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Israel Trip

The NVHC Clergy are currently investigating the possibility of an Israel trip during Winter Break 2017. If you have interest in the trip, please email our clergy assistant, Sheri Ross, sheri@nvhcreston.org.

Yizkor

Tuesday, April 18th,
 8:00 a.m.

Perspective *By Rabbi Michael G. Holzman*



PURIM: LAUGHING AGAINST TYRANNY

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And why all this joy and playfulness? The overarching message—survival against persecution—is not so different from *Chanukah* and *Pesach*. We are in the season of the old joke about Jewish holidays. They all mean the same thing: They tried to kill us, we survived, let’s eat. But unlike *Chanukah* and *Pesach*, which have familiar rituals like blessings and candles and

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Perspective *By Cantor Susan Caro*

SPRING CLEANING FOR THE SOUL

It is the night before 1st seder. . .we have thoroughly cleaned the house.



I have been cooking madly, and my kids are so excited for the family that will be arriving the next evening for our *seder* celebration - the smell of matzah balls, the sweetness of *charoset*, the sting of the *maror*, even that first taste of matzah (though they are not so excited for the second taste). Already, we darken the house; we are walking around to search for the last crumbs of *chametz* by candlelight, with a feather and a wooden spoon. The air is charged with anticipation. We recite: “All the *chametz* that is in my possession (*r’shut*), which I did see or did not see and which I did remove or did not remove, let it be nullified and become like the dirt of the earth (*afra d’ar’a*).”

We know that this is not a magic formula that actually turns *chametz* into dust; rather, in fact, it is a Talmudic legal recitation to renounce our ownership of any *chametz* still found in our own homes, our own lives, so that it will no longer have any value to us. Our intentional actions and words change not its nature, but its worth and significance.

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DRAWING ON OUR TEENS FOR INSPIRATION

By Rabbi Jessica Wainer

The past few months, I have watched our Tamid (8th-12th grade students) work tirelessly on this year's *Purim shpiel*. While I won't reveal the theme of the *shpiel*, I will tell you that it includes that traditional story of Purim presented in a very non-traditional way. From start to finish, this has been a process completely guided by the thoughts and opinions of our teens. Yes, Adam, and our Tamid teachers, and I, have been there to facilitate and support the process. However, our teens have really been the ones who have taken charge, from concept to creation, including writing the script, making the costumes, and blocking the scenes. I am really looking forward to watching our teens present this for the rest of the Kehillat Limmud community on **Sunday, March 12th**, as a part of our *Purim* celebration.

I share this story for two reasons. First, is that I am proud of our teens for the way in which they were able to take an abstract concept and create something real and tangible. Teens know their strengths and weaknesses. They know in which activities they do and do not enjoy participating. During a project like this, everyone was able to play to their strengths. Those who enjoy writing and acting were able to help create the script and act as characters in the *shpiel*. Those who are not comfortable with acting took roles as stage crew, creating costumes, and helping to envision the behind-the-scenes creative aspects. Our teens took this work seriously, knowing that they were creating a project that would be shared with the whole community. Just as much as I am proud of them, I want them to be proud of themselves.

The second reason that I share this story with you is because it speaks metaphorically about one way in which we need to begin to think about learning and education. Jewish education is much bigger than the topics we teach. It is about allowing students and families to have a role in helping to create an educational environment that is innovative, engaging and educational, all at the same time. This is the driving force

behind the Design Process task force. This task force was born out of the Design Process listening sessions that we completed earlier this year. Using the feedback and insight that we gained from Kehillat Limmud and Tamid families, this task force will work to come up with recommendations for how we can best provide the highest level of educational opportunities for our families of all ages.

Working together with the task force, we are thinking about the aspects of our program that have been and continue to be successful, as well as the aspects of our program that we believe could use some new energy. From there, we will think about how to reinvigorate these programs over the course of the next few years in order to provide the highest level of Jewish education to our entire community.

This is an exciting process, and I am excited that we are thinking together as a community about the future of Jewish education. Our teens, through taking on projects such as this year's *Purim shpiel*, have already taught us how the passion and drive of our students can lead to exciting results. Now it is time to use that passion and drive to see what we can create together for our entire community. ♦

Inclement Weather Closings

Sundays: If you signed up for Remind, you will get a text letting you know of the closing. You can also check: <http://wtop.com/closings-and-delays/>.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays: We are not strictly following the Fairfax County Public Schools this year. For information on whether we have closed, please check <http://wtop.com/closings-and-delays/>. If you signed up for Remind, you will also receive a text via Remind, letting you know of any school closing. ♦

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A PASSOVER GREETING

By Kay Menchel • President, Board of Trustees

The philosopher Thomas Carlyle wrote: “Long stormy spring-time, wet contentious April, winter chilling the lap of very May; but at length the season of summer does come.” Well, he was from Scotland, so I hope our April will not be quite so cold and stormy, but I’m writing this at the end of January, and summer seems very far away, indeed.

April in the USA usually heralds the start of baseball season, and although it’s not unheard of to have snow on opening day, there is at least the promise of glorious sunshine and heat! We also usually celebrate Passover in April; this year the first seder will be on Monday, April 10th. Passover is probably my favourite Jewish holiday (having Chanukah latkes at the seder would definitely make it top of my list); I did not grow up Jewish, and attending a seder was the first Jewish thing I ever did. It was such a warm and welcoming experience that it had a huge impact on my decision to convert to Judaism.

Over the years I have hosted and attended many seders – some small, some huge (200 people at my

husband’s parents’ country club, and it was my children who asked the four questions in Hebrew for the benefit of everyone in the room. I thought my in-laws might actually burst with pride that night). Some of the seders have been informal; a potluck, and one year, a hastily put together “something like a seder” when our travel plans collapsed. Some of them have been elegant affairs, but every single seder has been a joy. It is a celebration of our shared heritage whether we are born into it, marry into it, or choose it. It is a time of inclusion when we reach out to the stranger and to the needy and ask them to be at our seder table so that they do not have to be alone. It’s a time to reflect on our values, to make new friends, and to reconnect ourselves spiritually to our Jewish life. It may also be a time to remember how much you *really* don’t like gefilte fish. That last one may only apply to me.

