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From Rabbi Brian Walt

Dear Friends,

One of the most important classes in my rabbinic training was “Seasons of our Joy,” a class on the Jewish holiday cycle, taught by Arthur Waskow. Arthur taught us his creative and brilliant understanding of how the Jewish holidays incorporated both the lunar and solar calendars and his own insights into new meanings for the holidays.

He explored with us how we might renew the spiritual and political meaning of the holidays for ourselves and for our congregations. The assignment for the class was to write a new ritual for a holiday. We developed a Jewish ritual for Thanksgiving that highlighted the experience of Native Americans, a Tu B’shvat seder and public event that addressed the danger to our environment and a few of us wrote a new haggadah for Pesach that used the format of the haggadah to tell the experience of Israelis and Palestinians, highlighting efforts for understanding, atonement and reconciliation. It was published in a book called the Shalom Seders.

I am thinking about the class now because I so appreciate Arthur, who has been a dear friend and teacher of mine, and a person who has made an incredible contribution to the renewal of Judaism in our own time. He also sends out emails almost every day (or at least it feels like he does) and at age 84 is engaged in civil disobedience every few weeks, doing everything he can to resist the forces promoting injustice, sexism, racism, inequality and environmental degradation that threaten us all at this moment.

I am also thinking about the class because this newsletter includes information about Hannukah. Hannukah is a great example of a holiday that has assumed new meaning in our time. Undoubtedly, this is because of the proximity to Christmas. Despite this or because of this, Jews have found new spiritual and political meaning in Hannukah. We have reclaimed Hannukah as a day about the renewal of light as we approach the winter solstice. We light small little candles as our world gets darker and darker - small little candles of joy and hope. We have reclaimed its meaning as a holiday that celebrates miracles by focusing on the miraculousness of our lives and the miracles that occur our lives every day, morning evening and afternoon, as it says in our siddur (prayerbook). Drawing on the words of the haftara for Hannukah, “not by might, nor by power, but by spirit alone,” some of us have reclaimed Hannukah as a day to celebrate the power of nonviolence and nonviolent resistance to injustice. And some of us have found deep meaning in the story told by the rabbis about the small container of oil that lasted for eight days as a call for us in our time to find sources of light and power that are not dependent on fossil fuels. These are just some of the exciting ways in which Judaism is evolving in our time.

Hannukah was a relatively minor holiday in traditional Judaism but today it is one of the most important sacred days in our calendar. A similar process is evolving in relation to Tu B’shvat the holiday of the trees which is also a relatively minor holiday in traditional Judaism. Today Jews see Tu B’shvat as a profound opportunity for us to treasure the blessings of mother earth and as a holiday to strengthen our resolve to fulfill the obligation to be stewards of the

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earth. We have renewed the custom of the Tu B'shvat seder as a time to focus on the challenges we face in our own time.

Arthur has played a major role in this emerging, new understanding and practice of Judaism.

I love the Jewish cycle of Shabbat and holidays and I love the way in which we are all engaged in shaping the present and future of Judaism. Judaism has always evolved and it has always been a religion that celebrates new meaning making about everything: prayers, sacred days, sacred text, sacred values. The rituals of sacred days - Shabbat and the holidays - constitute a deep cyclical, spiritual practice that can change our lives. It helps us to be fully present to the passage of life.

Just this morning, I met with a couple whose wedding I did a year ago. One of them told me that although she never thought she would light Shabbat candles, she and her partner, both doctors, find themselves drawn to do this ritual and find it to be a very centering and helpful part of their overly busy lives.

I feel so grateful to Arthur for his role in opening up this new Judaism for all of us. And, I wish you and us the opportunity to find meaningful ways of celebrating the "Seasons of our Joy." As we move towards winter, maybe you will, if you don't already, take on the celebration of Hannukah and Tu B'Shvat as profound ways to respond to changes in the natural world that inspire us to be more present, to live joyfully and to assume the responsibility we have to bring love, justice, compassion and peace into our lives and into the world.

I look forward to seeing you on my visits in November and December.

