### Havurah



The Addison County Jewish Congregation

#### **Havurah Community Seder**

Todah Rabbah!!!



A huge thank you to all those who gathered at the Havurah House on March 26, 2013 for the Community Seder. Whether you roasted shank bones, helped clean-up tables, collected contributions at the door, or made kugel or



Haroset, YOUR efforts made the Community Seder a reality. A special nod to Jodi Girard who made all the moving pieces fall into place, and to Ken Wolpin and Danielle Levine who co-lead the seder.



The Havurah is looking forward to Bnai Mitzvah season! Starting with Sophie Lefkoe's Bat Mitzvah on April 13, 2013 we'll have three simchas this Spring. Ethan Sausville will be called to the Torah on May 4, and on June 1 we will celebrate with Katherine Koehler and her family on the occasion of her becoming a Bat Mitzvah. While all of our Shabbat services are meaningful and represent a wonderful time for our community to gather together in worship, the Bnai Mitzvah services are particularly special. Sophie Lefkoe's Bat Mitzvah on April 13, 2013 will be held at the Town Hall Theatre, 10:00 AM. All are welcome to join the Lefkoe Family as they celebrate this simcha.

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#### **Hebrew School and Service News**

| April 1, 2013  | Regular Classes-7 <sup>th</sup> day of Passover |
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| April 8, 2013  | Regular Classes                                 |
| April 15, 2013 | Regular Classes                                 |
| April 22, 2013 | NO HEBREW SCHOOL-ACSU VACATION                  |
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| April 13, 2013 | Shabbat Services, 10:00 AM-Sophie Lefkoe Bat Mitzvah                     |
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| May 4 2012     | Town Hall Theatre Shahbat Sawigas, 10:00 AM, Ethan Sayavilla Ban Mitayah |
| May 4, 2013    | Shabbat Services, 10:00 AM-Ethan Sausville Bar Mitzvah Havurah House     |
| June 1, 2013   | Shabbat Services, 10:00 AM-Katherine Koehler                             |
|                | Bat Mitzvah  |
|                | Havurah House  |

**Regular Classes** 

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



**April 29, 2013** 

Lag Ba' Omer is a minor Jewish Holiday that falls between Passover and Shavuot. "Lag" is a combination of two Hebrew letters, lamed and gimmel, whose numerical value is 33. Lag Ba'Omer is the thirty third day between Passover and Shavuot. Lag Ba'Omer celebrates the revolt of Simon Bar Kokbha, a Jewish rebel leader against Rome. There is also belief that there was a plague that killed several of Rabbi Akiva's students, and on the 33rd day of the Omer, the plague ceased. In modern Israel, Lag Ba'Omer is celebrated with bonfires, parties, plays and games.

#### 2012-2013 Education Committee

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We note with sorrow the passing of our member Esther Lowy. Esther and Elie Lowy had moved to Middlebury in the Summer of 2012 and we had enjoyed getting to know them at Rosh Hashana services at Mead Chapel, and at the Havurah Hannukah Party. A native of Belgium, Esther Lowy left Belgium at the time of the Second World War, and made her way to the United States via Cuba. Together Esther and Elie raised their family in New York, and moved to Vermont from Montclair, NJ. We extend condolences on behalf of the Havurah to Esther's husband Elie, daughter Michele Lowy, son-in-law Barnaby Feder, two grandsons and a granddaughter. May the Lowy-Feder Family be comforted with the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.



On Thursday, March 7, 2013, Theatre Kavanah performed a staged reading of Chaim Potok's classic book <u>The Chosen.</u> By all accounts, the evening was a tremendous success. Emily Joselson reports that sales of chicken soup and baked goods raised \$133.00 for our Tzedaka Fund, and provided extra goodies for Community Lunches/Suppers:

A thank you to Hannah Benz, Lois Kraus, Karen Lefkoe, Linda Schiffer, Linda Goldstein, Peg Goldman, Danielle Levine, Sara Kutchukian, Alice Leeds, Dayle Kellner, Karen Guttentag, Marita Schine, Maureen Pearl, Debra Sharpe-Lundstead, Judy Olinick, Carol Miller.We hope to enjoy more Theatre Kavanah productions in the future. For more information visit <a href="http://theatrekavanah.org">http://theatrekavanah.org</a>, or on Facebook at TheatreKavanah.

GIFT SHOP

The Havurah makes several hundred dollars a year through your shopping dollars! If you go to the Havurah website (addisoncountyhavurah.org), and click on the left blue box "Gift Shop", you will be able to shop at amazon.com, Judaism.com, and cafepress.com and Havurah receives a commission for your purchase.



### The Jews in America: Past and Future Sunday, April 14, 2013, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

In the spring of 1988 the late Arthur Hertzberg delivered the inaugural Hannah A. Quint Lecture in Jewish Studies, on the topic "Jewish and Arab Nationalism: A Battle of Two Rights." Now, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Hannah A. Quint Lectureship in Jewish Studies, we invite you to participate in the 25th Anniversary Quint Symposium, a rich afternoon of lectures and dialogue with a distinguished group of speakers. We will take stock of the situation of American Jewry and inquire into its future, focusing on four essential factors in Jewish life: the status of Jews as a minority, the changing relationship of American Jews to Israel, the role of gender and family in the transformation of Jewish culture, and what it means to "join" a community altogether.