So, even if we get Scottish-style weather this *Pesach*, I hope that your seder will be a source of warmth and comfort for all of you. L’shalom. ♦

The Confirmation Class of 5777

Invites you to join us for a Confirmation service, as we celebrate the giving of the Torah, and affirm our commitment to the teachings of Torah and our Jewish heritage.

Rachel Cunningham
 Josh Dornfeld
 Noah Fenster
 Danielle Kranzberg
 Jordan Levin
 Sari Levine
 Ally McCue

Josh Mehlenbeck
 Killian Quirk
 Samuel Shapiro
 Max Strauss
 Ellie Van Beuren
 Sara Vavonese
 Emily Wesoky

1 Sivan, 5777
Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation
 1441 Wiehle Avenue • Reston, Virginia 20190

The service will be followed by an oneg reception in the NVHC Social Hall.

5,000 MITZVOT

NVHC members are both creative and caring! Here are some of the many *mitzvot* submitted toward our goal:

Congregants are busy **calling and visiting elderly relatives**. One person is a volunteer **driver for people to/from medical appointments**. Did you know that NVHC has a core group of volunteers who **regularly mentor students at Forest Edge Elementary School**? Another congregant has **organized a group of recent widows** so they can

plan for activities they can do together. All are making the world a kinder place. Thank you!

Don’t delay! Let us know the good deeds *you* are doing today at 5000-mitzvotacts-of-kindness! ♦





Preschool

LOOK AT THOSE PUNIMS!

By Cindi Drake • Director, Early Childhood Education

This is the third year for our *Punims* class, and it's bigger and better than ever. We have eighteen children, ages 0 - 5 who, along with parents, caregivers or grandparents, meet on various Sundays in the Preschool throughout the school year. Michelle Allo, a Preschool alumna, has taught this class right from the beginning, and has developed the program into something really special for the children and the parents.

The greatest benefit of this program is that it allows young Jewish families to get to know each other. Some have older children in religious school, and this gives them something to do with their younger ones during that time. Some have babies, and *Punims* gives them an opportunity to meet other people with young children. We have some who attend the preschool, but many do not. And sometimes they graduate from the *Punims* class into our Preschool, as well!

Although Michelle, with parents' help, has activities and projects planned for the children, there is ample time to enjoy the coffee and nosh we provide. The children always have a Jewish-themed craft to bring home, usually a snack they help make, story time with Michelle, and music with Nell or Lucy.

We have many returning children – some have been in the class for all three years. That, and these pictures, speak to the success of *Punims*! ♦



Sukkot



January



Playground



Punims



Michelle



Painting

Todah Rabah

The Preschool Wishes to Thank. . .

Sisterhood, for again sponsoring the Preschool's One Man Band Program. Many thanks to all my sisterhood "sisters" who helped make challah for the Tot Shabbat Weekend of Nourishment challah braiding event!

And to **Sheri Ross**, my office mate who did the same. Thank you all!!!

Audrey Hill, for a filled Tzedakah can. **Elena Amster**, for a filled Tzedakah can. **Zachary Ruytenbeek**, for a filled Tzedakah can.

Tot Shabbat

COME GET THAT SHABBAT FEELING!

March 4th and April 1st, 9:00 a.m.

Meet us in the multi-purpose room for this lively Shabbat morning service designed just for young children (up to age 5) and their families (including older and younger siblings). Miss Nell (Hirsch), NVHC's children's music specialist, leads the service. We sing, we dance, we pray, and we learn a little Torah with the Rabbi or Cantor.

After our service, Cindi Drake, our Director of Early Childhood Education, engages the children in a fun activity or craft. Our Oneg is a time for all to enjoy each other's company – our old friends and our new ones.

We hope you and your children will be there to share it. ♦

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT EVENT CALENDAR

By Adam Zemel • Youth Activities Coordinator

12th grades: **March 4th at 6:30 p.m.:** NoVTY Havdalah and Hang. Do you have friends who are curious about why you spend so much time at NVHC? Jewish or not, feel free to bring a guest to this event, where we will explore Havdalah to close out Shabbat, play some games, and eat. Email Adam@NVHCReston.org to RSVP.

5th-6th grades: **March 5th after KL:** Jewish Music, Pizza, and Synagogue Scavenger Hunt! We are inviting 5th and 6th graders to join us after KL for some singing with Cantor Caro, a lot of pizza, and a fun scavenger hunt that will have you scouring the Temple looking for clues! Email Adam@NVHCReston.org to RSVP.

3rd-6th grades: **March 19th at 3:00 p.m.:** Jump Party at Rebounderz Sterling! Come to Rebounderz to enjoy an hour of jump time, free games at the arcade, and a pizza party! Cost is \$25.00. Email Adam@NVHCReston.org to RSVP

***8th-12th grades: TheVent, NFTY MAR's biggest New

Member event of the year, will be hosted by our neighbor, Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church, Virginia, on **March 24th-26th**. This is a great way to give NFTY a try or get re-involved without traveling far! Visit midatlantic.nfty.org to register and learn more about NFTY.***

8th-12th grades: NFTY Spring Kallah, **April 20th-23rd**. Join NFTY for a weekend at Camp Harlam! Registration will open soon!

***5th-8th grades and more **May 7th:** Let's Go Camp! Join us after KL for a "looking forward to camp" program for our 5th-8th graders *and their siblings*. Enjoy some good food, tie-dye and other fun activities. (This event is being co-hosted by NFTY and the URJ—registration details will be on our website soon. *Open to anyone who is looking forward to summer break, not just camp folks.*)

***7th-12th grades: **May 13th:** End the year right with NoVTY's National Zoo Photo Scavenger Hunt! Keep an eye out for details and RSVP to Adam@NVHCReston.org. ♦



Brotherhood Bachman Award

BROTHERHOOD NAMES 2016 MARC BACHMAN AWARD RECIPIENT

By Bruce Johnson • Brotherhood President

NVHC Brotherhood has named **Robbie Miller Kaplan** as the 2016 recipient of the Marc Bachman Award for her work organizing and leading NVHC's Caring Committee. Together, with other members of the committee, Pamela Berg, Karen Forman, Nicki Halterman-Mitchell, and Mary Ann Ressin, the committee coordinates assistance for NVHC families dealing with challenges like bereavement, illness, and the birth/adoption of a child. They work with more than 75 NVHC members to provide meals, transportation, and visits depending on the needs of the individual family. Robbie brought personal experience and business acumen to the committee's development. Having experienced personal losses and written books on talking with people who have experienced loss, Robbie worked to develop an organizational structure, operating procedures, and channels of communication, as well as training for volunteers – right down to recipe cards for easy meals to be made for congregants in need.