Shefa Brachot, May it be a time of abundant blessing for you and for all,

Shalom,
Rabbi Brian

Shabbat and Holidays

שבת וחגים

Friday, Nov 2, 6-7:30 p.m. Intergenerational Shabbat

Friday, November 9, 7:30 p.m. Kabbalat (Welcoming) Shabbat (see below)

Friday, November 10, 10 a.m. Shabbat morning service led by Rabbi Brian (see below)

Bar Mitzvah: Caleb Milles-Robinson, son of Beth Milles and Dean Robinson

Friday, November 16, Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:15 Dinner, 7 pm service

Joseph wasn't the only dreamer in the Torah. Enjoy an early Shabbat dish-to pass dinner and learn about Jacob's dream through the eyes of our Bet-Gimel (grades 2-3) students! Cantor Abbe Lyons and the class will lead songs, prayers and Torah study.

Friday, November 23 *No services scheduled*

Friday, December 30 Led by Elliot Rosenberg

Friday, December 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Chanukah celebration (see below)

Saturday, December 8 Shabbat morning service led by Rabbi Brian (see below)

Bar Mitzvah: Obie Smolenski, son of Alita Howard and Karl Smolenski

Friday, December 14 Kabbalat Shabbat - Led by Annie Wexler and Tony Gaenslen

Saturday, December 15, 9:30-11 a.m. Shabbat morning service - Led by Miranda Phillips

Friday, December 21, 7:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat

December 28 or January 4 *No services scheduled*

NOVEMBER 9-10 SHABBAT TOLDOT

Friday November 9, 7:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service

Followed by conversation on "Democracy, Jewish Values, the Elections"

Caleb Milles-Robinson, son of Beth Milles and Dean Robinson, who will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah

this Shabbat, will lead parts of our Kabbalat Shabbat service. The service will include joyful music (led by Marnie O'Shae and Lauren Korfine), heartfelt prayer and reflective, and silent meditation. The parshe, Toldot, begins with the words, "these are the generations/birthings (toldot) of Jacob." It is the beginning of the complicated story of Jacob, Rachel and Leah, and their family, a story that includes deceit and conflict, truth and reconciliation. Rabbi Brian will offer a short reflection on how the Torah understands that love, conflict, trauma and resilience is passed down from one generation to the next in both personal and social/political contexts. That is what the portion of Toldot (birthings and generations) is all about.

This will be the first Shabbat service following the midterm election, an event that will have consequences for future generations. Following the service, those who wish, will join together with Rabbi Brian to discuss "Democracy, Jewish Values and the Elections."

We will share our responses to the election and how democratic values and Jewish ethical/spiritual values were reflected or not in the election.

Saturday November 10 Shabbat Morning Service and Bar Mitzvah of Caleb Milles

8:45-9:30 Silent Meditation and Chanting with Rabbi Brian

Please note early starting time!

This is a special opportunity for some quiet reflection and contemplation to begin Shabbat morning. Rabbi Brian shares a kavvanah (spiritual intention and teaching) followed by a niggun (wordless melody) and short period of silent meditation. No prior experience with meditation or chanting, is necessary, just a willingness to be quiet and listen to what is in and around you. We invite you to try it out. Please plan on arriving a few minutes before 8:45.

10:00 – 12:15 Shabbat Morning Service

Caleb Milles-Robinson will be called to the Torah in honor of his Bar Mitzvah. The Torah portion, Toldot, tells the story of how Jacob with the help of Rebecca, steals the final blessing from his father. Caleb will explore the meaning of this poignant and challenging story and invite us all to reflect on its meaning for us.

12:15 p.m. Kiddush/Lunch

DECEMBER 7-8 SHABBAT MIKEYTZ, SHABBAT HANNUKAH, ROSH CHODESH & OBIE SMOLENSKI'S BAR MITZVAH

This Shabbat is a celebration of the convergence of Shabbat, Rosh Chodesh Tevet (the first of the Jewish month of Tevet) and Hannukah. In addition, it is Human Rights Shabbat, the Shabbat before International Human Rights Day on December 10!

And, Obie Smolenski, son of Alita Howard and Karl Smolenski, will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah! An abundance of joy and celebration. Join us!

Friday, December 7, 5:30-7:30 pm Candle Lighting Service and Latke Party

Join us for a magical night of Shabbat and Hanukah light and joy. Bring your own chanukiyah/ menorah and candles and help us fill our sanctuary with light. We will all light candles for the fourth night of Hannukah, followed by the Shabbat candles.