View an accompanying exhibition at the Davis Family Library featuring rare books, manuscripts, and photographs portraying Jewish life and learning at Middlebury College. Opening April 12, 2013: The Jews at Middlebury: Past and Present.

McCardell Bicentennial Hall 216 Middlebury College Middlebury, VT 05753

Speakers:

Professor Riv-Ellen Prell
University of Minnesota
"Women, Men, and Families: the Axes of Jewish Cultural Change"

Professor Ted Sasson Middlebury College/Brandeis University "American Jews' Changing Relationship to Israel"

> Professor Stephen Whitfield Brandeis University "The Place of Jews in American Society"

Rabbi Michael G. Holzman Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation "The 'Joining' Paradigm and the Future of Communal Life"



## The Havurah Calendar

The community supper schedule has been changed, and Havurah will be serving the Middlebury Community Supper on *May 17, 2013* not April 12 as previously announced. Please save the date. More information to follow regarding the menu and specific help needed.

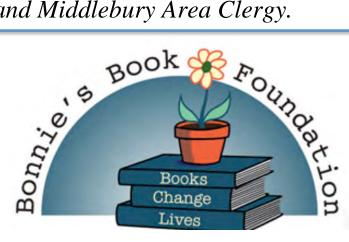
#### Yom Ha'Shoah (Holocaust Memorial Day) Commemorative Service

#### Sunday, April 7 at 4:00 p.m. in Mead Chapel

This year's service will again feature selections sung by the Middlebury College Choir. The service is co-sponsored by Hillel, Havurah, the Scott Center for Spiritual and Religious Life, and Middlebury Area Clergy.



The Hey Class Service has been rescheduled for *FRIDAY NIGHT MAY 17, 2013*. While the Hey class will be participating in the service, all members of the community are encouraged to attend the Kabbalat Shabbat Service, the weekly service where we welcome the Sabbath with song and prayer.



#### **Bonnie's Book Foundation**

(www.bonniesbooks.org), a small non-profit children's literacy organization, run locally by Havurah member Amy Graham, is partnering with the Hebrew school to provide books to kids in need. We are hosting a children's book drive to collect new and gently used books for children of all ages, from board books to young adult. We will then "rehome" the books during a large summer reading distribution to children in Vermont at the end of the school year. Stay tuned to the newsletter for details!



## 2013 Havurah Fun(d)Raiser Saturday Evening May 18, 2013.



This casually-elegant, adults-only, party features wines and champagne for sipping, yummy hors d'oeuvres and desserts for munching, and soft music and twinkling lights for ambience. Nonmember friends are heartily welcome, too. To raise funds for Havurah, we will charge admission at the door.We'll also have an array of wonderful items for our silent auction (donated by you, our members, and others). We welcome all donations, including hand made crafts and such, but especially service items -like brunch and the NYT, or a challah a month for a year, delivered to the winner's door)!So, please save the date! May 18, 2013, 7-11, and email Dayle Klitzner (daylek@gmavt.net) or Emily Joselson (ejoselson@langrock.com) if you'd like to help us in any way. Our Fun(d)raiser Committee starts meeting now -- and it is always fun.

# The Havurah Calendar

#### SPRING BNAI MITZVAHS

Sophie Lefkoe- April 13 Ethan Sausville-May 4 Katherine Koehler-June 1

Mazel Tov to the Lefkoe, Sausville and Koehler/Trubek Families!!!

The John Graham Shelter provides food, shelter, housing, and hope to homeless individuals and families from around Vermont. The Shelter has been operating for thirty-two vears but in recent vears we have moved beyond simply offering shelter, to providing client centered housing opportunities in a service rich environment. We have been notified that the John Graham Shelter is in **DESPERATE** need of diapers (Sizes 3-4 are best) and toilet **paper**. If you are able to drop either diapers or toilet paper off at the Havurah House, our Tikkun Olam Team will see to it that your donation finds its way to the shelter. Thank you very much!!



Bridport's Iron Chef, Adin Girard, uses props to explain some of the Passover symbols at the Havurah Hebrew School Model Seder on March 18, 2013.

Education Director Rabbi Ira Schiffer leads the Model Seder. Each class is excited to share a skit, poem or dance as the Jew's Exodus from Egypt is retold.





David Sandler, teacher of the dynamite Dalet class, worked with his 9 and 10 year old students to teach Passover customs from around the world. We learned that Iraqi Jews use lemon juice instead of salt water, and Moroccan Jews beat each other (gently) with scallions to reenact the suffering of the slaves in Egypt.

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  $10^{\rm th}$  of the month (email preferred ) to : Havurahnews@yahoo.com.

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