Robbie is a prolific author of books and blog posts, principally on careers. Her work that may be best known in the NVHC community is her ninth book, *How to Say It When You Don't Know What to Say* (2004), a guide for talking with people enduring trying times. Robbie and her husband, Jim Kaplan, are active, long-time members of NVHC. Their daughters Samantha Wiegand and Julie Kaplan became *b'nai mitzvah*, and were confirmed at NVHC. Samantha also serves on the Board of Trustees. Their other two children, Aaron and Amy, died in infancy.

The Marc Bachman Award was established in 2003 to honor the memory of the late Marc Bachman. It is presented each year to recognize NVHC members who, through their commitment to the synagogue and their personal attributes, reflect the qualities and high moral standards of Judaism. Choosing one individual to honor each year is no easy task, and it is with great pride in all of NVHC's volunteers that we present the award to Robbie Miller Kaplan, on **March 24th, 8:00 p.m.** ♦

Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah



Jeffrey Kogan March 4th

Jeffrey's Bar Mitzvah Project is the weekend meals for Forest Edge Students.



Evan Harris Gould March 18th

Evan's Mitzvah Project: an ice mentor for NOVA Coolcats Special Hockey (hockey for athletes with developmental disability).



Eleanor Rose Peristere March 25th

Ellie's Bat Mitzvah Project is helping to feed the hungry by cooking meals for the Embry Rucker Shelter in Reston.



Calista Quirk April 1st

Calista's Bat Mitzvah Project is collecting school supplies for local schools and for children in need.



Jack Logan Fishman April 22nd

Jack's Mitzvah Project: Raising funds to support health care resources for the Abayudaya Jewish Community in Uganda.



Emma Hoebler April 29th

For Emma's Bat Mitzvah Project, she is knitting scarves to be donated to Cornerstones of Reston.

Upcoming B'nai Mitzvah?

To submit a picture and bio of your child, choose one of the following: email to mozelle@nvhcreston.org or mail to NVHC, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston, VA 20190. Questions? Call the temple office at 703-437-7733.

Deadline is the first day of the month PRIOR to your child's Bar/Bat Mitzvah date.

For example, the deadline for May-June is April 1st.

Torah Talk

Our Shabbat Torah study class will be held on **Saturday, March 11th, 18th, 25th, and April 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th**, in the sanctuary.

The Torah is a vast collection of stories, commandments, ritual practices, and ethical standards. It is meant to be studied and understood not only to connect us to our ancestors and traditions, but also to guide us toward an ethical and spiritual life. Torah means learning. For many of us, understanding Torah is not easy. We may find the language confusing and the meaning difficult to grasp. Yet when we learn together, we are thrilled by the insights we glean and share. Whether you have studied Torah before or are new to Torah study, you will find wisdom and inspiration each time you study a portion of our sacred literature. ♦

SAVE THE DATE

Marc Bachman Award – March 24th, 8:00 p.m.

Yizkor – Tuesday, April 18th, 8:00 a.m.

Atid Shabbat, with Sam Selden Award – Friday, June 2nd, 6:30 p.m.

BUILDING TOGETHER: \$360 X 360



Today rabab (Thank you) to everyone who has given to the campaign and to our generous matching challenge donor.

Please keep the momentum going and make your tax-deductible pledge today.



PURIM COMEDY NIGHT

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 7:30 P.M.

**Featuring: Comedians Bengt Washburn and
Matty Litwak and returning to the NVHC
stage by popular demand... the Shticklets!**

In the book of Esther, we read that Purim is a time for “feasting and merrymaking.” Bring your funny bone and join us as we celebrate Purim in festive style with a night of comedic fun!

**Tickets: \$36 per person
includes one drink, snacks, and dessert reception, plus cash bar.
Dress: Saturday night fun!**

MALICE IN THE PALACE

FAMILY PURIM CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH, BEGINNING AT 9:15 AM

Please join us for an exciting family celebration of Purim, Malice in the Palace. The morning will include a Purim shpiel, Megillah reading and costume parade. We will also have a Purim carnival with plenty of fun games for children of all ages and a hamentashen competition!





BUILDING OUR GOLDEN CELEBRATION TOGETHER!

By Miriam Wolman & Susan Cohen • Co-Chairs

Halfway through our Jubilee year, we have enjoyed some wonderful events and have several more to come. We are exceedingly grateful to all the volunteers who have stepped forward to lead our initiatives and help ensure that our activities run smoothly. We'll remind you that there are only four months left in our celebration, so please make an extra effort to take part – your presence and your voice is instrumental to writing the story of what NVHC will be in the next 50 years!

In January, we hosted Artists-in-Residence, The Pursuit of Harmony, for a joyous weekend of song. American songwriter, Michael Hunter Ochs, and award-winning Muslim Palestinian peace activist/songwriter, Alaa Alshaham, shared their message of peace and hope with us, and were only slightly upstaged by our youth choir, Shireinu.



February brought us the Weekend of Nourishment, a warm embrace in the depth of winter. On Friday night we explored prayer through movement with The Dance Exchange – a joyful bonding experience! Then, on Saturday, we braided challah (enormous thanks to Cantor Caro, Mariel Alculumbre, Karen Rabb, and the crew of dough-preparers!), dedicated our beautiful new Torah table cover, and enjoyed a lovely lunch featuring our delicious, freshly-baked challah. In the afternoon some folks made tallit with textile artist, Cindy Grisdela, while others considered how to live a Nourishing Life with Hana Newcomb and Tai Chi instructor Cynthia Maltenfort. Kehilat Limmud continued the nurturing weekend on Sunday with drum circles, a book swap and Shabbat boxes. Through movement, art, food and song, we fed our minds, souls and bodies. ♦

LOOKING AHEAD

We continue to make progress toward our goal of tallying **5,000 Mitzvot** to mark this special year. As of press time for this article, we have recorded more than **1,200** acts of love and kindness! That's a terrific start, and we need to step up our efforts to make our goal by June. Please fill out a paper form or visit the website [5000-mitzvotacts-of-kindness](http://www.nvhcreston.org/5000-mitzvotacts-of-kindness) *every week* to let us know the good you're doing.

