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Cover: Rabbi Michael Holzman delivers his sermon at Solidarity Shabbat, Friday, November 2, 2018. Over 800 people attended this service from multiple faith communities in response to the tragedy in Pittsburgh on October 27, 2018. Photo by John Mehlenbeck.

Above: Top: First snow, November 2018.

Middle: Members of NVHC bake challah for Solidarity Shabbat, November 2018.

Bottom: A student decorates a gratitude plate at Shabbat *Yom Hodu* (Shabbat of Gratitude), November, 2018.

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Hi.

It's been a while.

When we first sat down to draft ideas for the next edition of the NVHC Glance, we were told "most people don't even read [synagogue newsletters]." Instead of being discouraged, David and I were invigorated: Challenge accepted.

We raised the stakes for ourselves. Instead of a newsletter, let's make a *magazine*-- something longer, glossy, and full of photographs.

Instead of just clergy and staff writing to tell you about NVHC, what if *you* wrote to *us* about things that were important to you? This is the first time we've opened submissions to everyone in the congregation, and we heard great feedback and received some truly wonderful articles.

Instead of something static, what if we put in *games*, so that people were entertained by our magazine, and not just informed by it?

And finally, instead of every other month, the new NVHC Glance is quarterly. You already receive a weekly email from us, along with emails from other NVHC groups you're a part of. You don't need *more* information - just *better*.

We hope you enjoy the new NVHC Glance. And we're glad to be back.

L'shalom,

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Season of Rededication

Rabbi Michael Holzman

Why do we light the Chanukah menorah, the *chanukiah*? We call this the Festival of Lights, and it falls at the darkest time of year, so perhaps the purpose is the light, to give us hope. But our tradition offers a different angle: the purpose of the *chanukiah* is publicity! To publicize the miracle.

On its surface, this appears to be a public relations stunt for God, which is not necessarily a bad thing. But there is a deeper truth. Chanukah reminds us to rededicate ourselves:

- To the source of the miracle
- To a life in relationship to God
- To spiritual practice
- To deep, ancient wisdom, sacred face-to-face relationships.

Just as the Temple was polluted by Hellenistic culture, so too do we get polluted by our contemporary versions of Hellenism: materialism, consumerism, technology, meritocracy, and speed.

Judaism is not ascetic, so I am not advocating we retreat to a pre-modern life in the woods. I like my iPhone too. But the Temple stood for a system of restraints. Judaism does not cancel freedom, but it

does limit freedom. The Temple with its sacrifices was a daily reminder of those limits: they could not eat the first fruits, they could not harvest the corners of the land, they could not enjoy 100% of their wealth, they could not eat just any meat any time, they could not even enjoy sex whenever they felt like it. The Temple stood for restraint, and Chanukah was a rededication of that message.

I write this as we emerge from the extreme darkness of mass-shooting and the 80th Anniversary of *Kristallnacht*. I have a book on my shelf about the *Shoah* (the Holocaust) entitled *They Thought They were Free*. The book is not about the victims, but rather about the perpetrators. Violence itself is an example of extreme freedom: the freedom to do harm to another human being.

Fortunately, in December we begin emerging into light. Chanukah rededicates the self to spiritual living. Martin Luther King Jr. Day inspires us to serve the community. *Tu B'shevat* reminds us of our obligations to the planet. Purim inspires us with Esther's courage to stand up for her identity in a hostile world. And *Pesach*, the celebration of Spring, as well as the storytelling of the Exodus, is the capstone of this journey from darkness into light, from bondage to freedom.

We need this season. So join us for Shabbat Chanukah on December 7, and keep coming back for our learning, our prayers, our social get-togethers, our service opportunities, and our Rebuilding Democracy project. Fill this building with your presence, as we fill the world with light.



Sabbatical – A Time for Rest and Renewal

Cantor Susan Caro

Sabbatical. Sabbath. The words are nearly one and the same, both about rest. As we first learn in Torah, *Shabbat* – the Sabbath – is related to the completion of work, of God stepping back to rest, reflect, bless, and make holy. And then the Book of Exodus calls us to “Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the Eternal your God; you shall not do any work...” (Exodus 20:8-10). We aren’t required to complete work, but rather to refrain from engaging in it, one day a week, imitating God, who rested from the work of creation on the seventh day.

