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By Rabbi Rosalind Gold, Rabbi Emerita



JOURNEY FOR JUSTICE
Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around
Turn me around, turn me around
Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin'
Marchin' up to freedom land.

Those words kept running through my head the Sunday of Erev Rosh Hashanah as I marched with about 50 other people, black and white, as a participant in America's Journey For Justice. I thought about turning around a couple of times as I huffed and puffed my way along Route I (the unfortunately named Jefferson Davis Hwy.) in Spotsylvania County. The march was
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Perspective *By Rabbi Michael G. Holzman*

THE HIGHEST FORM OF COMMUNITY



The great collection of Jewish wisdom has one simple statement about the importance of community: Al tifrosh min ha tzibur.

“Do not separate yourself from the community.” The simplicity of this statement belies its importance, a lesson we all take for granted, including me. During the bar mitzvah for our son, Avi, I realized again just how powerful
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Perspective *By Cantor Susan Caro*

“WHY DO CANTORS GIVE CONCERTS”



If I had a nickel for every time over the last 25 years someone came up to me after services, saying, “Wow, Cantor, you have such a beautiful voice; have you ever thought about singing professionally?” our children would have no college loans!

I love what I do. I have an amazing privilege being a Cantor. I get to be present in the lives of people in a most spiritually intimate way – in moments of joy, in prayer, in celebration, providing comfort, teaching and learning, and using
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Saturday Night Serenade & Supper Club, November 21st, 6:30 p.m.
 – see flyer

M'Sibat Chanukah! December 11th, 5:00 p.m.;
Chanukah candle lighting & Erev Shabbat Worship Service with choirs, 6:30 p.m.

Congregational Meeting with Marc Bachman Award Presentation, December 17th, 7:00 p.m.
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sponsored by the NAACP and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, walking the 820-plus miles, 40-plus days, from Selma, Alabama, to Washington, DC, with hope and frustration and blisters, and the dream of a better America -- and along with the marchers, a Sefer Torah that was carried by more than 200 rabbis, shared with Jews and non-Jews along the way. “*Tzedek, tzedek tirdof – justice, justice shall you pursue*” (Deut. 16:20) – one of the many passages in that scroll that commands us to work for an America where all people are treated fairly and respectfully.

So why would a senior citizen in not very good physical shape volunteer to participate in this justice journey, when I could have been home getting ready for a nice dinner, preparing for the start of the new year? Believe me, I asked myself that question many times that day! But the real question is how could I not? How could I ignore the ever-widening racial divide in our country, employment and housing discrimination, the mounting violence, Trayvon Martin, Freddie Grey, Michael Brown, Charleston, SC? As we passed by a parking lot along the way, a man stood near the road smiling, holding out small Confederate battle flags and saying, “Welcome to Spotsylvania County.” If my grandchildren ever ask me, “Nana, did you ever try to do anything about racial injustice?” I wanted to be able to look them in the eyes and answer that I was not silent, that my political activism didn’t stop when I graduated from college and became comfortable in my middle-class, mostly white world.

As a Jew, I feel compelled to address issues of race. We were slaves, we were considered ‘other,’ we suffered throughout history at the hand of oppressors. We read at Pesach that “in every generation each person is compelled to think of himself/herself as having been freed from slavery in Egypt.” This is a foundational concept of Judaism. And yet . . . we live in our comfortable world, often forgetting what it is to be the stranger. My colleague, Amy Schwartzman, who participated in the march on another day, shared this story: *Royal and I got to know one another as we walked north on Route 1 from Richmond toward Washington, DC. He told about his time as the president of the local NAACP in Steubenville, Ohio. I told him about our community here in Falls Church. It turns out we both have new drivers in our families – my daughter and his twin sons. I say, “It’s a scary time, right? Letting your child go out with the car on their own?” I’m thinking about the first accident, hoping it’s*



In the Yale sweatshirt: Cornell Brooks, President of the NAACP, speaking with the marchers before the walk.



Rabbi Rosalind Gold

very minor, about the temptation of the phone, about driving too fast. “Yes, scary, they might not know what to do the first time one of them is stopped.” Royal is not thinking about the first accident, but the first time his nearly 6-foot-tall African American sons encounter the police. He tells me, “They are great kids, good students; but you know, when one of them is stopped, the police won’t see a member of the church youth choir or a baseball player; they won’t ask to see his report card; they will only see black.” I felt so naïve and self-absorbed. With all that has happened [in this country], I have been reading, I have been talking, trying to better understand race in our country, trying to understand where I am in the story. I am clearly still learning.

I, too, am listening, learning and reading, trying to understand my place in the story. I recently read Ta-Nehisi Coates’ powerful and profoundly disturbing book *Between the World and Me*, about growing up black in Baltimore; it has caused me to think about things I haven’t seriously considered in a long time; it has led me to re-examine my attitudes and my actions. We each have a place in the story. The great Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote: “*In a free society all are involved in what some are doing; some are guilty, all are responsible.*” We are responsible when injustice occurs in our neighborhoods, in our country. The issues of racial suffering, discrimination, and police use of force remind us that we cannot rest until we examine the morality and the causes of social injustice, and then act to create a better world. Can we remain silent? *Lo tuchal l’hitaleim*, we may not turn aside (Deut. 22:3). I do not want to turn aside. I want to learn. I want to understand. I want our country to do better, be a better place for all of her children. And so I marched with others and with the Torah as the new year was turning. The march is over, but the journey continues. ♦

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President's Pen

WHY I PRAY AT NVHC

By David Selden • President, Board of Trustees

After breaking the fast on Yom Kippur evening and cleaning up the kitchen, Julie and I sat together on the couch to let our day of atonement complete its journey through us. We both remarked how good we felt about our High Holy Days experiences. Our Rabbi, our Cantor, our Rabbinic Intern, and our Choir Director had created something holy we would cherish and draw nourishment from in the new year. To use a phrase, it was one of our "best-ers" at NVHC.

The answer to why I pray at NVHC enveloped me like a steady, warm, salty ocean breeze during the Yizkor service. I was with Julie, being gently rocked by the choir, and words of comfort and wisdom rolling down from the bima. In front of me sat three men I have known for many years, in different ways and degrees of intimacy, each coping with serious forms of cancer. Behind us, a few rows back, the widow and family of a son and brother gone too young this year, huddled together in sorrow and cutting memories. I did not have to see them to feel their yearning for the familiar face, the look in

the eye, and knowing smile the Rabbi spoke to us about.