If your New Year resolutions included anything about fitness, please join the **Jubilee Running Program**—Eric Eldridge is leading training runs (or walks, whatever works for you!) on **Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.** during *Kehilat Limmud*. Meet at the entrance to the Sanctuary Lobby to get in shape for the Interfaith 5K we'll host in the spring with our friends at ADAMS.

To commemorate this wonderful year, we will publish a special **Jubilee edition of the NVHC Directory**. It will contain member contact information as well as a brief history of the synagogue and highlights of our year-long celebration. Check the website for information on how to buy an ad to honor a teacher or clergy member, recognize your *Chavurah*, mark a lifecycle event, promote a business, or just *kvell* a little about our NVHC community. If you have questions or would like to help put the directory together, please contact Judy Naiman at directory@nvhcreston.org.

Finally, we'll soon begin publicizing the crowning Jubilee events – be sure to mark your calendar for these special nights:

- **May 6th:** Have a roaring good time at the Spring Gala at the International Country Club!
- **May 30th:** Celebrate Shavuot with celebrity chef Joan Nathan.
- **June 14th:** Distinguished Speaker Series guest Dan Arbell discussing “The 50 Year Legacy of the Six-Day War.”

Watch the weekly eblast, the NVHC website, and this newsletter for details about how you can participate. And, as always, you can click directly to <http://www.nvhcreston.org/jubilee> for a complete list of the programs and events still to come. Please feel free to contact either Susan or Miriam at jubilee@nvhcreston.org.

We welcome suggestions and volunteers!!

JUST SAY YES

By Isabel Einzig-Wein • WRJ Board Member

Sisterhood is your source for social events, religious events and social action opportunities, and we invest in your synagogue community. WRJ, Women of Reform Judaism, is Sisterhood's source of great information about what our sisters are doing throughout the U.S., Canada, South America, and Israel. NVHC Sisterhood finds resources to help us be the best we can be, and applies for grants to assist us in programs that will benefit you and others in our community through WRJ.

As we depend on WRJ for mentorship and leadership information, WRJ depends on all Sisterhoods to help out, as well.

This year, our Sisterhood is promoting the YES Fund (Youth, Education and Special Projects). In a nutshell, the YES Fund has given opportunities to aspiring clergy to study toward the Rabbinic and Cantorial Degrees. The YES Fund originated NFTY, the camps many of you have had your children attend and become better Jewish teens. The YES Fund has helped to supply your children and grandchildren with fabulous reading through the PJ Library. The YES Fund has enabled Women of Reform Judaism and teens to become better leaders through the many leadership opportunities that your donations have made and will continue to make possible. There is so much more to the YES Fund. Please go to: WRJ.org and familiarize yourself with what WRJ does and how the YES Fund is a major arm of this organization. You will

have the opportunity to donate to the YES fund in several ways this year: We will remind you of the YES Fund at our wonderful events; there will be brochures on the Sisterhood shelf; you can send Sisterhood a check for the YES Fund, and we will make sure it is received; and you can go directly to the WRJ.org page to donate. *Watch the YES Fund Video to really feel the meaning behind our donations:* <http://www.wrj.org/yes-fund-youth-education-and-special-projects>.

We depend on the WRJ and they depend on us. I hope this year, and in the coming years, we can depend on the members of the NVHC community to consider the YES Fund as a priority in your donating.

The Sisterhood of NVHC thanks you for considering this valuable opportunity to make great things even greater. ♦

SAVE-THE-DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING SISTERHOOD EVENTS:

Mah Jongg Tournament, Sunday, March 26, 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Women's Seder, Sunday, April 2, 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Wine, Women & Watercolor, Sunday, April 23, time TBD at vineyard

Author Maggie Anton, guest speaker, Sunday, May 7, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Year-End Brunch & Installation, Sunday, May 28, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

RSVP required for all of the above events

Rummage Sale

Sunday, June 11th, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Look for more information on drop-off times/days in upcoming weekly emails from NVHC and Sisterhood.

DO NOT bring items to NVHC before the announced days (week before the event), as NVHC has no space to store your items.

For more information, see the Sisterhood weekly newsletter or contact: sisterhoodpresident@nvhcreston.org

NVHC BROTHERHOOD FAMILY BREAKFAST



Sunday, March 19th
and April 23rd
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
in the social hall

Come and enjoy good food
and fine friends, as the NVHC
Brotherhood's chefs cook up a delicious
breakfast in the kitchen!

THE DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

MARCH 9TH, 7:30 P.M.

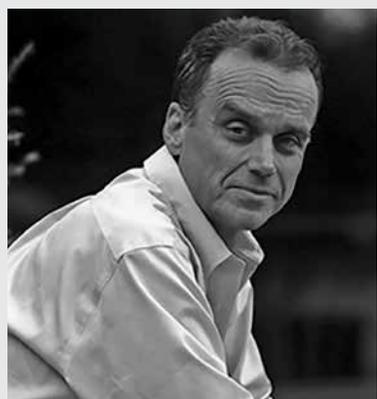
“Helping Isolated Jewish Communities”

Rabbi Bonita Nathan Sussman

Bonita Nathan Sussman is Vice President of *Kulanu*, a group dedicated to helping isolated Jewish communities worldwide. Rabbi Sussman has travelled to Nicaragua, Cameroon, Gabon, Papua New Guinea, and India addressing Jewish development needs and encouraging these communities to become part of the Jewish people.

Help sustain the NVHC Speaker Series. To make your tax-deductible contribution, please click on <http://www.nvhcreston.org/give>. Scroll down to “Adult Learning” and select NVHC’s “Distinguished Speaker Series.”

The Distinguished Speaker Series is free and open to the public.



THE DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

APRIL 3RD, 7:30 P.M.

“The Nazi Hunters”

Andrew Nagorski

Author of *Hitlerland: American Eyewitnesses to the Nazi Rise to Power*, and *The Nazi Hunters*, Andrew Nagorski served as senior editor for *Newsweek International*. Formerly chief of Newsweek’s Berlin, Moscow, Bonn, Rome, Hong Kong and Warsaw bureaus, Andrew Nagorski has been honored three times by the Overseas Press Club for his reporting.