In the candlelight, we will sing songs, tell stories and think about eat latkes and think about how we can bring the light of love, justice and human rights for all into our world. Please join us for family-friendly and fun service, followed by a fun latke party with dreidels. Obie Smolenski, who will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah, will lead parts of the service.

The candle lighting will begin at 5:30 p.m.. Please come 10-15 minutes early to set up your menorahs with candles.

Saturday, December 8**8:45-9:30 am Silent Meditation and Chanting with Rabbi Brian****10:00 – 12:15 Shabbat Morning Service**

Obie Smolenski will be called to the Torah in honor of his Bar Mitzvah. The service will include a lot of singing to celebrate Hannukah, Shabbat and Rosh Chodesh Tevet. Obie will explore the meaning of Hannukah and of his Torah portion, Mikeytz, that continues the story of Joseph and his brothers. He will invite us all to reflect on its meaning for us. We will also chant and read the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a prophetic vision (haftarah) of our time.

Co-Presidents' Words**דברי הנשיא**

Warm, bright greetings to all of you, as we enter the cold and dark time of the year here in Ithaca! We were so happy to see so many of you at the High Holidays. We both feel so blessed to be part of this special community, and it always feels like magic when we are all together at High Holiday time. Every single person who was in the room at the Hangar contributed to that magical feeling, and whether you sang, read, helped with tasks, or simply came with your good intentions, your presence was felt and appreciated.

You have probably all received your membership renewal letters in the mail by now, and we hope very much that you will renew your membership and your heart commitment to TVO.



We invite you all to reflect on whether this year feels like a year in which you might like to become more involved at TVO.

That will mean different things to different people, of course, but maybe this is the year you sign up for a few extra Each For All slots, or attend a few more services or events (and bring a friend!), or consider joining a committee. Our congregation is as vibrant as the amazing people who make it so, and you are one of those people. So consider yourself emphatically invited to shine your light on a committee or at a Shabbat service or Purim party!

This year holds many exciting possibilities for our community. Our fantastic strategic planning committee is in the process of helping the Board to get more in touch with our membership. One of the ways that will be happening is through a member survey. If you haven't already, you will soon be receiving an email with a link to a survey asking how you feel and what you think about a variety of TVO-related things. Please please please take the time to complete the survey. Your perspective and opinions really matter to us and will be important for us to hear as we turn our attention to the future of the congregation.

With abundant thanks for the part you play to lift up our community,
– Lauren and Shira



Religious School

בית ספר תיקון ואור

This year at Religious School we have many amazing things planned! Our first day of class will be Sunday, September 16. First, meet our teachers:

Gan and Kitah Alef כיתה א (K/grade 1) were welcomed at our Simchat Torah celebration.

They've made the letter Lamed out of Legos, and shook a lulav. They've also made the letter Bet out of blocks!

Kitah Bet/Gimel כיתה ב/ג (grades 2/3) made shoe box sukkot, asked and answered many Big Jewcy Questions, and with found natural objects from the TVO lawn! They've also been talking about what makes a story from the Torah "true."

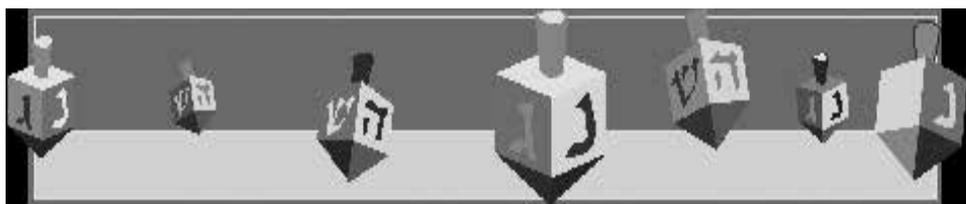
Kitah Daled/Hey כיתה ד/ה (grades 5/6) made popsicle stick sukkot. They've been talking about why they are here (at Religious School) and what the words Tikkun (healing/repair) and Or (light) mean, and how slime (that gooey sticky stuff) is like learning about Judaism!