None of us had to say a word to each other to express our feelings or support. A quick look, a nod of the head, a gentle hand on the shoulder, a hug. You could feel our shared covenant of loss, struggle, celebration, and optimism.

And I humbly thanked G-d and the generosity of the woman and her family that had given me the gift of life – a kidney – that transplanted my life of illness and despair into one of health, happiness, and gratitude. I thought of my son Sam, his smile mostly, my first wife Donna and her determined being, and so many others from my family and Julie's now gone from our midst, but not from our hearts.

And as I sat there thinking about these wonderful people and our intertwined lives and struggles, I felt G-d's blessing, a blessing only possible through these relationships built upon community, compassion, and acceptance.

L'Shana Tova u'Metuka

Wishing you a good and sweet new year. ♦

Marc Bachman Award Nominations Sought

The Marc Bachman Award is an annual award presented by the NVHC Brotherhood in honor and memory of the late Marc Bachman. The award is presented to an NVHC member, who, through his/her commitment to the Synagogue and personal attributes, reflects the qualities service to community, and high moral standards of Judaism. The award will be presented at the **Congregational Meeting, on Thursday, December 17th.**

The Brotherhood is now accepting nominations for the 2015 Marc Bachman Award recipient. If you would like to nominate someone, please contact any one of the members of the Nominating Committee, below. Nominations must include a substantial write-up of the nominee's attributes and examples of service. **Please submit your nomination by Friday, November 20th.**

The Nominating Committee members are: Steve Pick (stephenpick72@hotmail.com) and Eric Forman (ericforman@comcast.net). ♦

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MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS

By Moshe Ben-Lev • Director of Education

This year's "back-to-school family orientation" for the first day of Kehilat Limmud was well received by both teachers and parents. We also had the opportunity to hear from three of our teen madrichim who enlightened us on the importance of religious education, Judaism, and remaining connected and involved at NVHC and synagogue life.

However, the one moment of the morning that left the most powerful impression on me was when Rabbi Holzman asked the simple question, "Why does your child attend Kehilat Limmud and what do you hope they get from being here?" a simple, direct question that evoked some passionate and thoughtful answers ranging from making Jewish friends to learning how to articulate Judaism to others. Each answer was important and worth hearing.

In Judaism we make a point of encouraging our children to ask questions. Often is the case that the question is more important than the answer.

Parshat or torah portion, *Bo*, culminates in the story of the plagues and the exodus. The subject of children and the duty of parents to educate them is alluded to three times. Chief Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks claims that "as Jews we believe that to defend a country you need an army, but to defend a civilization you need education. Freedom is lost when it is taken for granted."

He goes on to say, "Unless parents hand on their memories and ideals to the next generation – the story of how they won their freedom and the battles they had to fight along the way – the long journey falters and we lose our way."

For all the great answers I heard from parents, the truth remains that our children are OUR future. Without their knowledge, love of Judaism, and motivation and drive to continue our heritage, Judaism will cease to exist very quickly.

The Torah emphasizes the fact that children must ask questions. While over the last 150 years Jews of the Diaspora have entrusted synagogue educators and clergy to answer the questions that perhaps they themselves have forgotten to answer, it is the parent's duty to keep the flame burning in each child, for without the curiosity and caring, we wither on the vine.

The great Holocaust educator, survivor and Nobel peace prize activist Ellie Weisel once said, "The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's

indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference."

As a synagogue educator for more than 25 years, I see our biggest enemies as indifference, apathy, lack of interest. When we face children weekly, we are looking for that spark of faith, connection, and pride in Jewish teaching, learning, and practice. I see each child as a *Nir Tamid* – an everlasting light, such as the one that guards the Sefer Torah over the ark. Its light is that of faith and love of all that is Torah. However, questions are only asked in an environment that is safe, open, non-critical, and trusting. It must also be a place where parents encourage and insist their children come to ask the difficult questions that perhaps they themselves are grappling with or feel uncomfortable answering.

I grew up in a family where my father didn't believe in God and was vocal in his views. However, he was also very proud of his Judaism and its teachings. His openness enabled me to receive a great Jewish education. I once asked him why he had made my Jewish education a priority since he didn't believe in God. He answered simply but wisely, "I wanted you to have the knowledge and opportunity to decide for yourself what kind of Jew you wanted to be." His gift has lasted my lifetime, and I consider it my duty and honor to pass along that love and knowledge to all the Jewish children I have been fortunate to have enrolled in my care. However, for us to be successful as parents and models of Jewish continuity, we must work together. For your part, making sure your children arrive on time and prepared to learn and connect with classmates, completing Hebrew homework, and attending the many wonderful family programs that we have at our synagogue, such as festival, M'sibat programs, youth group events, and services, is a start.

B'Yachad, together, we can ensure that our children carry the *Nir Tamid* of Judaism with them, taking the knowledge, values, and all that makes them feel proud and connected to Judaism as they begin their own families. ♦



DECEMBER DILEMMA FATIGUE: THE ELF ON THE SHELF OR THE MENSCH ON THE BENCH?

By Cindi Drake • Director of Early Childhood Education

I like Thanksgiving – a lot. Everyone celebrates Thanksgiving (except Scrooges). Most everyone gets the day off so there is no commotion about using PTO, and if it’s fair or not. Whether or not you keep kosher, there is food for you – even turkeys. Thank you, Empire! I think *this* is the holiday for celebrating “peace on earth and goodwill towards man.” It’s as close as we will ever get, united in the same celebration.



I even enjoyed Thanksgivikkah! Remember Menurkey? Our Menorah Turkey resplendent in yarmulke and candles. Do I sound wistful about a holiday that at the time drove everyone crazy? I suppose I do.

I think I am just exhausted at the prospect of spending another holiday season trying to figure out how to make Chanukah and Christmas sync seamlessly together. Or not sync at all. How to keep them separate, but equal (and we all know that never works). I even researched new thoughts on the subject – and there aren’t any. So I guess more than fatigue, I feel like a failure. After so many years of working on this problem/challenge, I have not figured out the *perfect* response for *every* family to competing with the music and lights and glitz that is Christmas. But I will throw out a few suggestions that I feel

still have merit and may prove useful.

For children old enough to understand the concept of freedom, talk to them about the Maccabees’ struggle to be Jews in a place that wanted them to blend into the majority’s religion. Children understand freedom early on. They call it “being allowed” to do something. Throw in the miracle of oil lasting eight days and then light the Chanukiah with different colored candles, and you’ll have their attention. And they will feel special.

Children, even very young ones, understand that not every birthday party is their birthday party. Some parties they attend celebrate someone else’s birthday, and the cake and gifts belong to another. They will have their own party another time. And while we can enjoy and appreciate someone else’s party, Christmas is not our party.