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THE DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

JUNE 14TH, 7:30 P.M.

“The 50 Year Legacy of the Six Day War”

Dan Arbell

Dan Arbell is a scholar-in-residence at the Center for Israeli Studies at American University and a Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution. He is a 25-year veteran of the Israeli Foreign Service, serving in senior posts in the UN, the U.S. and Japan, and holding senior positions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Jerusalem. Most recently he was Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Israel in Washington, D.C.

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LIFELONG LEARNING PRESENTS

INTRODUCTION TO B'NAI MITZVAH FOR PARENTS



This class is for parents of students who will become B'nai Mitzvah in the near future. In five sessions, the class discusses the meaning of this life cycle event and the mitzvah of celebrating Shabbat, provides information about your responsibilities and the sequence of your child's preparation, explains the structure of the worship service using *Mishkan Tefilah*, the Reform siddur (prayerbook), and provides an opportunity to prepare a *D'var Torah*. The class blends structured teaching, practical advice, and shared experiences. The goal is to make the Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation process a deeply meaningful experience for the whole family and to perpetuate the spirit of Jewish community and tradition.

Parents generally take the class from 6 to 18 months before the Bar/Bat Mitzvah event. Parents with children in the same Torah Corps group are encouraged to take the class together.

Past participants in the class, both Jewish and non-Jewish parents, report that the sessions helped them to feel better prepared, gave them an opportunity to talk with other pre-B'nai Mitzvah parents, and taught them numerous aspects of the tradition and liturgy involved in this life cycle event.

There Is No Fee for This Course – Early Registration Strongly Encouraged
Spring: Sundays. 9:25 a.m. - 10:25 a.m., 3/5, 3/19, 3/26 Instructor: Judy Naiman

INTRODUCTION TO B'NAI MITZVAH FOR PARENTS

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Child's Name _____ B'nai Mitzvah Date: _____

Send registration form to temple office:
Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Avenue, Reston, VA 20190

Lifelong Learning - Book Club Selections

We meet on the first Saturday of each month, except where noted, 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

For more information, contact Marjina Kaplan at: marjina2@yahoo.com

March 4th. *Every Spy a Prince: The Complete History of Israel's Intelligence Community*, by Dan Raviv and Yossi Melman. History. 466 pp. At first glance, a detailed account of the Mossad, Shin Bet, and Aman would hardly seem like a candidate for the American best-seller list. But then, naming some of the names brings to mind the extraordinary exploits of Israel's spies: Eli Cohen's mission in Damascus, the gunboats abducted from Cherbourg, the rescue at Entebbe, the bombing of Iraq's nuclear reactor, the foiling of Nizar Hindawi's airline bombing, and the killing of Abu Jihad. Of course, the Israelis have had their share of embarrassments and failures too, most notably the Lavon affair in Egypt, the Vanunu caper, and the Iran/contra affair. Raviv and Melman resist the temptation of getting carried away by their subject matter; however sensational the exploits, their prose remains sober and their pace business-like.

April 1st. *Asylum City*, by Liad Shoham, translated by Sara Kitai. Fiction Thriller. 300 pp. A young police officer's investigation of a murder plunges her into the dark underworld of Tel Aviv. Then a young African man confesses to the murder, and Anat's commanders say the case is closed. But the cop isn't convinced. She believes Michal got involved in something far too big and dangerous for her to handle. Anat is pulled deep into a perplexing shadow world where war victims and criminals, angels and demons, idealists and cynics, aid organizations and criminal syndicates intersect. But the truth may be more than Anat can manage, bringing her face to face with an evil she's never before experienced. ♦

KOL SHIRAH'S GREATEST HITS - COMING SOON - TO A BIMAH NEAR YOU!

By Marjina Kaplan

Whether you've enjoyed the music of *Kol Shirah* (Voice of Song), NVHC's adult choir, since its birth almost 50 years ago ... or have become a more recent fan ... you won't want to miss *The Voices of Our Hearts*, a very special concert experience **Sunday, April 30th, at 4:00 p.m.**, in the Rosalind A. Gold Sanctuary.

This joyous combined commemoration of NVHC's Jubilee Year and soon-to- retire Carol Fram's 32 years as *Kol Shirah's* Director, will offer a sampling of favorite pieces the choir has performed under her guidance.

"I had a tough time deciding among my 'musical family members,'" Carol said. "But I finally chose the ones to include. I hope that our audience will enjoy them as much as we'll enjoy presenting them."

According to NVHC Librarian/Historian Ted Smith, the choir dates back to 1968, when Mitch Bender organized it for High Holiday services. "There were about half a dozen voices," he explained. "I recall singing with Robin Feldman, Sue Rosenbluth, Judy Amdur, and Marilyn Michel." By 1970, they were joined by Lies Spectre and Deena Sortland, along with Henry Chadwick and Sy Sherman, both of whom still sing with *Kol Shirah* to this day. "Hallmark pieces of that time," Ted continued, "were *Yerushalayim Shel Zabav* (inspired by the 1967 Six Day War)



and Turn, Turn, Turn (reflecting folk music trends of the time and the Vietnam War)."

Selections for April's *The Voices of Our Hearts* range from *ein bissel* (a little bit of) Yiddish theater, to a bite of Gershwin with, of course, a smattering of Hebrew and English from the liturgy. Regular choir members will be joined for this occasion by several alumni singers, delighted to be back and surrounded by wonderful Jewish music. They've all been diligently and lovingly rehearsing every Sunday night since mid-January, and they're eager to share the

haunting refrains of old and new Jewish melodies with an appreciative audience.

An extra treat for NVHC "old timers" will be a special appearance by Mia Davidson, Carol and David Fram's daughter, an accomplished Cantor, who serves the Westchester Reform Temple in Scarsdale, New York. Mia literally grew up as a member of *Kol Shirah*, singing alongside her dad while being directed by her mom. (As a matter of fact, David has been known to describe himself as the only non-volunteer member of *Kol Shirah*.)