Kitah Vav/Zayin כיתה ו/ז (grade 6/7), drummed their Hebrew reading review. Hebrew reading is like practicing any instrument or sport -- it takes practice! They were very attentive listeners to our guests Simone and Cecile Jeruchim, who were just their age when their world changed, in France in the 1940s.

During RUACH (spirit!) with Marne, students learned to sing V'samachta and Ufros Eleinu (Here in Ithaca...), and had opportunities to shake a lulav, smell an etrog, make decorations for the TVO sukkah, make a "local lulav," with plants found here, and use the word "sameach" (happy) to say both chag Sukkot sameach (happy Sukkot) and yom huledet sameach (happy birthday). At our October farbrengen with Rabbi Brian, we learned midrash about Naaama, Noah's wife, the collector and keeper of all species of plants, a true *tzedek* (righteous person).

On November 11 and December 9 we will meet again with Rabbi Brian for a *farbrengen* (gathering). Parents are encouraged to join us from 9-9:45 a.m.

More information is coming soon about our January 6 program with Temple Beth-El!



Teens v'Or

Teens v'Or got off to a great start by meeting with our new youth group advisor, Tali Abraham, and having some pizza while discussing plans for the year. They are planning on a movie night, Chanukah party, challah baking, Escape room, chocolate seder, shul-in/shut-in, and more! Next program: **Movie Night on Saturday, November 3.**

Contact Tali at <aabraham@ithaca.edu> for more information.

Membership & Welcoming Committee

ועד החברות

Welcome to new TVWO members:

David Robinson

Judy Lieblein

Matthew and Catherine Muskin and baby Cecilia

The best way to support Tikkun v'Or is by becoming a member!

For more information contact Sharon Ziegler 607- 272-0680 <ziegler.sharon@gmail.com>

Intergenerational Shabbat**Friday, November 2, 6-7:30 p.m.**

Families with young children, people who like to be around young children, and people of all ages are all welcome to this short and playful intergenerational service. We'll start at 6 p.m. with a veggie/dairy potluck dinner, followed by Shabbat songs, prayers, and stories (with PJ Library books).

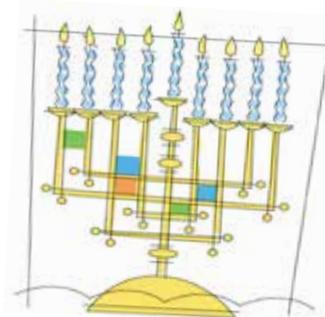


CHANUKAH PARTY!

Friday, December 7

5:30-7:30 pm

**Bring a veggie/dairy dish to pass;
TVO will provide latkes and applesauce and sour cream!**



Please join us in the simcha

As our son

Obadiah

Becomes a bar mitzvah

Saturday December 8th, 2018

10:00am

- Alita Howard and Karl Smolenski

Please join us in the simcha

as our son

Caleb

Becomes a bar mitzvah

Saturday, November 10, 2018

10 a.m.

Beth Milles and Dean Robinson

“2.5 Minute Ride” at Kitchen Theatre Wednesday, December 5

Come join us for a “2.5 Minute Ride”

TVO and Temple Beth-El have teamed up for an upcoming production of the one-woman show, “2.5 Minute Ride,” by Tony Award winner Lisa Kron (“Fun Home”).

Flip through the Kron family archives—from the annual Ohio amusement park vacation to the father-daughter journey to Auschwitz to see where his parents were killed – as one woman takes on the big things, the little things, and the unexpected ironies that tie them all together. From playwright Lisa Kron comes an unexpected tragicomedy about coming to terms with where – and who – you come from.

Join us on the fourth night of Hanukkah for a one-hour reception before the show, starting at 6:30 p.m. Using the code TEMPLE25, you can order reduced price tickets directly from the theatre for \$25 (regular price is \$39). Curtain time is 7:30 p.m., with a talkback with director Zoe Golub-Sass following the production.

Subscribers can change their tickets to this night by emailing – exchanges@kitchentheatre.org --or calling the ticket line at 607-272-0570. Call there to purchase your tickets!



Dinner and Movie November 17 and December 15

Autumn Greetings! The days are getting shorter and the evenings darker. You know what that means: It's time for a Tikkun v'Or tradition: Dinner And A Movie.