My #1 suggestion, though, is to make your celebration special – even if it is for only one night. Light candles, grate some potatoes and fry them up. Children love cooking and lighting candles, and you *can* make Chanukah a joyous and glitzy holiday within your home.

And whether you have *both* the Elf on a Shelf and the Mensch on a Bench, or *just* the Mensch on a Bench, we in the Preschool wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Joyous Festival of Lights! ♦

Todah Rabah

The Preschool Wishes to Thank. . .

The Kitces Family, for generously donating step stools for our youngest congregants and guests to use in the main Ladies Room.

Mozelle Stanton, for donating The Mensch on the Bench for our Chanukah Celebration!

Tot Shabbat

COME GET THAT SHABBAT FEELING!

November 7th and December 5th, 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. ♦

Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah



Max and Gabriel Levy • November 14th

Mitzvah Projects:

- Honoring our community's parents by volunteering at a local nursing home
- Developing a video and doing other activities to bring joy to those who are suffering from physical or mental illnesses ♦

Max Levy



Gabriel Levy



Ariella Gerrig • November 21st

In preparation for my Bat Mitzvah, I chose to connect the spirit of Tikkun Olam with my love of baking for my Mitzvah project. One Friday, every other month, throughout my Bat Mitzvah year, I am baking challah for the Russian Jewish residents at the Hunters Woods Fellowship House in Reston. Together we light the candles, say the blessing over grape juice, and enjoy eating challah following the Hamotzi blessing. ♦



Kyra Smith • December 5th

Kyra's Bat Mitzvah Project is for the Katherine Hanley Family Shelter, collecting needed items to donate such as paper goods, toiletries, diapers, etc. ♦



Kanan Weitzman • December 5th

Kanan's Bar Mitzvah project is Congenital Heart Defect Awareness. ♦



Violet Sather • December 12th

Violet is working with Herndon Reston FISH (Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help) on their Holiday Basket Program, which provides food baskets at Thanksgiving, and food and gift baskets for December holidays to more than 500 Reston residents. She is helping solicit donations and volunteers for the program, as well as volunteering herself. Anyone who would like to help can sign up at tinyurl.com/FISHbasket2015. ♦



Melinda Goldfedder • December 19th

I will use media and social media to help an animal shelter find homes for animals. ♦

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 January/February is December 1st.

Torah Talk

Our Shabbat Torah study class will be held on **Saturday, November 14th, 21st, 28th; and December 12th, 19th & 26th at 9:00 a.m.** 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. ♦

WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT FROM ALL OTHER NIGHTS?

By Susan Trivers

Did you read this headline and wonder “How can it be Pesach already?” Not to worry, Pesach is still a few months off!

I think that even better than the annual holiday of Pesach is our weekly holiday of Shabbat - the night that is different from all other nights of our week. Yes, we have a Jewish holiday every week. And I wish everyone in the NVHC community would make time to celebrate it often.

Why do I love Shabbat and encourage you to join me? Because “Lo bashamayim hi.” (“It is not in the heavens.”) Moses declares this as he encourages the Israelites to remember the covenant when he is gone, and they are in the Land of Israel.

Friday night—Erev Shabbat—is the perfect time for everyone to personally experience Judaism right here on earth.

Two bright candles, fresh challah, a cup of wine. What could be more accessible to us? A few expressions of amazement for the natural world around us. Some loving thoughts for healing and to provide comfort to the bereaved. Expressing a deep desire for peace. Being thankful for another week and the shelter of rest provided by Shabbat. And all of this is family friendly, whatever the makeup of your family.

Is there anything here that is not earthly? Is there anything an NVHC family could find too hard or complex or complicated? No, it’s all right here, in Reston, for you to enjoy each week.

Shabbat is essentially about renewal and wonderment. **Renewal.** We deplete ourselves during the week and on Shabbat we renew. It’s critical to know that Jewish thought about the renewal of Shabbat is very clear—we don’t renew just so we can go back to work. **We renew so we are able to appreciate what we have, personally and in the world.**

Wonderment. We pause from everything else so we can really see the wonder of humankind, the natural world; our amazing ability to think, feel, care for others, heal, grieve, and celebrate. **This distinguishes us from all other creatures.**

I’ve had conversations with many congregants about ‘meaning.’ Some people want to have a literal understanding of every word of Shabbat worship. Others find meaning in the symphony that is Hebrew, chanted, spoken or sung,

whether or not they understand it. Many look forward to the moments of silence when they can go into themselves. Others enjoy the camaraderie of friends and fellow congregants, which also enables us to welcome newcomers. We can’t forget the noshes and the Onegs either—what is a Jewish celebration without food? And wishing *mazel tov*, singing *s’becheyanu* on the occasion of personal milestones, achievements and simchas—what is better than joining with our NVHC family for joyfulness? Whatever your definition of ‘meaning,’ you’ll find it at our weekly Erev Shabbat services.

I’m now excited about another way that NVHC will make Shabbat a night different from all other nights. We’re inaugurating Shabbat dinners on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month beginning Nov. 6th. Dinners for adults and children need to be reserved in advance on the NVHC website.

The 1st Friday night dinners will begin at 7:45 p.m., and may be more appealing to adults. Gather several friends and eat together. Do you have out-of-town guests for a bar or bat mitzvah? Invite them to be your guests at our Shabbat dinner—right in the Social Hall, all the set-up and clean-up done for you, leaving you time to relax and visit

The 3rd Friday night dinners will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m., and will be especially appealing to families with kids. Rabbi Holzman and Cantor Caro are encouraging everyone to come to the temple each Friday and to feel free to stay as long or as short as you like. Dinner with the kids, the candle blessing and then—stay for services or depart for home.

Shabbat celebrations will remain at 8:00 p.m. on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Fridays of each month. We bring Shabbat right into our midst each and every Friday evening. Why is this night different from all other nights? Because it’s Shabbat! ♦

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community can be. As I watched him lead the congregation in the *V'abavta*, I listened to the hundreds of voices around me. I knew in that moment that my child would grow into young adulthood in the safe and supportive presence of those voices. One of the greatest fears of a parent's life—letting go and watching a child grow up—became just a bit easier because of those voices. That is the power of community.