"One of the greatest joys of my life is the friendship and community I feel at NVHC," explains Carol. "*Kol Shirah* fills a very special spot in my heart, now and always." ♦

Community News - The Silver Line 55+

EVENING OF MEMORIES - JUBILEE CELEBRATION

By Marsha Sheinman

The Silver Line committee cordially invites you to join us for an "Evening of Memories" in honor of NVHC's 50th Anniversary Jubilee Celebration, Saturday evening, March 4th, at 6:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Rabbi Rosalind Gold. She will share her 21 years of memories as our spiritual leader, teacher, mentor and advisor to our congregation.

The evening will begin with wine, cheese, and time to socialize with old friends, meet new friends and reminisce. A buffet dinner will be served, after which Rabbi Gold will give her presentation. This will be followed by coffee, tea and

dessert. During this time, guests will be encouraged to share memories of their years at NVHC.

The cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. As always, please place your reservation through the temple website or week-at-a-glance and provide payment through cash, check (sent to the office), credit or debit card, or PayPal. Please respond by Wednesday, March 1st, at 12:00 noon. Your payment is your confirmed reservation.

Any questions, please contact Marsha Sheinman at 540-521-1692 or mssheinman@yahoo.com.

We look forward to seeing you! ♦

THE CORNERS OF YOUR FIELD

By Andy Lacher

The Torah says, “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap the corners of the field. . . you shall not pick your vineyard bare. . . you shall leave these for the poor and the stranger.”

Today, with a few exceptions, most members of NVHC don't have fields or vineyards by which we can support others in this way. Jewish tradition has interpreted this commandment as guidance that we should use a portion of our own resources to help the poor and strangers amongst us.

Shortly after our founding, NVHC joined together with a number of other religious institutions to found what was originally called **Reston Interfaith** to provide services to those in need in the Reston community. The thinking was that by combining efforts, we could have a greater impact than any single religious institution alone. This was in keeping with the inclusiveness model espoused by Bob Simon, Reston's founder.

The name was changed three years ago from Reston Interfaith to **Cornerstones** to reflect the broader community of Northwestern Fairfax County which it serves, and to demonstrate that the organization comprises more than just the faith community. While the name was chosen to reflect how critically important the organization was to the community (like the criticality of the right placement of a cornerstone to the construction of a building), I like to think there is a relationship to the passage from Leviticus and the “corners of the field.”

Cornerstones has grown to a professionally run multimillion-dollar organization that provides a variety of services addressing the needs of people who are homeless or hungry, alone, or struggling in this high-cost-of-living area. Cornerstones runs the Embry Rucker Community Shelter, North County Hypothermia Prevention Program, an emergency food pantry, owns more than 100 housing units, and provides a number of counseling and financial assistant services (from financial planning to citizenship preparedness).

The organization is overseen by a board of directors in which 50% of the members come from sponsoring religious organizations like NVHC. For 16 years, Stuart Patz (a past President of NVHC) has represented NVHC on the Cornerstones Board filling a number of leadership roles, including Secretary and Treasurer. Recently, Stuart

decided to step down, and I (Andy Lacher) received the honor to represent NVHC on the Cornerstones Board. The remaining board seats are filled by at-large representatives from the community. It happens that another NVHC member, Larry Schwartz (also a past President of NVHC), is an at-large representative, and is the current Board Treasurer.

In addition to our leadership, NVHC supports Cornerstones programs in a number of ways:

- Our Yom Kippur Food Drive stocks the Cornerstones emergency food pantry.
- Sisterhood runs the annual collection drive at NVHC to collect coats for the Winter Coat Closet.
- Sisterhood collects toiletries for the Embry Rucker Shelter.
- For years, Sandee and Ed Byrne have coordinated efforts by NVHC to provide meals and materials for the Hypothermia Program.
- Our members make individual financial donations.

While some of Cornerstones vital programs are supported by Government grants, donations from the community are essential to ensure success of Cornerstones programs for the homeless, hungry, and refugees in our community. Given uncertainty in state and local budgets, private contributions from corporate and individual donors are becoming even more vital. Volunteer support is also critical. In 2016, over 30,000 hours of volunteer support was provided by people in the greater Reston-Herndon community.

Often we are advised to act locally as we continue to fulfill the commandments associated with *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world). Please consider Cornerstones in your giving plans. While most of us don't have corners of our fields to leave food to help others, we do have Cornerstones.

To learn more about NVHC social action activities, contact NVHC Change/Social Action Committee Chair, Ellen Ranard (SocialAction@nvhcreston.org). ♦



To learn more about Cornerstones programs and services, please contact Andy Lacher, or participate in one of the upcoming Experience Cornerstones virtual tours (see the www.cornerstonesva.org website for information).

FOREST EDGE BACKPACK

By Rachel Paskow

Hello! My name is Rachel Paskow. I am 9 years old, and my family has been helping with the Forest Edge Program for three years. The Forest Edge Program is a program in which people pack bags of food for kids who don't have enough to eat over the weekends. This is important to me because I feel that hunger is an issue that should be helped with more than it is now, and because if kids don't have enough food, it makes it hard to learn and do the other things they have to do. By packing bags, I am helping with this issue.

I like to pack the bags because I know I am making a difference in someone's life. But there is more than one way to help! In addition to packing bags, people can also donate food to be put into the bags, or donate money to the Forest Edge Program through the synagogue. One of the best parts is that almost anyone can help and make a difference. I recommend it for ages 5 to 95. ♦

NVHC Cares

NVHC CARES NEEDS YOU!

NVHC Cares is our community program of providing support outreach to our members, both in times of sorrow or need to provide support and solace, and to celebrate in times of joy. We always need more help from you to continue to keep NVHC the caring community that it is. We are currently seeking volunteers to:

- Purchase or make and deliver meals.
- Deliver a challah to a member, to support those ill or bereaved, or to help out new parents.
- Provide transportation during the weekdays on an as needed basis.

If you are interested in participating in NVHC Cares, please contact us at nvhccares@nvhcreston.org. ♦

Perspective By Cantor Susan Caro (continued from page 1)

In my years of learning from Hasidic texts, I discovered early on that *chametz* is often understood spiritually, to be internal obstacles and negativity. Clearing out our spiritual *chametz* is just as important as the physical cleaning, in order to be ready for *Pesach*. It is about changing the nature and direction of our internal tendencies – selfishness; greed; arrogance; jealousy; insecurities; excessive pride; negativity toward self or others – all those sorts of puffed-up states of ego that imprison us by clogging up and restricting the flow of our lives, getting in the way of our own liberation. The blessing then prohibits owning any *chametz* during *Pesach* – we are to relinquish ownership of these inner obstacles; they are not us, they do not belong to us, and we do not belong to them.