Aron Gutman has kicked off the season with *Genghis Cohn* in October, and on November 17 we will watch *Bethlehem*, the 2013 film of “the story of the complex relationship between an Israeli Secret Service officer and his teenage Palestinian informant. Shuttling back and forth between conflicting points of view, the film is a raw portrayal of characters torn apart by competing loyalties and impossible moral dilemmas, giving an unparalleled glimpse into the dark and fascinating world of human intelligence.”

Join us on December 15 for *Dough*, when “an old Jewish baker struggles to keep his business afloat until his young Muslim apprentice drops cannabis in the dough and sends sales sky high.”

As always, we will gather at 6:30 p.m. for a shared meal provided by yours truly. A modest donation is requested to help cover expenses.

Here are the planned dates for the rest of the season: January 19, February 16, March 16

Looking forward to sharing Dinner And A Movie with you. Contact Aron at [<gutmanik@gmail.com>](mailto:gutmanik@gmail.com) for more information.

Many Thanks

רב תודה

Thanks to:

- Recent service leaders: Judy Saul and Carol Shama;
- Recent oneg hosts: Faith Rogow and Mihal Ronen;
- Ann Wexler for leading the Shabbat in the Park service, along with Corinne Stern and Lauren Korfine, and Peter Silberman for blowing the shofar;
- Anne Bussard for leading Selichot services;
- Miranda Philips for leading Shabbat morning services;
- Shira Reisman, Nico Tedayan, and Anne Brous for leading Intergenerational Shabbat;
- Thanks to Aron Gutman for organizing and cooking for Dinner and a Movie;
- Thanks to our Shabbat in the Community hosts: Peter Silberman and Jen Kagan, Sarah Rubenstein-Gillis, Corinne Stern, Sharon Ziegler, Moriah Tebor Shaw and Brian Cutler, Sara Schaffzin and Tommie Blecher; and thanks to Peter for organizing this program;
- Volunteers for the weekend services in October: Abby Thomas, Laurie Willick, Allison Anderson, Alita Howard and Obie Smolenski, Lisa and Hope Machlin, Tamar Kushnir and Ariel Blanchard, Marne Oshae, and Beth Cohen; and Lauren Korfine, Denice Cassaro, Sara Schaffzin, Tziona Szajman, Judy Saul, and Harriet London;
- Thanks to Tony Dior Gaenslen and our guests from France, Simon and Cecile Jeruchim, George Crochet, and Annick Davy -- for sharing their stories with us at presentations on Friday night, at Religious School, and on Sunday afternoon.
- Thanks to our sukkah builders: Shawn Murphy & Logan, Beth Milles, Caleb Milles-Robinson, Pierre, Peter Silberman, Jen Kagan, Liesel & Drew Margolin & Lionel & Quincy, Diana Baker Jason Warshof & Eli, and thanks to Steve Hoffman for the corn stalks for schach;

High Holidays at Tikkun v'Or require the help of many people. We are grateful for everyone's help. We hope we have not left anyone off this list. If so, we apologize in advance – please know that your work did not go unnoticed!

- First, we thank Rabbi Brian Walt for leading our beautiful services;
- And thanks to Lauren Korfine and Shira Reisman for their congregational leadership;
- Special thanks to the Adam Zonder, Kate Garcia and Harrison Foster at the Hangar Theatre for providing us with such a perfect space and making sure that everything ran smoothly;
- Special thanks to Marne OShae Kamp for her amazing leadership of Azameyra, the TvO songleaders, Jeff Bercovitz, Lauren Korfine, Tamar Kushnir, Richard Rosenfeld, Lise Rosenfeld, Karen Wyatte, Corinne Stern, Sara Schaffzin, along with Will Fudeman.