Unfortunately, the converse to the importance of community in moments of joy is the way we need community in moments of sadness. I am reminded on this critical lesson multiple times a year when tragedy strikes one of our members. Most often this happens through the phenomenon of widowhood. Studies of human anxiety and stress show that the single most stressful experience is the death of a spouse. The emotional pain of losing the love of one's life can be debilitating. Every day, the surviving spouse must encounter memories and mementos of the late husband or wife. In the midst of this, the estate and funeral planning can be exhausting. The entire process is bewildering and overwhelming.

We also see this kind of stress during situations of long-term illness. The patient or the caregiver can become isolated in a world of doctors, medicines, appointments, discomforts and, often, financial hardship. Again, when a friend network exists, that can be the difference between dark, depressing days of loneliness, or glimmers of hope and strength with each interaction. Both the sick and the caregiving spouse need that kind of emotional support.

The only way to survive the emotional turmoil of this kind of stress and loss is to turn to others for support. Unfortunately few Northern Virginia residents have large networks of family in proximity. Most of our members are transplants from some other part of the country. So when tragedy strikes, and someone becomes ill or a spouse dies, we usually do not have cousins, siblings, parents, children or childhood friends to fall back upon for support. That means we need to turn to our friends. In my experience, those with strong friend networks move through the illness or bereavement process in position of relative strength. It's not easy for anyone, but having friends around makes the pain somewhat bearable.

But what if the friend network is absent?

Way too often, the social life of a couple runs solely through the one spouse, usually (in a straight couple) the wife. In extremely tight social networks, the friends of the deceased or ill spouse will step in and hold the other spouse with love and support. But sometimes, one spouse really has

little connection with the friends of the other. I have seen this numerous times, especially with widowers who have very few or no friends, and discover the crushing loneliness that follows when a spouse dies. Initiating a friend network in the midst of illness or bereavement is too much to bear on top of the existing stress, and deep depression can set in.

This is an area where NVHC can help heal the world by consoling the bereaved or visiting the sick. Cantor Caro, our rabbinic intern Rachel Schmelkin, and I do this work as part of our pastoral duties, but we cannot do this alone. Nor should we. We are a community. Communities are built on relationships. Unlike friendships, which are largely optional, volitional and preferential, communal relationships are covenantal. We cannot reject anyone. We do not have a choice about relating to everyone in the community. We do not get to pick people based on preference. In a community, we each have a claim on everyone else for support and joy as we pass through life. That is part of why we are here.

Well, when a surviving spouse encounters this horrible loneliness, NVHC needs to step in. When someone is trapped at home with illness, NVHC needs to step in (for the ill and the caregiver). Our NVHC Cares program is the very first line of support, but it is not currently designed for more complicated long-term support. Sisterhood and Brotherhood often offer support, but these organizations focus on events and volunteering for the synagogue, not giving care for the long term. To be entirely honest, Sisterhood does better at this, and NVHC Cares is almost entirely women volunteers, so the biggest hole in the communal support net is with men.

This means when a wife dies, or when a man must provide long-term care for an ailing wife, or when the man is disabled or ill for the long term, we do not currently have a network of men who can step in, initiate casual relationships, alleviate loneliness and offer help.

The very good news is that I have seen individual men at NVHC do this work in the past. I have seen the deep satisfaction and pride that comes from a man who steps up, connects with a new friend, and offers patient support and a simple presence for someone who is newly alone. I have seen the friendships that formed, and the ways in which those friendships evolved over the years.

In the work of building a covenantal community, this is low hanging fruit. Women and men who are bereaved need friendship and connection. Hopefully the natural, organic, day-to-day functioning of the synagogue will help to form

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TIME TO GET READY FOR THE CHANUKAH BOUTIQUE...

By Suzi Stone, Sisterhood President

It's almost Chanukah and that means Gelt, Candles, Menorahs, and all sorts of other wonderful presents to buy. What better place to buy them than at the Sisterhood Chanukah Boutique on **Sunday, November 15th from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** in the sanctuary?

Now, if you can't wait for the Boutique, then stop into the Judaica Shop on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings to get a jump on the Boutique's rush. YES, our wonderful Judaica Shop is now open!! Come in and meet Iris Zimmerman-Garza, who is our new Judaica Shop Manager. Iris is part of our terrific NVHC family, and has taken on the job of being the source for all of your needs for Chanukah, Bar and Bat Mitvah, and any other special event. She's great, and can do it all. We are very excited about her plans for things to come with the store. Stop in, say "hi," and it wouldn't hurt to buy a little something, too.

Sisters and NVHC members, we are looking for help setting up and taking down the Boutique. Please talk to Iris about helping. You will be doing a Mitzvah!

Coming up right after the Boutique is our annual

Sisterhood Paid-Up Membership Dinner on Sunday, November 22nd from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room. You will need to RSVP to SisterhoodPresident@nvhcreston.org. So, if you haven't sent in your membership renewal, or taken that step to join, now is the time so we can have a nice dinner for you.

Remember the Dates: November 15th – Chanukah Boutique and November 22nd – the Paid-Up Membership Dinner. For more information, please read the weekly Sisterhood Newsletter.

Do contact me if you have any questions about these or other events Sisterhood is planning for the future. We are a great group of women. Join us—Enjoy us—a Sister is a very special friend. ♦

Sisterhood

Women Who Mean Business

Join us on Friday, November 20th for WWMB 2015!

Are you ready to start drumming up new business, recruiting new talent, or figuring out what to do next in your career? Well, we are too, so come network with us!

The NVHC Sisterhood-sponsored Women Who Mean Business networking group typically meets on the fourth Friday of each month, BUT for November, we will be meeting on **November 20th from 8:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**

Who are we? We are smart, successful, and friendly women who understand the power of networking and sisterhood! We come from a wide variety of industries, including residential real estate, franchising, marketing, brand strategy, law, education, medicine, insurance, financial services, interior design, retail, art, human resources, fashion, psychology... the list goes on.

What happens at the meetings? Everyone has the opportunity to present their I-minute "elevator speech" telling the group: what you do for \$\$, and what kind of business, referrals or help you are seeking. How can we help YOU?

For meeting details and to RSVP, contact Heather Rosen (703-291-0939) or Ellen Moyer (703-298-6444). Please include your name, telephone number and e-mail address, title, company name, and location. To RSVP, e-mail us at WWMB@nvhcreston.org. Please RSVP no later than Thursday, November 19th.

LIKE us on Facebook and post your events there! Go to <https://www.facebook.com/pages/NVHC-Women-Who-Mean-Business>

In December, there will not be a formal WWMB meeting! We look forward to seeing you in 2016!

Chanukah Boutique



**Sunday,
November 15, 2015
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
NVHC Sanctuary
and Social Hall**

NVHC Sisterhood Presents Paid-Up Membership Dinner



When: Sunday, November 22, 2015,
5:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.