Dirt of the earth is not without value; it has to be cared for in the right place and the right ways. Like the dirt of the earth, the *chametz* inside our houses is not valueless; it is just material that also needs to be returned to its rightful place. We don't leave it as fluff to clog up our spirits, but we return it to the earth, where it can become renewed,

where it can become sustenance for new life.

Pesach is about freedom and new beginnings. The Exodus from Egypt is a birth narrative – the birth of the Israelite people, and of a new kind of society, covenanted in love and justice. *Pesach* is also a spring holiday, celebrating the first harvest and the new birth of the flocks. So part of the ritual practice of clearing out *chametz* is the opportunity to refine and shine up our souls, at this moment of beginnings, of renewals, of new possibilities – we have a built-in spring cleaning for the soul.

With each flick of the feather, searching for the last of the *chametz*, we open a small space, moving the heart ever-so-slightly more toward freedom. At the *seder*, we are obligated to invite all who are hungry to come and eat. May we each be blessed this *Pesach* with the spiritual sustenance for which our souls hunger. And, may we transform the energy of this nourishment into many good relationships and good deeds which will sustain us and our community for generations to come. ♦

prayers of thanksgiving, Purim adds this element of crazy celebration. Why?

The answer is in the Book of Esther, the underlying story commemorated by Purim. Esther describes the regime of Ahashverosh, the ruler of Persia. His kingdom defines decadence to the point of chaos. Even his wife, Vashti, refuses to participate in the fun, and eventually advisors plot to kill the king. So he tightens down security and promotes a strongman, Haman, who sees enemies in the Jews. The plot turns to Mordechai and his niece, Esther, who recently won the empire-wide contest to replace Vashti. They conspire to win Ahashverosh over to their side. At this point the story should end. Haman has been defeated. But the Book goes further to invent the absurd notion that the emperor cannot annul his decree against the Jews, so he promulgates another decree allowing Jews to pre-emptively murder Haman's allies throughout the kingdom. What follows is a bloodbath, including all of Haman's children, that leaves the Jewish community dominant throughout the Persian Empire.

It is a farce and a fantasy written by the weak and impoverished Jewish vassal state in the corner of the real Persian Empire. The entire story strains credulity and the climactic result should offend every Jew who respects the divinity in human life. In Esther, the response to tyranny is an equal and opposite tyranny. You want to kill us? We'll kill you first, and your kids too. Yuck! Gone from Esther are the commentaries and hesitations of the Passover Seder, which prompt us to remove a drop of wine for each plague, acknowledging that our cup of freedom cannot be full while the Egyptians suffered.

So, on Purim, instead of celebrating in seriousness, we turn the entire day into a joke and a satire. That is why March 11th, the Purim Comedy Night, and March 12th, Malice in the Palace, will be so much fun! Because we are trying to laugh our way past tyranny—Persian or Jewish tyranny.

While Esther describes peace through victorious domination, the way we celebrate Purim teaches a different lesson: When faced with a threat or an enemy, the correct response is not annihilation. Purim teaches that annihilation of the enemy is a dangerous fantasy, worthy of satire and silliness. Rather, enemies require a systemic response, one that rejects the chaos and corruption of an empire. The problem of Purim appears in the first paragraphs of Esther, which describe Ahashverosh throwing the largest and longest party in human history. The goal of leadership is not luxury and decadent pleasure. The goal is a system

that protects all citizens and creates structures of decision-making that allow for disagreement and minority voices.

These are lessons the world should heed at the present moment, especially. As all of us have seen in recent months and years, we are living in a time of political polarization and ideological purity. Any willingness to acknowledge or allow an opposing point of view disappears from our current discourse. Attempts to understand the counter-argument are seen as signs of weakness or inauthenticity. We have reached the point that we cannot believe even the facts our opponents cite, as attacks of the "media" are a regular feature of every political argument.

In this atmosphere, the only way to solve a problem is to annihilate the views of an opponent. This is an act of extreme hubris and arrogance. Who amongst us believes that he or she knows precisely the solution to every problem? Who cannot learn from an opposing view?

Our tradition is rife with disagreement, and one could even say that Judaism is built upon disagreement. The great debates of Hillel and Shammai are at the core of the Talmud and thus all of Jewish law and practice. In those debates, the law almost always sides with the school of Hillel, but the text is clear that the words of Shammai are also considered the words of God. So why does the school of Hillel win out? Because in the school of Hillel, they taught the traditions of Shammai before they taught their own interpretations of the law. In other words, respecting and understanding an opponent is the Jewish way of building a society.

Purim is fun and joyful because we reject dominance and subjugation as ways to run a country. In ancient Persia, the philosophy of annihilation creates a story of bloodshed, corruption and tyranny. In our modern context, the philosophy of ideological annihilation creates paralysis, cynicism, mistrust, polarization and fear. Perhaps, the healthiest thing we could do in response is to have a good laugh. Not only is it fun, but it's an act of social justice and moral audacity.

Join us on **March 11th - 12th** for our Purim celebration. ♦

ISRAEL TRIP

The NVHC Clergy are currently investigating the possibility of an Israel trip during Winter Break 2017. If you have interest in the trip, please email our clergy assistant, Sheri Ross, sheri@nvhcreston.org.