What does it really mean not to work? It means that our illusion of control is broken. We go through our days, believing that we make, that we supply, that we are in control. And once a week, we enter into an experience that helps us to relinquish control, turning to a power larger than ourselves. We can receive God’s mercy and reassurance.

The Sabbath – and a sabbatical, a period of sacred rest – helps us to experience time neither as master nor as enemy, but as another part of God’s creation.

Time becomes the medium through which we

create, and in which we are renewed. In that time, we are called to pause, reflect, be renewed, and bless.

The concept of the sabbatical has its roots in the Hebrew Bible. Every seven years, a sabbath (or rest) year was commanded to give the land a break from agricultural activity. This need to rejuvenate the land, written into Torah, is a practical guide to give our fields a much-needed rest from constant activity, as a way to recharge the land.

Farmers know that while it may be tough to let the land lie fallow, it clearly benefits crop growth and harvest yields in future years. In a similar way, our minds, like the soil, need rest to continue to grow and provide. Judaism’s wisdom contributes to modern knowledge and understanding of life. In a 2009 TED talk titled *The Power of Time Off*, Stefan Sagmeister talks about the importance of sabbatical. He observes that not only do time off and rest allow us to be more productive, but that leisure is valuable in its own right, expanding our creativity and allowing us to take our work to the next level, to live fuller and more meaningful lives. According to Sagmeister, the work that comes out of a sabbatical then flows back into the company through renewed energy and creativity.

From January through March 2019, I am entering an extended time to be in an “absorb” state, where I can gather information and inspiration, while ceasing my “regular” work. The slowing of my mind will provide the opportunity for creativity and insight to arise, a time to rest and reflect upon how I can better approach the challenges and joys of this calling; a time for me to consciously reconnect with my goals. As I prepare for this extended time of cessation, I think about what will nourish my soul. What will help me bloom again, so that when I return to this beloved community I help to lead, I will be refocused and refreshed? What can I allow to flourish in that pause, that will ultimately flow back into our community?

In his article in this newsletter, Rabbi Holzman writes of this period leading up to Chanukah as a time of rededication, where we are called “to rededicate ourselves to a life in relationship to God, to spiritual practice, to deep, ancient wisdom, and to sacred face-to-face relationships.” This is my hope and purpose during my sabbatical. **During this time, our rabbis will be joined in service by lay leaders from our congregation, and even some guest cantors.** In so doing, my absence will offer opportunities for different experiences, allowing us all to be inspired in new ways for when we are back together.

With my heart overflowing, I am immensely grateful to our NVHC leadership, to my professional colleagues, and to all of you, for extending me the gift of this sabbatical. I am humbled by the vote of confidence and generosity of spirit in granting me this time of renewal. I am not going into hiding. You are my community and I am a part of it, even when I am not actively leading it. I will be happy to run into you when we are out and about, and to see your smiling faces! And, I look forward to returning, filled with the spirit and strength to resume my work with you, with the utmost joy and dedication.



Yom Tzedek Rabbi Jessica Wainer

As far back as I can remember, I have always been involved with service projects on the weekend honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I understood that it was a weekend honoring the life and legacy of Dr. King; the way we did that in my community was by engaging in acts of service. What I did not know, until very recently, was that the reason we

were involved in acts of service was not only because our family values or our Jewish values, but because of our national values. In 1994, Representatives John Lewis and Harris Wofford put forth legislation to Congress proposing the King Holiday and Service Act, which designated Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a national day of service in addition to a federal holiday.

The late Coretta Scott King wrote of her husband’s legacy that we commemorate “...the timeless values he taught us through his example – the values of courage, truth, justice, compassion, dignity, humility, and service that so radiantly defined Dr. King’s character...”[1] We build upon these values by engaging in acts of service for our Northern Virginia community on the Sunday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend.

Last year, we did this through engaging with *Tikkun Olam*, acts of repairing the world, in Kehillat Limmud. Together, our families helped to pack bagged lunches for Cornerstones, create coloring books for the Inova Children’s Hospital, and write letters to our elected officials. We studied texts relating to the themes of these actions, and then put our words into action by giving back to our community.