Where: NVHC Multi-Purpose Room
1441 Wiehle Avenue
Reston, VA 20190

All 2015/2016 Sisterhood Members, please join us for dinner and a short program. The event is FREE for Paid-Up members. We will be serving friendship and dinner: Pasta, Salad, Bread, Dessert, Coffee & Tea.

Haven't joined, yet? Visit the temple web site, and click on the membership form on our Sisterhood page. Just print out a membership form, fill it out and mail it in.

RSVP to Suzi. Deadline: Thursday evening, November 19th.
Email: sisterhoodpresident@nvhcreston.org

NVHC's Sisterhood is a women's organization that promotes camaraderie, esprit de corps, spirituality and participation in tikkun olam – repairing the world – within our congregation and the greater Reston community.

NVHC Sisterhood. Suzi Stone, President

*Northern Virginia Hebrew
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Perspective *By Rabbi Michael G. Holzman (continued from page 9)*

those relationships in advance of tragedy. But when tragedy strikes, we as a community cannot sit idly by expecting someone else to form those friendships. We need to ensure that the bereaved have care and support beyond the week of shiva when the relatives go home.

We can solve this through one of our existing organizations (NVHC Cares, Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Chevra Kadisha), or we can create something new. But we will need to train ourselves how to do this sacred work, and create a system for long-term relationships that draw the lonely deeper into friendships and community in a way that reminds them they are not alone.

On **December 8th, 7:15 p.m.**, I invite you to a conversation about this topic. Cantor Caro, Rachel Schmelkin, and I are all eager to build this kind of support network, and we are looking for partners willing to either organize others, or be a visiting volunteer.

Please sign up to help organize or be a volunteer on our website by clicking on the "Live" tab and going to NVHC Cares and Support Networks to fill out the form. Men, you especially, need to step up and attend on **December 8th, 7:15 p.m.**

One last thought: When we have an amazing simcha (happy occasion) like a birth, wedding or b'nai mitzvah, and our entire network of family and friends surrounds us, we can feel like we are floating on all that love. Hearing the voices and seeing the faces of so many people who share memories, hopes and joys with us can be some of the most important experiences of our lives. In moments of sadness and loneliness, we need an equal dose of network support. We need help floating in a dark sea of struggle. This community should be that flotation device for those who need it. ♦



THE DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

NOVEMBER 11, 2015, 8:00 p.m.

“Israel’s Economic Miracle”

Gal Raz received his PhD in Business from Stanford University, his Bachelor’s degree in industrial engineering from The Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, and has taught at UVA’s Darden School. Professor Raz’s research focuses on public policy, innovation and sustainability.

The NVHC Speaker Series is free and open to the public. 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston, VA 20190



THE DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

DECEMBER 14, 2015, 8:00 p.m.

“American Judaism and Economic Justice”

Rabbi Jonah Pesner is the director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. Named one of the most influential rabbis in America by Newsweek magazine, he has been an advocate for economic justice, marriage equality, human rights, and a variety of other causes.

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LIFELONG LEARNING PRESENTS

ELIJAH: THE PROPHET WHO NEVER DIED

A Lunch and Learn Program

Eliabu HaNavi, Eliabu, HaTisbbi, Eliabu, Eliabu, Eliabu HaGiladi.

We invoke his name every week during Havdalah. We await his arrival every year at our seder table. Who is this guy? What is his connection to the Messiah? Why does he hold such an important place in Jewish tradition and folklore? Join us for an in-depth look at his life and legacy.

Instructor: Rabbi Emerita Rosalind Gold
When: Tuesdays: January 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Fee: Members \$18, Non-members \$25.

Elijah: The Prophet Who Never Died

Name: _____ Member: _____ Non-member: _____

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COURSE FEE: \$18 MEMBERS, \$25 NON-MEMBERS

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AMERICAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE

A series of 90-minute discussions exploring the broad topic of what it means to live as a Jew in Northern Virginia today and the key events and milestones in our history that got us where we are. Each discussion will be led by a congregant who is passionate about the discussion topic. There are no prerequisites for this series, no prior experience or knowledge required.

You may register for individual sessions or register for the entire series at a reduced rate.

When: Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

FEE PER CLASS: \$10 MEMBERS, \$14 NON-MEMBERS

SERIES: \$100 MEMBERS, \$140 NON-MEMBERS

TAMID Students: Free

November 3rd. First Jews in America: The Jews of New Amsterdam (Andrew Stein)

In 1654, a group of 23 Jewish refugees from Brazil landed in the colony of New Amsterdam, becoming the first Jewish community in North America. Learn how this group struggled for acceptance and recognition as full citizens in their new home, setting a precedence for those who would follow.

November 17th. American Jewish Literature, Part I (Kay Menchel)

The author, John Updike, in his introduction to the Best American Short Stories of the century, wrote: *“Jewishness! What would postwar American fiction be without it – its color, its sharp eye, its colloquial verve, its comic passions, its exuberant plaintiveness?”* This statement implicitly assumes, of course, that there is such a thing as Jewish-American fiction, a mansion that houses Roth, Mailer, Malamud, Bellow, Heller, Singer, Salinger, Ozick, and Doctorow to name but a few. But the term “Jewish American writer” is contentious to say the least, some of the aforementioned writers having denounced it altogether. In these sessions we will discuss whether the category exists, and if it does, are there similarities between these authors? Excerpts for discussion will be provided, and different authors will be studied in each session.

December 1st. Jews and the American Civil War (Andy Lacher)

Even after 150 years, our modern lives are impacted by the American Civil War with issues debated in presidential races to school curriculum. On a much smaller stage, the role of American Jews in the Civil War period has been similarly at issue. This discussion will center around the political positions of Jews during the civil war period, their individual contributions to both the Union and the Confederacy, and how the civil war impacted perceptions of Jews throughout the nation.

January 5th. Navigating the Weekly Torah Portion (Susan Trivers)

Approaches that the casual student of Torah can use to make the weekly portion come alive and find relevance and meaning for today’s world.

January 19th. American Jewish Literature, Part 2 (Kay Menchel)

See November 17th.

February 2nd. Jewish Influences in American Music, Part I (Cantor Susan Caro)

For great American composers of song, the likes of Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, Jerome Kern, Oscar Hammerstein, and more – being Jewish was very important to them as was their ‘hunger’ to fit in to mainstream America. Their ease at doing so helped shape both the core of their identity and many of America’s greatest songs. In two sessions, we will explore their Jewish roots and their influences on American culture, both through writings and musical examples – and maybe even some singing (by the Cantor).