Many thanks also to:

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- Shlichey tzibor; Miranda Phillips and Richard Rosenfield
- Coordinating Yizkor names: Nomi Talmi

- Judy Saul and Miranda Phillips organizing readers and honors;
- Torah readers: Noa Shapiro-Tamir, Peter Silberman, Lise Rosenfield and Dave Tedeyan;
- Haftorah reader: Faith Rogow;
- Gabbai: Patti Jacobson;
- Shofar blowers: Peter Silberman, Ann Bussard, Max Rubenstein-Miller, Richard Rosenfield;
- Kol Nidre music: Chris White (cello) and Jeff Bercuvitz (vocal);
- Sharing original poetry: Fran Markover
- Isaiah Challenge speaker: Dr. Nia Nunn
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- Jyoti (Jodi Kessler) for leading yoga;
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- Diana Levy and Bruce Fabens for setting the bimah and providing flowers, and for housing the rabbi;
- All the many readers, greeters, candle lighters, those who came up for Torah honors, honey cake bakers, break-the fast cooks, and all those who helped and participated in so many ways!



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צדקה

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 Community) for grants benefitting the Religious
 School, especially the scholarship fund.

WHAT TO DO WITH THOSE LEFTOVERS FROM THE ONEG?
 DINNERS OR PARTIES?

No Need to Eat Them All!

Clean food is welcome

at the Friendship Center (618 W. State St. across from Kinkos)

Monday - Friday 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM phone 273-6684

Outside of those hours, call the shelter
 at 273-9177 to arrange to deliver food.

Mazel Tov

מזל טוב

Mazel tov to Adina Wilensky on becoming a bat mitzvah on October 6!

Feeding the Hungry: Machil Re'avim מאכיל רעבים

Tikkun v'Or helps the Rescue Mission Friendship Center provide 30,804 meals a year, by making 60 lunches for the 4th Thursday of each month.

Thanks to Melissa Enns and Louis, Sue Merkel & Joe Yavitt, Paul, Dorothy, & Samuel Debbie for making lunches for the Friendship Center in August. And thanks to Harriet London for additional financial support.

Thank to Sue Merkel, Joe Yavitt, the Tousevard/Milstein family, Dorothy Debbie, & Nina Cummings for making lunches in September

To help with lunches in **November or December** please contact Dorothy Debbie at dorothonetwork@gmail.com or 272-3893. Families welcome!

For those of you who would like to help out but can't come make the lunches, you can still contribute financially by donating to the TvO Feeding the Hungry Fund to used to reimburse the person who buys the supplies.

ALSO: TvO congregants staff the **Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard** food pantry on the **fourth Tuesday of every month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.** at the Salvation Army building on Albany Street. We need a few people willing to act as substitutes when one or more of the three regular volunteers are not available. For more information or to volunteer, contact Judy at jasaulny@earthlink.net or 607-279-1406.

Tribute Cards

Tribute cards have been sent:

To: Lisa Machlin & Family
in memory of Paul

From:
The Willick/Zentner Family
The Feldman Family

To Carol Resnick and Debra Gertz,
in memory of Shay Resnick-Gertz:
From: Suzanne Aigen

To Adina Wilensky,
in honor of her becoming a bat mitzvah
From Ann Wexler and Tony Gaenslen

To Rabbi Brian Walt,
in memory of his sister Annette

From:
The Willick/Zentner Family
Robin and Ed Dubovi
Karin Suskin and Chris Sperry
Annie Wexler and Tony Gaenslen
Suzanne Aigen
The Feldman Family
Beth Cohen
Sherry Altman

*Tribute cards are an easy way to acknowledge lifecycle events
(simchas, yahrzeits, memorials, expressions of appreciation and thanks),
while reinforcing our community connections, and supporting our financial needs.*

Each card sent is a donation to our synagogue.

For more information, contact Sherry Burford at <sherry@tikkunvor.org> or at (607) 319-4982.



CONGREGATION TIKKUN V'OR

OPEN HOUSE



Sunday, November 11, 2-4 pm
At 2550 N. Triphammer Rd, Ithaca

Learn about Tikkun v'Or
from Rabbi Brian Walt and Board members.

Enjoy refreshments
and our beautiful view of Cayuga Lake.



Bring a friend— Families welcome

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Come to the

good food.
great community.

Table

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Thursday, November 29th

Hosted by Congregation Tikkun v'Or

2550 N. Triphammer Road, Ithaca

Please Bring a Vegetarian/Dairy Dish-to-Pass

Neighbors Getting to Know Neighbors

Dinner is FREE & All are Welcome!