This year, we will continue to build on these lessons by again holding *Yom Tzedek*, our Day of Justice, on Sunday, January 20. Together, our families will study texts that support the values Dr. King championed and put these values into action. We will engage with various organizations and actions that support our Northern Virginia community. This will, once again, include our civic-engagement letter writing campaign. The objective of this campaign is to ask participants to select an elected official of any capacity and write to that person on an issue that is important to them. Last year we had a number of elected officials, from school board officials to members of Congress, who replied to our students and families!

Giving back to our community is not always easy, and often comes with a monetary price. This year, NVHC Change, our Social Action Committee, is offering Microgrants to help support your ideas and social justice projects. If you have an idea for a project, particularly one that you would like to do during the Martin Luther King holiday weekend, we invite you to apply for one of these microgrants, ranging from \$25 to \$250. Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to, organizing a book drive, promoting interfaith dialogue, or knitting scarves for the Cornerstones Coat Drive.

Our rabbis taught that it is not our responsibility to finish the work, but neither are we free to desist from it. This Dr. Martin Luther King Day weekend, I encourage you to find a way to engage in acts of community service, giving back to our community and upholding the values of Dr. King's life and legacy.

[1] <http://www.thekingcenter.org/meaning-king-holiday>

Thanksgiving Cindi Drake



I've spent some time thinking about this past Thanksgiving and many previous ones, and I wondered why I find it to be such a delightful holiday. Partly, I suspect, has much to do with what day of the week it falls on, who celebrates it, and the traditions associated with it.

Always celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November makes it predictable and interferes with no one's religious practices (that I know of). Thanksgiving never falls on Shabbat! This allows the most observant to run out for those last-minute ingredients. No one twists and turns and agonizes over whether to serve dinner before or after services. Kosher Thanksgiving turkeys are not hard to find along with family friendly side dishes. There are no presents to buy and no rituals to observe, only individual family traditions which get passed down from generation to generation. In some families, like mine, these traditions show up only once a year during Thanksgiving, making the day even more special.

Families do not all live in the same towns anymore. Some are spread throughout the country. Because most businesses close on Thanksgiving, many families take this day to walk, drive, and even fly, to spend the day together. Sometimes it is the only day of the year the entire family can be together. Again, that is true of my family. Thanksgiving is a day devoted entirely to family and friends. Breaking bread together and catching up with each other. Once I sat at the "kids" table with my sisters and cousins. Then we married, had children and so there were more of us than the parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. So we moved to the larger "adult" table. And now I am back at the smaller "kids" table with my sisters and cousins and our children and their children occupy the "adult" table.

Thanksgiving offers many teachable moments for our children. At school we collect boxes for individual families in need filled with everything to make a Thanksgiving dinner, including gift cards to local grocery stores for purchasing turkeys. At home, when you sit down to your Thanksgiving dinner you can pass around a *tzedakah* box. Looking at the bounty on our tables reminds us that the few coins we put into these boxes can help fund a Thanksgiving meal for families not as fortunate.

If you know someone who will be alone on Thanksgiving, invite that person to your table. I guarantee it will make your Thanksgiving even grander and more meaningful than usual.

Help Our Community with NVHC Change (our Social Action Committee)

Last spring, NVHC Change held our first annual *Tikkun Olam* campaign, a consolidated effort to raise funds to continue supporting the important social justice work that NVHC does in the broader community. We are so proud of the NVHC community for exceeding both our participation and monetary goals.

What have we done with the funds you donated? As promised, we supported Cornerstones, MAZON, VOICE, and HIAS. We purchased food for our weekend snack programs at Forest Edge and Clearview Elementary Schools and for our shelter meals. We also bought stamps to mail 300 nonpartisan "Get Out the Vote" postcards written by our religious school children, teaching them about civic engagement.