February 16th. Raising a Jewish Child in Modern America (Moshe Ben Lev)

Each parent struggles with the many challenges that face raising a child in a world where the high expectations for achievement are often forefront in their minds. How do we ensure that our children are raised with values and ethics that we ourselves have chosen through our commitment to Jewish living?

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AMERICAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE *Continued from page 13*

March 15th. Jewish Influences in American Music, Part 2 (Cantor Susan Caro)
See February 2nd.

March 29th. Judaism and Video Games (Adam Cohn)
Video games have surpassed movies as the primary source of entertainment for the new generation. They provide a much more intimate and immersive experience than movies. Where you will spend maybe two hours watching a movie, you can spend more than 80 hours over several weeks playing some games. Each game has its own subculture and rules. Some even involve moral choices. This class will focus on how to understand video gaming in a Jewish context. What impact does gaming have on your life and on your soul? What relationship, if any, does the fantasy world in gaming have to the real world? We will talk using examples from some of the top video game franchises such as Skyrim, Grand Theft Auto, Call of Duty, Assassin's Creed, Batman, and Halo.

April 12th. American Jewish Attitudes Toward Zionism (Rabbi Michael Holzman)
How American Jewish sentiment toward Israel and Zionism have evolved over time. Key events and milestones which have shaped our view of and relationship with Israel today.

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AMERICAN JEWISH EXPERIENCE

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SERIES: \$100 MEMBERS, \$140 NON-MEMBERS

Tamid Students: Free

Check <input type="checkbox"/> to enroll	Date	Session Title
	11/3	Jews of New Amsterdam
	11/17	American Jewish Literature, Part 1
	12/1	Jews and the American Civil War
	1/5	Navigating the Weekly Torah Portion
	1/19	American Jewish Literature, Part 2
	2/2	Jewish Influences in American Music, Part 1
	2/16	Raising a Jewish Child in Modern America
	3/15	Jewish Influences in American Music, Part 2
	3/29	Judaism and Video Games
	4/12	American Jewish Attitudes Toward Zionism

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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For questions, comments, or suggestions for future Lifelong Learning offerings please contact Elizabeth Lacher, lifellearn-committee@nvbcreston.org

EXPLORING JEWISH TEXTS

TALMUD STUDY GROUP WITH RABBI HOLZMAN

The Talmud is the cornerstone of Judaism as we know it, theologically, ritually, legally and culturally. It is one of the greatest intellectual works in human history of any religion or philosophy. Yet it remains a mystery to most Jews, for good reason. It's hard, complicated, convoluted and at times esoteric. Learn how to navigate the oceans of Talmudic thought with these meetings once a month. Topics will vary widely, but will likely include discussions of Jewish ritual, family relations, and understandings of nature, community authority, and history.

We begin and end promptly Friday mornings, 8:00-9:00 a.m. examining key sections of Talmud. It's a great way to prepare for *Shabbes*. All classes are stand-alone, and will not require prior attendance. To register, email Lifearn@nvhcreston.org, or call the Temple Office at (703) 437-7733.

November 20th	February 19th	May 20th
December 18th	March 18th	
January 15th	April 15th	

JEWISH COOKING MADE EASY: FAVORITES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Our popular Jewish Cooking series is back! Our cooking classes are led by NVHC's top chefs who will introduce you to new recipes and old favorites with a modern twist! Come prepared to get messy, enjoy fine food, meet new friends, learn something new, and just have fun.

You may register for individual sessions or the entire series. **Limited space is available, please register early!**

FEE PER CLASS: \$35 MEMBERS, \$48 NON-MEMBERS, free for TAMID students
Series: \$170 members, \$230 non-members, free for TAMID students **When:** Thursdays 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Check <input type="checkbox"/> Selection(s)	Session Date	Description	Lead Cook	Enter Fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	November 19th	Hurrah for Challah!	Mary Chester	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	December 17th	Jewish Argentinian Dinner	Mariel Barnes	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	January 21st	Tu B'Shevat Dinner: Featuring a tzimmi-like entrée, a salad with nuts and dried fruits, baklava and date cookies for dessert	Nina Kwartin	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	February 18th	Jewish-Italian: Tortelli di Zucca Gialla (butternut squash ravioli) made Jewish style, with raisins and almonds!	Madeleine Abel	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	March 17th	Awesome Hamantashen	Mariel Barnes	\$
<input type="checkbox"/>	June 16th	Shavuot Dinner: A Jewish-Italian Dairy Meal	Madeleine Abel	\$
Total				\$

JEWISH COOKING MADE EASY

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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

November 7th. *The Lady in Gold: The Extraordinary Story of Gustav Klimt's Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer*, by Anne-Marie O'Connor. History. Family letters support the biography of Klimt and Bloch-Bauer, and the Nazi regime's precise records contribute to their story as they gathered up all of Europe's art collections. The book traces the "ownership" of this painting and the inestimable number of artworks that were absorbed as Hitler planned his museum in Linz. Finally, the tenacity with which descendants of those robbed by the Nazis is exemplified by the work of Randol Schoenberg, who tirelessly strove to assure the return of the Lady in Gold.

December 5th. *An Officer and a Spy*, by Robert Harris. 429 pp. Historical Fiction. Georges Picquart, the story's narrator, lives in France before and after the turn of the 20th century. He is a sophisticated Parisian and an ambitious army officer who becomes head of the military's Statistical Service, the espionage division, where a superior suggests he look into the affair of Alfred Dreyfus, a fellow officer just convicted of treason for passing French military secrets to the Germans.

January 9 (one week later because of New Year's Day). *American Pastoral: The American Trilogy #1*, by Philip Roth, **Pulitzer Prize Winner (1998)**. Fiction. This novel is an elegy for all the twentieth century's promises of prosperity, civic order, and domestic bliss. His protagonist Seymour 'Swede' Levov - a legendary high school athlete, a devoted family man, a hard worker, the prosperous inheritor of his father's Newark glove factory - comes of age in thriving, triumphant post-war America. And then one day in 1968, Swede's American luck deserts him. This is considered by many to be Roth's masterpiece. ♦

REEL THEOLOGY

WITH RABBINIC INTERN RACHEL SCHMELKIN

A series of in-depth discussions about popular movies and what they can teach us about ourselves, life and living. We will watch excerpts from the movie and reference Jewish texts related to the themes of the movie. Participants are strongly encouraged to watch the complete movie prior to the discussion.