COMMUNITY SECOND NIGHT **PASSOVER SEDER**

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY! DISCOUNTED RSVP BY APRIL 1ST



MENU

Gefilte Fish
Matzo Ball Soup
Roasted Chicken or
vegan/vegetarian option
Matzo Farfel Kugel
Green Salad

Coco Macaroons
with Strawberry Coulis

Coffee, Tea, Wine, Water

APRIL 11, 2017
6:00 pm at NVHC

\$40 Adult Member **\$15** child

No Charge Child under 3 years old

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\$50 Adult Member **\$20** child

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA HEBREW CONGREGATION

1441 WIEHLE AVENUE, RESTON, VA 20190

NORTHERN VIRGINIA JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL PREVIEW EVENT AND LUNCH

Film: *For The Love Of Spock*

Tuesday, March 14, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Documentary / III Min | 2016

This film is a loving tribute to Leonard Nimoy, who portrayed everyone's favorite Vulcan, Mister Spock, in the blockbuster *Star Trek TV* series and film franchise. Filmmaker Adam Nimoy tells the story of his father's unlikely rise from working-class Jewish roots to become a pop culture icon as First Officer Spock on the U.S.S. Enterprise. The film features interviews with William Shatner (Captain Kirk), Walter Koenig (Chekov), George Takei (Mr. Sulu), Zachary Quinto (Mr. Spock in the *Star Trek* film reboot) and many others, to provide an intimate portrait of this "fascinating," extremely talented, and multifaceted individual.

Special Offer for Attendees: Discounted Northern Virginia Jewish Film Festival Passes, Opening Night Tickets and Closing Night Tickets will be available for purchase on-site at this event. Take advantage of this exclusive opportunity by attending this screening of *For the Love of Spock*.

This is a joint event with NVHC Silver Line and will be followed by lunch. Please RSVP to Roberta Sherman at shermanrI@aol.com, if you are attending both the program and the lunch, and to Carla.Rosenfeld@jccnv.org if you are attending only the program.

Fee: \$7 J or synagogue member; \$9 nonmember (includes film and meeting fee; lunch-separate charge). ♦

Inclusion

INCLUSION INITIATIVE

By *Andrea Vavonese*

Vision: Our Inclusion Initiative strives to ensure that all members of the NVHC Congregation are able to participate meaningfully in all spiritual, educational, celebratory and life event activities at the synagogue.

Respite Care? If you have a special needs child and are in need of respite care, please let us know. We are exploring possible opportunities to provide respite care so that you can attend a Shabbat service, or a night out.

Special Needs Resources: Did you know the JCC and the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington offers resources for the special needs community? See <http://www.jccnv.org/specialneeds/special-needs/> and <http://www.shalomdc.org/disabilitiesandinclusion/> to learn more.

Looking for a Mitzvah Project? If you have an upcoming Bar or Bat Mitzvah, and are looking for a mitzvah project, consider getting involved with the NVHC Inclusion Initiative. There are many ways to become involved. Contact NVHCInclusion@gmail.com for more information.

Get involved: We welcome all who want to be involved in this important initiative. If you have experience as a person with special needs, a parent or grandparent of a person

with special needs, or as a professional in special or general education or counseling, you will provide great value to this initiative, and we encourage you to become involved. If you want to learn more about this initiative, please contact **Andrea Vavonese** at NVHCInclusion@gmail.com or visit our webpage at <http://www.nvhcreston.org/live/inclusion/>.

Donate: Your donation supports our ongoing programming and training, and will allow us to further the inclusion of individuals with differing abilities in our synagogue. **Please make checks payable to: NVHC Inclusion Initiative.**

Inclusive Education: Want to send your child to religious school, but not sure if NVHC can meet his or her special needs? Please contact Rabbi Jessica Wainer at rabbiwainer@nvhcreston.org. We want to work with you and your children, and will do all we can to be flexible and provide support to meet each individual's needs.

Let us know: We want to hear from you. What more can we do to ensure everyone can bring their whole authentic selves to our community? Please contact NVHCInclusion@gmail.com. ♦

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Bereavement Support Group "When You've Lost a Loved One"

Wednesdays, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, and April 26th at 7:00 p.m.

On most Wednesdays, at 7:00 p.m., NVHC will hold a meeting of "When You've Lost a Loved One," a Bereavement Support Group and extension of our caring community at NVHC. The group will meet in the Conference Room in the office.

Linda Rubinstein Perlstein, experienced counselor in grief therapy in both secular and Jewish settings, will facilitate. It is our hope that NVHC members and friends from the wider community find comfort and care as they mourn losses among their family and immediate circle of community.

We hope that attendees will meet on an ongoing basis to draw support and insights in a group setting. Please contact Rabbi Holzman for more information at 703-471-6046, ext. 102.

Life-Cycle Events in the NVHC Family

MAZEL TOV

To proud grandparents, Dan and Laurie Kobick, on the birth of their granddaughter Linnea Gray Cushman, born on November 29th, to parents Julie Kobick and Fiery Cushman, and big sister Nell.

R'FU-AH SH'LEI-MA

Jonathan Becker	Bea Linkov
Ken Blume	Sherri Linkov
Bruce Evry	Donald Lockshin
Rochelle Fisher	Alan McGibbon
David Fram	Irene Menchel
Andrew Goldberg	Irene Miller
Al Groff	Paulette Peltz
Andrea Hayes	Nigel Preece
Mike Horwatt	Sharon Rosendhal
Brian Johnson	Howard Selden
Ken Kaplan	Tamara Selden
Clarice Karnette	Richard Shlakman
Nisa Katz	Robert Stein
Larry Klinger	Scott Sunshine
Gioia Komar	Lester Sussman

CONDOLENCES

To Jason Feig, on the death of his father, Stanley Feig

To Stu Williger, on the death of his uncle, Bernard (Ben) Ranard

To Anita Reznikoff, on the death of her sister, Doris Stone Goldman

To Jeff Ressin, on the death of his mother, Ricka Phyllis Ressin

To Nicole Saffell Holzman, on the death of her uncle, Wolfgang Henjes

To Ruth Kruger, Nancy Kruger & Helen Kruger, on the death of their husband/father, Seldon Kruger

Submit your life-cycle events by phone to: 703-437-7733, or Email to: mozelle@nvhcreston.org.

Membership Directory Corrections

The following members have a change of address, phone, or email:

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A Warm Welcome to New Members

We extend a warm welcome to these NVHC newcomers who have recently become part of our family. Please add their information to your membership directory, and be sure to make them feel at home when you meet them.

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Marc Bachman Award ♦ March 24th, 8:00 p.m., see page 6

Passover 2nd Night Seder ♦ April 11th, 6:00 p.m., see page 18

Atid Shabbat & Sam Selden Award ♦ Friday, June 2nd, 6:30 p.m.

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M'sibat Purim, March 11th (Comedy Night) • March 12th, 9:15 a.m. See pages 8 & 9