu b'Shevat assembly.



Our students had a great time at the Chanukah Carnival! Dreidel Games, Trivia, Crafts, PJ Library Storytime and Chanukah Bingo had the kids excitedly rotating through the various stations. Delicious latkes and jelly donuts were a great way to round out the event.

On Friday, February 26th at 6:15pm our *Hay* Class will lead *Kabbalat Shabbat* Services.

Come support our Hebrew School students! We'll welcome Shabbat together with prayers, poetry and music and learn about the weekly Torah portion with a special theatrical presentation following the service.



Oneg to follow.



HEBREW SCHOOL HAND MURAL

This spring the Hebrew School students will have a chance to leave their mark! In an effort to brighten up our school space we will be creating a tree mural on the upstairs hallway wall with the kids hands acting as the leaves.

This is sure to be a messy and fun way for the kids to become a lasting part of our Hebrew School program. We'll announce once it's completed so you can come by and see it for yourself!

LOOKING AHEAD: SAVE THE DATES

HAVURAH PLAYGROUP

Our playgroup meets twice a month on Sundays from 4 to 5pm. At Havurah House
56 N. Pleasant Street in Middlebury.

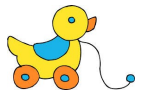
Ages currently range from 10 months to 2 years old but all children under 3 are welcome.

Children are encouraged to play freely with a variety of toys and games aimed at increasing fine motor skills and positive social interaction. Music is also a big part of our playgroup and ranges from classical selections to favorites like Itsy Bitsy Spider!

Questions? Contact facilitator Sarit Katzew at HHedDirector@gmail.com

Playgroup is free and open to the public. You do not need to be a Havurah member in order to participate!

Upcoming dates: February 7 & 21, March 13 & 20



Jude Stein & Rowen Turo love playing together at playgroup!



HAVURAH HANGOUT COOKING CLASS: PASSOVER DESSERTS Sunday, April 3rd 2-5pm

Love to cook? Want to learn some new skills and tips?

Join us for a special cooking class focusing on some excellent Passover desserts. If you're looking to expand your Pesadic repertoire to include more than just fruit or macaroons then this is the perfect class for you.

We'll have recipe packets with lots of flour free alternatives and we'll make a few confections (including chocolate avocado truffles!) during our time together.

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 living in Lincoln, VT with his partner Tim and his standard poodle, Proust. Having 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. Each participant will also receive a recipe packet. To register please contact Sarit Katzew at HHedDirector@gmail.com.

GALA FUN(D)RAISER & SILENT AUCTION APRIL 30

Please join us for this social evening and enjoy putting bids on goods and services while sampling an array of drinks and h'ors d'oeuvres.

If you would like to donate a service (i.e. trap shooting lessons, dinner for 6, gardening help, etc.) or a product (knitted hat, beautiful dish you are not using, etc.) we would love for you to participate.

More information to follow.

Questions? Contact Emily Joselson at
ejoselson@langrock.com

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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. Please continue to support Havurah. If you wish to make a donation to Havurah simply use the tear off at the bottom of this page. Every little bit helps build our future together!

Thank you to the following people who supported Havurah in recent past.

Mitch and Maureen Pearl
David and Jodi Girard
Peg Goldman
Anya Schwartz
Steering Committee — *Refuah Shleimah for Hannah Benz*
Jorge Martin
Henry & Cynthia Dogin
Harry Colwell In appreciation from the Friends
Cookie Tager In honor of Rabbi Ira

In support of our Spring Art Project

Emmie Donadio	Merry and Marty Lapidus
Karen and James Harris	Sam and Sharon Glaser
Dina and Rob Irwin	Pam Berenbaum
Sara Kutchukian	Lois and Max Kraus
	Mike and Judy Olinick

In appreciation of High Holiday services

Norman Cohen Abby Shyavitz

In honor of the baby naming of Rowen Turo

Dina Edelman Emily Joselson

Aaron Mendelsohn in memory of Sam Fogel



Donation made by: _____ 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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- ☐ I'd like my donation to remain anonymous

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



Remembering Our Loved Ones



Judaism has a rich tradition surrounding the loss of loved ones. At Havurah we support our community members through these difficult times. Over the past month we as a community have gathered together to honor the memory and celebrate the lives of two extraordinary people:
Sam Fogel and Dina Edelman.

As a special way of honoring their memories, we share the excerpt below from a *D'var Torah* Emily Joselson gave at Havurah's *Shabbat* morning services.

Recently we lost two very special people in our community: Sam Fogel and Dina Edelman. Both lived blessedly long, rich lives. Both remade themselves over years, many times over, and both clearly made names for themselves.

Sam, son of a long line of rabbis, chose his own spiritual path. Born in Lithuania, he moved to Montreal with his family, and thence to California and Vermont. He became a social worker, a husband and father. He was a retiree. A dog lover. A social activist. Sam was an indefatigable writer and scholar. As his family said in his obituary, he was “a seeker and most holy heretic.” Like his rabbinic forebears, he thrived by asking questions – particularly, how each of us can act to our fullest capacity spreading compassion for humanity. He lived independently to the ripe age of 96, celebrating life every day. He left his mark profoundly, on so many people.

Dina, with her family, fled Germany and the only life she knew when she was not much more than 12. She learned American ways. She studied math and accounting, and although she never was able to graduate from college, she worked in accounting all her life. She was a devoted wife and mother. An invaluable member of her synagogue, she also worked passionately for Hadassah. She remade herself again when she moved to Vermont, fully integrating herself into her new community. She joined Havurah, lending her voice to our worship services as well as volunteering for committee work and attending community gatherings. She took classes at the college, and even shared her experiences with students. In retirement she helped seniors with their tax filings. When she received her diagnosis, at age 93, she faced her terminal illness with strength, courage and dignity. Although the progress of her illness was swift, she spent her last days surrounded by love.

Certainly, times of such loss prompt us to revisit eternal questions -- what is life, what gives lives meaning, and how do we remember and honor those who have passed? So, as we remember Sam & Dina, let's consider that life presents us with an endless opportunities to remake ourselves, in small & big ways. At each juncture, as we make choices about how to live our lives, where to put our efforts, how to treat others, whether to step up, or step aside, we are making choices about who we are. In this way we are making names for ourselves, by which we'll be remembered.