Co-Hosted by
Lansing Cub
Pack 48



Members of the Lansing Community and Interfaith Communities of Greater Ithaca
Invite You to Open Up Your Heart, Meet New Friends and Share a Dish to Pass Meal.
If time or budget make the "dish" a hardship, please just be our guest!



Interested in co-hosting? Want more information? Contact: AdultMinistries@LansingUnited.org



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Ithaca Area United Jewish Community

Honoring Our Past, Shaping Our Future

Over the years, since the founding of the State of Israel, the organization we now call the *Ithaca Area United Jewish Community* has grown from a group that collected funds to help the new Jewish state, to a group with broad interests that focus as deeply on our own local community as they do on the needs of Jews around the world. Our four pillars are:

- **Supporting a Thriving Local Jewish Community** through educational and cultural programming, and through direct financial support of our numerous local organizations.
- **Engaging the Next Generation** through camperships, PJ Library, support of B'Yachad Preschool and the two Hillels.
- **Caring for Jews in Need Locally and Globally** through our connections with larger national and international Jewish organizations (Jewish Federation of North America, Joint Distribution Committee and ORT).
- **Supporting a Vibrant Israel** – supporting social service programs that help those with needs ranging from food to education to job training and more through these larger national and international partners (JFNA, JDC and ORT).

IAUJC makes it simple to support the programs of your choice which represent a broad spectrum of interests. Please note that on our envelopes and website, you may designate your contribution to help the specific cause(s) that most appeal to you. These options range from supporting our local Jewish organizations, to sending children to Jewish camp, to helping elderly Jews in need in Tbilisi, Georgia, who are assisted with food, medicine and other needs, as well as at-risk youth in Dimona, Israel, who attend the Lunch N Learn after school program.

When we join together, our efforts can make a real difference. Additional gifts are specifically needed this year in our general “local” fund so that we can meet the growing needs of the local educational and religious organizations that make up our diverse area.

Wherever we are lending our support, it is to help Jews here locally and all around the world, to create vibrancy and opportunity.

Come join us at our next community event - Mitzvah Day on Sunday October 21st. Please look for the invitation in our end-of-year mailing.

Sincerely,
Marjorie Hoffman & Marcia Zax
Campaign Chair Board Chair

ACT (Area Congregations Together) MULTI-FAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE
 Sunday, November 18 3 p.m., at Temple Beth-El (402 N Tioga St)
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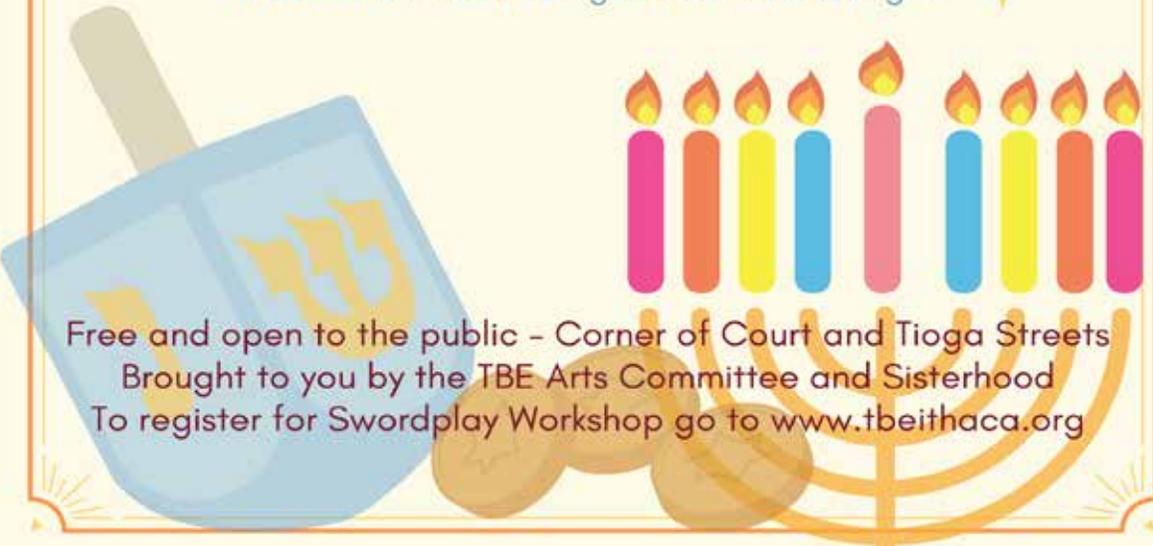
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Hanukkah Festival