Would you like to get involved? We could use your help:

Advocacy

NVHC responded to the call for action and attended the VOICE Action in October. We also knocked on doors and made phone calls for VOICE's nonpartisan Get Out the Vote campaign in November (full report on page 7). Join us with VOICE in January when we send representatives to be seen and heard at the Virginia Assembly. Or join us on February 6, 2019, when we travel by bus to Richmond with the Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) and others in the NoVA area to discuss issues important to the Jewish Community with Virginia lawmakers. Watch the weekly email for more information on sign ups.

Service

In October, we prepared and served a Sunday evening meal for 100 residents of Cornerstones' Embury Rucker Family Shelter and are planning to provide another meal in the spring. This winter, we will provide six Monday evening meals for about 25 adults at Cornerstones' hypothermia shelter. We can use food donations for the hypothermia meals and would love your help with cooking and serving all the meals.



Donations made by NVHC members to Cornerstones during the 5779 High Holy Days drive.

It is also never too late to sign up to mentor an elementary school student or help in the classroom at one of our partner schools – Forest Edge Elementary School and Clearview Elementary School. Make a difference in a child's life.

New Projects and Microgrants

In October, we supported local environmental protection efforts by purchasing reusable shopping bags for congregants to use in place of single-use plastic bags. If you haven't already picked up your family's free blue and white bag with the NVHC logo, it is waiting for you at NVHC. Do you have another idea for a social action activity? We still have money for microgrants of \$25 to \$250 for new social action activities.

For more information on any of these activities, contact Social Action Chair Ellen Ranard at SocialAction@nvhcreston.org.

VOICE at a Glance

Glancing Back:

On October 21st, nearly 1400 people from 55+ institutions across Northern Virginia came together at Fairfax High School to witness Governor Northam and Attorney General Herring commit to working with VOICE to reform Virginia's cash bail system, decrease mass incarceration, and prioritize funding for mental health in schools, among other issues. NVHC was well represented and we are grateful to all who were in attendance.



Between November 3rd and 6th, more than two dozen NVHC congregants joined hundreds of other participants across Northern Virginia to Get Out The Vote (GOTV) with VOICE. VOICE's GOTV campaign was non-partisan and largely targeted unlikely voters, a constituency that many other groups ignore. Kudos to all those who came out with VOICE to knock on doors. Our democracy thanks you!

Glancing Forward:



Civic Academy: Thursday, December 6th, 7-8:30 p.m., Emmaus United Church of Christ, Vienna

Participants in the VOICE "Civic Academy" will receive training and help to develop strategies on how to act on VOICE's issues both locally and statewide. We will also begin to plan for 2019 and we continue to build and strengthen our issue teams in the areas of education, criminal justice, and others. The Civic Academies are open to anyone and are especially recommended for those who would like to participate in VOICE's trips down to Richmond to attend the Virginia General Assembly in January (see below).

VOICE at the Virginia General Assembly

In January, VOICE is asking each of its member institutions to pitch in so that VOICE is seen and heard every day the General Assembly is in session. NVHC will claim a day to be at the General Assembly in Richmond with a team of 5-15 people. We will show our power by meeting with legislators, engaging the press, being present at hearings and votes, and being recognized from the floor of the General Assembly. Our NVHC team will be paired with another VOICE congregation and will also be aided by a VOICE leader. We are looking for 1-2 people to serve as Team Captains. Stay tuned for more information.

Finally, the next VOICE Wide Action Team Meeting (open to all) will take place on Sunday, January 13, 2019 from 3:45-5:45pm.

Are you interested in joining us for any of these events, or have any questions? Email Maryl Paskow at mpaskow@gmail.com.

Cold Days Ahead, but Warm Bellies Prevail

We are back on standard time, signaling our march toward winter. Even though we cannot hold back the snow and ice, each of us can make sure the students of Forest Edge Elementary School and Clearview Elementary School have the food they need to keep their bellies full and warm. Many of the students need food assistance to ensure they get the nutrition their minds and bodies need. NVHC's Weekend Snack Bag program helps in that effort. Twice a month, congregants donate food, and religious school students join the adults in packing more than 200 gallon sized bags with healthy snacks to send home with Forest Edge and Clearview students in the Reston and Herndon communities.