FEE FOR THE SERIES: \$18 MEMBERS, \$25 NON-MEMBERS Tamid Students: Free

Monday, December 7th. 7:00-8:30 p.m. *Amelie*.

Amelie is an innocent and naive girl in Paris with her own sense of justice. She decides to help those around her and, along the way, discovers love.

Sunday, April 3rd. 7:00-8:30 p.m. *Crimes and Misdemeanors*.

An ophthalmologist's mistress threatens to reveal their affair to his wife, while a married documentary filmmaker is infatuated by another woman.

Monday, May 2nd. 7:00-8:30 p.m. *The King's Speech*.

The story of King George VI of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, his impromptu ascension to the throne and the speech therapist who helped the unsure monarch become worthy of it.

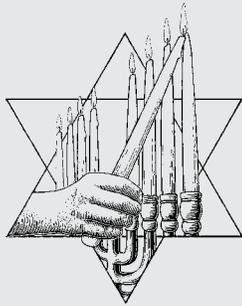
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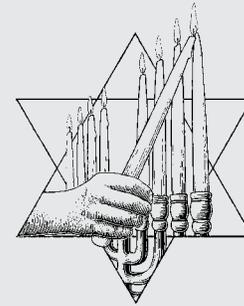


Blessings for Lighting Candles during Chanukah

(on each night) - Sunday, December 6th through Sunday, December 13th

*Baruch atah Adonai elohaynu melech ha'olam asher kidshanu
bemitzvotav vetzivanu lehadlik ner shel Chanukah.*

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe,
who has made us holy by mitzvot and instructed us to light the Chanukah candles.



(on each night) - Sunday, December 6th through Sunday, December 13th

*Baruch atah Adonai elohaynu melech ha'olam she'asah nisim
lavotaynu bayamim hahem bazman hazeh.*

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe,
who performed miracles for our ancestors at this season in ancient days.

(on first night only) - Sunday, December 6th

*Baruch atah Adonai elohaynu melech ha'olam she-he-cheyanu
vekimanu vehigyanu lazman hazeh.*

Praised are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the Universe,
who has given us life, sustained us, and helped us to reach this day.

Ner Shel Tzedakah - Candle of Righteousness – Friday, December 11th

*Baruch atah Adonai, elohaynu melech ha'olam, asher kidshanu
bemitzvotav vetzivanu lehadlik ner shel tzedakah.*

Blessed are You, Eternal, our God, who makes us holy through the performance of Mitzvot, and inspires us to light the Candle of Righteousness. As we light this "Ner Shel Tzedakah," we pray that its light will shine into the dark corners of our world, bringing relief to those suffering from the indignity and pain that accompany poverty. May our act of giving inspire others to join with us in the fight against the scourge of hunger, homelessness, need and want.

Ner Shel Tzedakah ("candle of righteousness") is a project in which families and individuals devote the 6th night of Chanukah to learning about the problem of poverty. As you light this candle of righteousness, families often donate the value of the gifts (or the gifts themselves) that they would otherwise exchange on that night to organizations that assist the poor. This year, the 6th night of Chanukah falls on Friday, December 11th. By making donations on the 6th night of Chanukah, you will help our candle of righteousness glow brightly for those in need.

SAVE THE DATE!

ADULT SHABBATON 2016

FROM BROKENNESS TO WHOLENESS

Saturday, February 6th, 2016

Light dawns in the darkness for the upright, gracious and merciful and just. Psalm 112

What does Judaism teach us about creating wholeness in our lives despite the brokenness that confronts us? Please join us for a day of prayer, music, study, and renewal. We will explore prayers for healing, prayer for peace, rituals surrounding mourning and remembrance, meditation, confronting challenges of faith, and more.

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.

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

Get involved: Our next Meeting will be held in January – stay tuned for the date and time. 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.**

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? ♦

HELPING FEED LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

By *Nina Falci*

Think of November and December, and your mind quickly moves to holiday celebrations full of family, fun and food. Tables are laden with turkey, stuffing, pie, latkes, jelly donuts and many other holiday favorites. We enjoy ourselves so much that come January, many of us hit the gym with extra motivation. As you know, there are families around the country that are not able to enjoy the abundance of holiday fare. The truth is, they don't even have enough money to adequately feed their families on a day-to-day basis. For families with school-age children, help is available via a federal program called the National School Lunch Program. It provides free and reduced priced lunches during the school week to eligible children, like those who attend nearby Forest Edge Elementary School. That's great during the week, but how do these students get food on the weekends? The answer lies in donations from the community.

Alison Behar and Nicole Holzman lead a food packaging program which provides weekend food for 225 of Forest Edge's free and reduced meal eligible students. These packages are assembled twice a month during the school year; once by Tamid students and once by a group of adults and children one Sunday per month after Kehilat Limmud. Forest Edge families sign up to receive these packages of food for their children, which contain items such as milk, juice, canned tuna, mac and cheese, fruit, granola bars, peanut butter or cheese-filled snack crackers, popcorn and oatmeal.

How can you help?

Donate money!! (click link) It costs \$1,400 per month for the Tamid event (all of the food is purchased from Costco) and additional funding is needed to supplement food donations for the Sunday packing event. The food budget for an entire school year for this program is \$13,000.

Donate food!! Create an account on SignUp Genius and you will receive monthly emails that will link you to the food donation sign-up system. Send an email to Alison Behar at alison.behar@gmail.com to get on her list.

Pack Food! The November/December Sunday packing events will be held on **Nov 22nd** (12:15 -1:45 p.m.) and **Dec 13th** (11:45 a.m. -1:15 p.m.) Read the weekly emails for future dates.

If you would like additional information about this worthwhile Tikkum Olam project, please email Alison and Nicole at alison.behar@gmail.com. This program is a great benefit to these children; however, it does not solve their hunger challenges over the weekend. ♦

music to enhance and deepen all of those experiences. It enables me to weave what I love and what moves my soul into my professional life.

However, while I have been a musician for pretty much my entire life, I never aspired to grow up to be a professional musician. In fact, just the opposite - to me, doing that seemed like it might dilute the love that I have for making and living music. Happily, I was wrong! And, while there was Jewish music in my childhood, secular music genres were most prevalent at the core: classical music on the piano and flute, with folk music and Broadway through my voice. I loved to bang away on the piano (badly and in private), and sing! In those moments, and through community theater, I was able to try on different personae and life experiences, all enhanced by breaking into song, to convey the laughter and tears of life.