Sunday, December 2nd, 11am to 3pm

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12:00: Maccabee **Swordfight** Demo with Jacob and Jennifer Lehman
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 12:30 - 1:30: **Paper Snowflake Art Workshop** by
www.papersnowflakeart.com (small fee includes supplies and patterns)
 1:30 - 3:00: Free Craft Activities for All
 2:00 - 2:30: From Jerusalem of Gold to Hallelujah, **Carmel Tadmor**
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Tikkun v'Or November 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 28 Religious School 9 am - 12 pm | 29 | 30 | 31 Halloween <i>No midweek class</i> | 1 | 2 Intergenerational Shabbat 6-7:30 pm | 3 <i>Chayei Sarah</i> |
| 4 Davlight Saving Time ends Religious School 9 am - 12 pm | 5 | 6 Election Day <i>Building use: Lansing elections</i> | 7 Vav/Zayin class 4:30-6 | 8 Rabbi 11/8-11/13 | 9 Kabbalat Shabbat Rabbi Brian | 10 <i>To'lot</i> Shabbat morning Chanting & Meditation 8:45-9 Service 10 am Rabbi Brian Walt Bar Mitzvah: Caleb Milles-Robinson ... |
| 11 Veterans Day Religious School 9 am - 12 pm <i>farbrengen</i> Open House 2-4 pm | 12 7-8:30 pm Adult Education with Rabbi Brian | 13 Exec mtg 7-9 | 14 Vav/Zayin class 4:30-6 | 15 <i>Building Rental</i> 6:30-8:30 pm | 16 Shabbat service led by Cantor Abbe and be'g'mel students 6:15 dinner / 7 pm service | 17 <i>Vayetzeh</i> Dinner & a Movie <i>Be'leheim</i> 6:30 pm |
| 18 Religious School 9 am - 12 pm | 19 | 20 | 21 No classes | 22 Thanksgiving Day | 23 No services | 24 <i>Vayishlach</i> |
| 25 No Religious School | 26 | 27 TVO Board 7-9 | 28 Vav/Zayin class 4:30-6 | 29 Interfaith Dish-To-Pass 6-8 pm | 30 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm <i>Elliot Rosenberg</i> | 1 <i>Vayishev</i> |

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 25 No Religious School | 26 TVO Board 7-9 | 27 Vav/Zayin class 4:30-6 | 28 Interfaith Dish-To-Pass 6-8 pm | 29 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm <i>Elliot Rosenberg</i> | 30 Vayishev | 1 |
| 2 Hanukkah (5779) (Chanukah) begins at sundown Religious School 9 am - 12 pm | 3 First day of Chanukah Hanukkah (5779) (Chanukah) | 4 Vav/Zayin class 4:30-6 | 5 Rabbi 12/6-12/11 | 6 Kabbalat Shabbat / Chanukah celebration 5:30-7:30 pm Rabbi Brian | 7 Miketz Shabbat morning Chanting & Meditation 8:45-9 Service 10 am Rabbi Brian Walt Bar Mitzvah: Obadiah Smolenski | 8 |
| 9 Religious School 9 am - 12 pm <i>farbrengen</i> | 10 7-8:30 pm Adult Education with Rabbi Brian | 11 TVO Board 7-9 | 12 Vav/Zayin class 4:30-6 | 13 Building Rental 6:30-8:30 pm | 14 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm Ann W & Tony G | 15 Vaygash Shabbat service 9:30-11 am Miranda Phillips Dinner & a Movie Dough 6:45 pm |
| 16 Religious School 9 am - 12 pm | 17 | 18 Vav/Zayin class 4:30-6 | 19 Lunches for the FC | 20 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm Led by Peter Silberman | 21 Vayeshei | 22 |
| 23 Christmas Eve | 24 Christmas Day | 25 New Year's Day | 26 No classes | 27 No services scheduled | 28 Shemot | 29 |
| 30 New Year's Eve | 31 | 1 New Year's Day | 2 | 3 | 4 No services scheduled | 5 |

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