Kehilat Limmud student Peyton Luman (age 10) explains why she is involved in the program:

“ I participate in the Forest Edge Food packing program because it's a nice way to help people in need and get together as a community. It is important for others to be involved as well because as we get more people involved, we can gather more supplies for those that need them and have more people help with packing. This program helps our community because the congregation works together towards something. For the neighboring school, it provides students with food on the weekends that normally will not have a meal. It will help them stay healthy and strong and be able to concentrate in school. ”

Please support this effort by leaving food donations in the designated containers at NVHC; by sending your child in each week to Kehilat Limmud, midweek Hebrew, or Tamid with as many food donations as you can give; and by joining us for a Sunday food packing event.

Below is a list of the items which are needed:

- Gallon size Ziploc bags
- Individual-size boxes of raisins
- Fruit cups or applesauce cups/packets
- Granola bars
- Instant oatmeal
- Shelf-stable milk boxes
- Peanut butter or cheese and cracker packs
- Popcorn bags
- Self-serve mac n cheese cups
- Trail mix bags



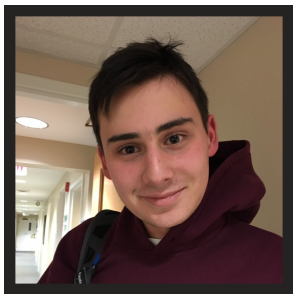
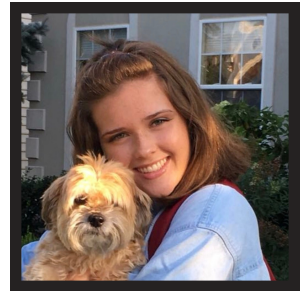
If you have any questions about the program, please contact Alison Behar at ForestEdgeBackpackProgram@nvhcreston.org.

A Semester in Israel

This spring, four of our teens will be traveling to Israel to spend the semester studying at Heller High (formerly NFTY-EIE). As they prepare for the adventure of a lifetime, we asked them to write 100 words about how they're feeling: are they nervous or excited? What are they looking forward to? We wish these students good luck and *l'hitraot*, and will catch up with them when they return!

Arden DiManno, 11th Grade

As a teen in Northern Virginia, I feel my Jewish studies have been very surface level. Although I have many different opportunities, such as NFTY and *L'Taken*, to embrace my Judaism, nothing will compare to this journey. Not only will I explore my Jewish identity, but I also feel that in an age of so much political controversy, it will be extremely eye opening to witness this division firsthand. Also, from everything I've heard, every cuisine is much better when soaked in its homeland culture. I can only imagine how amazing the falafel will taste while walking the streets of Tel Aviv or gazing upon the shore of the Dead Sea. I am so excited to embark on this journey and I can't wait to share my experiences with everyone back home.

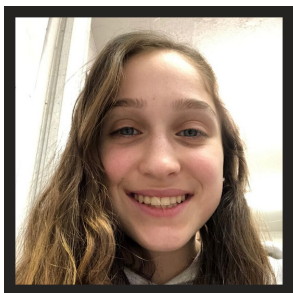
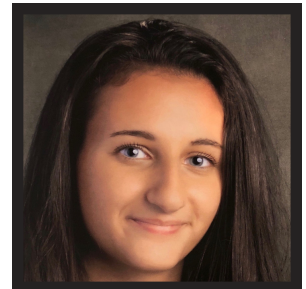


Avi Holzman, 10th Grade

A semester in Israel in 100 words: Israel is our home and this experience will help me discover what kind of adult I want to be. Israel is Judaism in its rawest, purest form. Heller High is one way to access this Jewish homeland and experience it in its own way. I am one of the 90 students in my Heller High program and each of us will have our own unique semester-long experience. Israel is what you make it and I am making it my home.

Sami Katzman, 10th Grade

After visiting Israel with the congregation on the NVHC trip last December, I learned about the Heller High program and have been planning to apply ever since. I'm very excited to leave in less than three months to live in Israel with other Jewish kids like me. It's the opportunity of a lifetime and I'm eternally grateful. I'm most excited to hike up Masada early in the morning to watch the sunrise, something I've wanted to do my entire life. I'm nervous and excited at the same time, anticipating the day I leave. I can't wait!