Of course, we all know how that turned out! Here I am, entering my 26th year of cantorial work, blessed by the countless unique moments that have filled those years. Through my professional capacity as a singer, musician and spiritual leader, I have gained an even greater appreciation for the endless genres and styles of music in the world, each with their own purpose and their own disciples and fans. More important is the crossover and interweaving of various musical strands and threads to create a tapestry that can elicit and inspire excitement and deep meaning in our lives as American Jews. *"Music speaks louder than words,"* words made infamous by the American Folk Group trio, Peter, Paul and Mary, are truly a call for music which creates memory that is more lasting than words alone. Music helps us to see the same idea in new ways, to find new insights, to uncover new ways of being, to love again, to express emotion otherwise unknown. It takes us into another dimension where we can live more fully.

Often here in synagogue, that dimension explores the experiences of prayer, of comfort, of community, of joy. Sometimes, though, music must be about pure delight and entertainment; we need good times of laughter and enjoyment, just for their own sake. That is why we cantors give concerts. It is our own joy and delight which we happily share with our communities. It is great fun for us to put on a different hat, so to speak, and to share another facet of ourselves and our talents with all of you. What helps me most to do my best work here is to be in relationship with all of you – not just from the *bimah*, a bedside or a classroom whiteboard, but in a diversity of capacities.

So, don't miss our **'Serenade and Supper Club'** evening on **November 21st** – you will get to hear me sing some of those crazy and fun songs that I love, in our social hall transformed into a nightclub! I am so excited to be joined by one of my dear friends and cantorial colleagues, Cantor Seth Warner – an amazing talent and a great wit! In addition, my very-long-time friend Beth Sussman, a remarkable pianist, will help us bring the music and fun to life. Beth and I go way back to our pre-college days at Juilliard. It is going to be a truly incredible evening, filled with wonderful music, fantastic food, and all in support of this amazing community, helping us to do all the things here that we dream of. I can't wait to see you there! ♦

Save the Date for the Next Congregational Meeting

Thursday, December 17, 2015

Please join us to reflect upon what NVHC has accomplished this past year and what we have to look forward to. We have a lot of exciting things going on, including the election of our 2015 Board of Trustees and the Marc Bachman Award. ♦

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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REMEMBRANCE AND RODIN

By Sheila Budoff

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you for our November and December programs!

Inheritance, the subject of our **November 24th** meeting, is a superb documentary film; it's very moving and very well done. While the legacy of Amon Goeth's brutality as commandant of the Plaszow concentration camp is certainly sobering, it also offers insight into the strength of the human spirit and the power of good in the world. Our trip to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA) in Richmond on **December 1st** will help brighten our outlook, and help us to appreciate the marvelous gifts of creativity and artistic accomplishment. We'll be viewing a very special exhibit on the work of Auguste Rodin, the greatest sculptor of the 18th and early 19th centuries, entitled *Rodin: Evolution of a Genius*. The VMFA is a fabulous museum, with many wonderful exhibits to see. There will be plenty of free time to explore the rest of the museum and the gift shop, as well as enjoy lunch at either of the museum's two excellent dining venues. Please join us!

PLEASE NOTE: We have several members of our group who would greatly appreciate a ride to our meetings. Please consider picking up one of our members on your way to NVHC. This is such an important way to help keep our members actively engaged in the community and let them know how important they are to us. If any of you would like to volunteer for this mitzvah, please contact me at sheila.budoff@jccnv.org or (703) 537-3068. Thanks!

Tuesday, November 24th, 10:30 a.m.-noon

Legacy of a Monster: Film, *Inheritance*, with Discussion

When Monika Hertwig was 11, she learned that her father, who had "died in the war," was Amon Goeth, Nazi commandant of the Plaszow concentration camp (portrayed by actor Ralph Fiennes in *Schindler's List*). Known as "the Butcher of Plaszow," Goeth was convicted of war crimes and executed in 1946, when Hertwig was an infant. Throughout her life, Hertwig struggled with this knowledge and her "inheritance" from her father. After seeing *Schindler's List*, Hertwig sought answers from Helen Jonas-Rosenzweig, who as a teen, had been enslaved by Goeth as his personal servant. *Inheritance* is the deeply moving story, told by Academy award-winning director James Moll, of the meeting of these two women, both victims in their own right, and their efforts to confront the evil in their past so they could reclaim their future. A discussion of the film will follow.

RSVP: Sheila Budoff, Sheila.Budoff@jccnv.org or 703.537.3068

Tuesday, December 1st [NOTE DATE CHANGE];
depart NVHC 8:30 a.m., return approximately 5:30 p.m.
Rodin Sculpture Exhibit at Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond

Don't miss this opportunity to see close to 200 works by the greatest sculptor of the 19th and early 20th centuries: Auguste Rodin. Many of these works are being presented in North America for the first time. The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts is a treasure of a museum, featuring world-

class special exhibitions such as this one. We'll view the special exhibit and have a guided highlights tour of the museum. Guided tours of the special exhibit are not available, but you will have the opportunity to purchase audio guide headphones for \$5.00. VMFA has two lunch options, Best Café (casual, cafeteria-style) and Amuse (fine dining). Reservations are required for Amuse. There will also be free time to explore the museum and gift shop on your own. Fee: \$28NM/\$26 JCCNV or synagogue member (includes admission to special Rodin sculpture exhibit, guided museum highlights tour and bus transportation; lunch is a separate charge).

RSVP: Send completed registration form and check, payable to JCCNV with "I2/I" in the memo line, to Sheila Budoff, Adult Dept., JCCNV, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA 22031. ♦

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Community News

We're so very proud of Andrea Vavonese! The Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia awarded her the **Eleanor Sue Finkelstein Award for Special Needs** for her work in the Inclusion Program at NVHC. She will receive the award on November 14th at the JCCNV event. For more information, please go to www.jccnv.org.

NVHC Cares Program

NVHC CARES NEEDS YOU

By *Robbie Kaplan* • NVHC Cares Chair

NVHC Cares is Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation's caring program. We reach out to our members in times of sorrow or need to provide support and solace, as well as congratulate in times of joy. Our goal is to engage our congregants with volunteer opportunities to make NVHC a caring community. We are currently seeking volunteers to:

1. Make and deliver meals.
2. Deliver challah to the bereaved on Shabbat.
3. Provide transportation during the weekdays on an as needed basis.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like to participate in NVHC Cares, please contact Robbie Kaplan at robbiemillerkaplan@gmail.com. ♦

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

**Tuesdays, November 17th & December 15th,
at 7:00 p.m.**

On Tuesdays, November 17th & December 15th, 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.

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.

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Our sincere gratitude goes to the following contributors, who made donations to our High Holy Day Appeal.



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