Tallisen Scott, 10th Grade

As the date of my departure comes nearer and nearer, what was once a far-fetched dream begins to feel like reality. The opportunity to be part of such an amazing program is not common, and I am so thankful to have it. Living abroad, small class sizes, living on a *kibbutz*, Jewish learning, Hebrew, and field trips do not begin to cover the many reasons for my excitement. I have never been away from home for so long so I don't know what to expect. Although such a new experience is scary, and there are many things that make me nervous, I am very optimistic about next semester.

Sisterhood is a Covenant

At this year's annual Chocolate & Champagne event, I enjoyed speaking with several women I have known for many years at NVHC, but was surprised to see them at a Sisterhood function. I learned that one had been a long time member of NVHC but had never been a member of NVHC Sisterhood until now. She said it was just the right time for her to join and see what it was about.

In today's fast-paced world, where we feel there just isn't time to squeeze everything in to our daily lives, I wonder when is "just the right time" to join Sisterhood. Why not now?

Sisterhood is a heart-centered tapestry of women working together as one big family. Each member of the NVHC Sisterhood is unique, bringing her talents and expertise to further our mission of promoting camaraderie, esprit de corps, spirituality, and participation in *tikkun olam*.

Sisterhood is a covenant within NVHC. As Rabbi Holzman said in his Rosh Hashanah sermon, the power of covenant grows over time, slowly, in unpredictable ways, and sometimes in inconvenient and boring action. We practice *tikkun olam*. Many of our Sisterhood members do this by giving people rides to and from doctor's appointments, to worship services, and to committee meetings; preparing and delivering meals to those who are bereaved or sick; being greeters at worship services and at ADAMS Friday *Juma* prayer services; making blankets for sick children; and sending cards and delivering flowers and gifts.

Your Sisterhood dues and additional donations help to support Sisterhood's many programs and gifts to NVHC's music program; Preschool specialty programs; summer camp scholarships; the *Erev Rosh Hashanah Oneg*; and gifts to *B'nai Mitzvah*, Confirmation and conversion students, and to new babies.



We invite you to try to carve out some time this year to focus yourselves on spirituality, socializing, *tikkun olam*, and advocacy. We've already held an afternoon tea at the Oatlands Historic House and Gardens, had a Book Club discussion on *The Weight of Ink*, visited the Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House and Woodlawn Plantation, held our annual Chocolate and Champagne event, toured the Glenstone Museum, held our Chanukah Boutique, and experienced Jewish Meditation with Rabbi Benjamin Shalva. Take a look at our upcoming programs below and see what interests you.

Visit us on the web at:

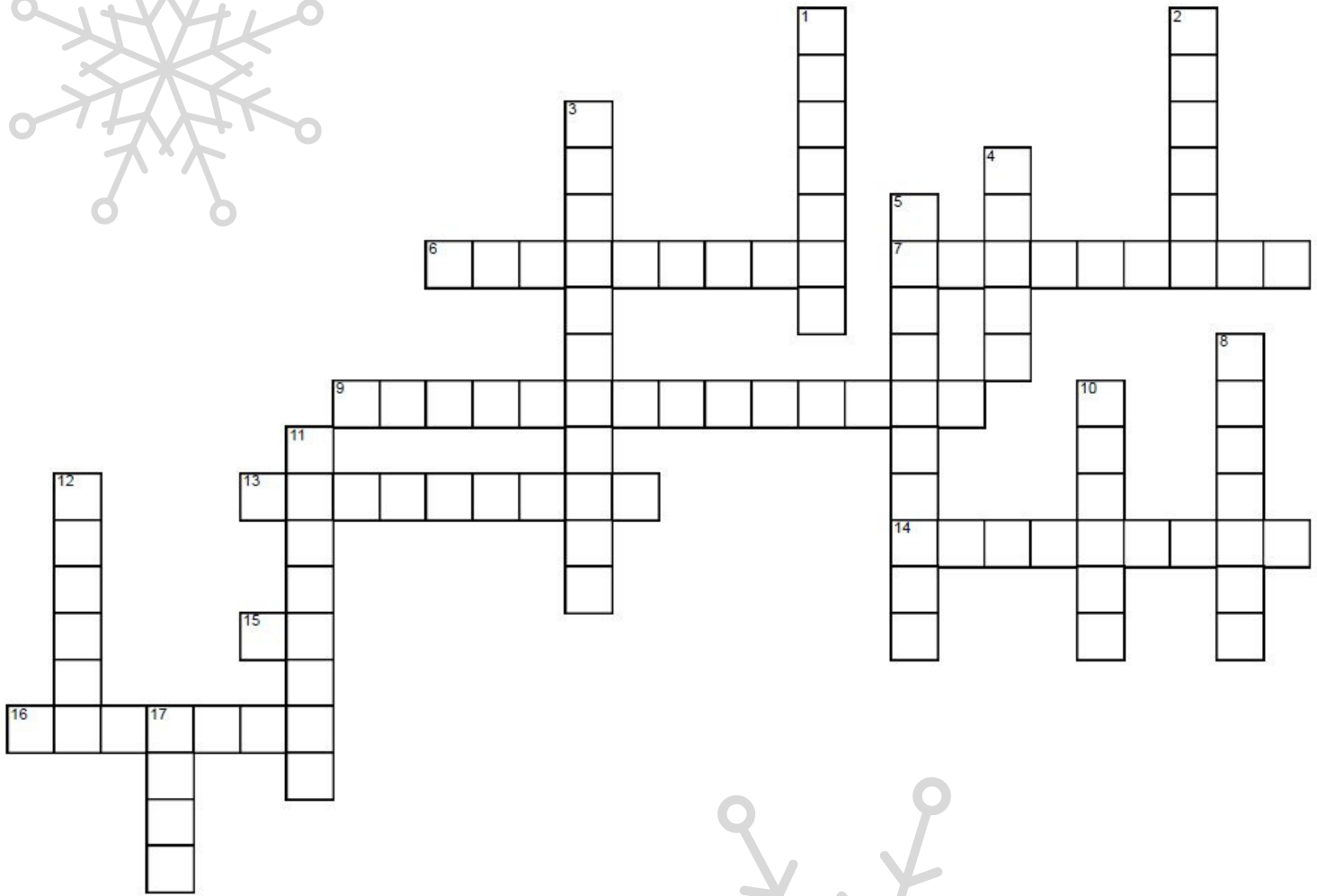
www.nvhcreston.org/connect/social-groups/sisterhood to see additional program details and how to join Sisterhood.

It felt good to reconnect with my long-time acquaintance and I hope she and others find opportunities to make deeper connections through Sisterhood. Feel the warmth and support that comes with being a Sisterhood member. Help us build and be a part of a covenantal relationship.

Yours in Sisterhood,
Fay Gubin
NVHC Sisterhood President

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- 12/9/2018** – Project Linus Blanket Cutting
 - 1/13/2019** – Sisterhood Membership Luncheon
 - 2/24/2019** – Olive Oil Tasting and Tour
 - 3/24/2019** – Mah Jongg Tournament
 - 4/7/2019** – Passover Boutique
 - 4/11/2019** – Women's Seder, Led by Cantor Caro and Rabbi Wainer
 - 5/26/2019** – End of Year Brunch and Installation
 - 6/2/2019** – Rummage Sale
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Winter at NVHC



Across

- 6. Total number of Chanukah candles
- 7. NVHC President (2 words)
- 9. Holocaust Torah origins
- 13. "Have a good week!" (2 words, Hebrew)
- 14. Tree holiday (2 words, Hebrew)
- 15. Fifteen (Hebrew)
- 16. "And you shall love..." (Hebrew)

Down

- 1. Cantor Caro undergrad University (2 words)
- 2. Interpreted Egyptian dreams
- 3. Fourth book of Torah
- 4. Maccabee leader
- 5. Rabbi Holzman undergrad University
- 8. Rabbi Wainer undergrad University
- 10. Our street
- 11. Winter holiday
- 12. Portion (Hebrew)
- 17. Preschool summer camp

We extend a warm welcome to new NVHC members!

Amy Becker
Matthew & Sarah Carlin
Adele Denny & Kiah Warden
Eric & Harriet Dunlap, and kids Paige & Phillip
Scott & Debbie Felder, and kids Ayden & Josh
Alex & Courtney Hirsch, and daughter Cheryl
Jonathan & Deborah Rockkind
Jeffrey & Noel Katz
Gary & Tracy Lobel, and kids Blake, Austin, & Drew

Scott Peterson & Jennifer Nisoff and daughter Madelyn
Spencer & Olga Salis, and daughter Serena
Andrei & Tetiana Skorokhod, and kids Kateryna & Oleksandr
Alex Ukoh
David & Ellen Uram
Steven Young



Mazel Tov...

... to B'nai Mitzvah students and their families!

B'nai Mitzvah are community life cycle events, and we encourage everyone to attend to support and celebrate with the Bar or Bat Mitzvah and their family.

Caleb Snowwhite September 8, 2018

Sam Green September 8, 2018

Sarah Leaf September 22, 2018

Rayna Kossoy September 22, 2018

Jason & Sydney Trager September 29, 2018

Sophia Pick October 27, 2018

Jack Louder November 3, 2018

Brandon Winans November 3, 2018

Jake Baskin November 10, 2018

Aidan Renzi November 17, 2018

Tyler Schmelzer November 17, 2018

Eliza Rose December 8, 2018

Isaac Halterman-Mitchell December 15, 2018

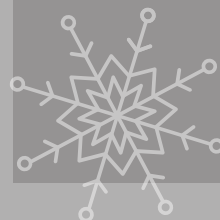
Seanna Fishman March 23, 2019

... to Don and Nell Hirsch, on the birth of their granddaughter, Cheryl Hirsch, born to Alex and Courtney Hirsch on July 10, 2018

... to Gabriel and Olga Chami, on the birth of their daughter, Hayley Yael Chami, born July 11, 2018

... to David and Melissa Stegman, and proud big brother Jordan, on the birth of their son, Ari Jonah Stegman, born July 31, 2018

... to Greg and Andrea Nossaman, and proud siblings Abby and Jack, on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Naima Nossaman, born October 19, 2018



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Brad and Risa May...in memory of Stanley Fuchs & Ian Lasher

Mitch and Abbe Pascal...in honor of Don and Nell becoming grandparents

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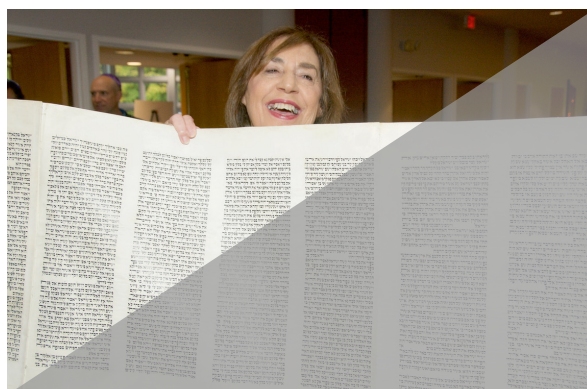
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December

- 7: Shabbat Chanukah, 7:00 p.m.
- 11: Distinguished Speaker Series: William Kristol, 8:00 p.m.
- 13: Congregational Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 14: Sermon in Song: *Kol Shirah* Winter Concert, 7:00 p.m.



- 18: Social Justice/Folk Song Shabbat, 7:00 p.m.
- 19: Shabbat Sustenance -- Great Texts of America, Dr Martin Luther King text, 9:00 a.m.
- 20: Kehilat Limmud *Yom Tzedek*, 9:30 a.m.
- 22: Congregational Conversation on Climate Change, TBA

January

February

- 2: NVHC Shabbaton, TBA
- 5: Distinguished Speaker Series: Tilar Mazzeo, 8:00 p.m.
- 8: Shared Shabbat Dinners, 7:00 p.m.

- 23: Purim Adult Comedy Night, 7:00 p.m.
- 24: Kehilat Limmud Purim Carnival, 9:30 a.m.
- 22: Sermon in Song: *Kol Shirah* Spring Concert, 7:00 p.m.

March

