

The Glance



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Synagogues, Light and Nobility

Rabbi Michael Holzman

Most years, the core message of Chanukah is the need for re-dedication to community and the fight for liberation—timeless imperatives, to be sure—and the gift wrap is a story of light and miracles. This year, everything feels backwards. The core purpose of NVHC is light and miracles, and the gift wrap is re-dedication and liberation.

We have just experienced the largest human experiment in isolation, disruption and separation, and the results are obvious. People are confused, exhausted, alienated and afraid, so the need for a re-dedication to community (Chanukah Theme #1) is obvious. At the same time, massive forces are bringing out our old demons, tribal xenophobia, widespread intolerance, populism and nationalism, and common hatred, so the need for liberation from idolatry (Chanukah Theme #2) is equally obvious.

And while light and miracle are usually the pretty, kid stuff, this year they serve a different purpose altogether: they can remind us of what is possible, what inspires us, and of the positive path forward. In other words, in 2021-2022, re-dedication and liberation are almost mundane, tasks, while Chanukah is here to illuminate what is possible for our future.

Right now, as the rest of the world experiences social, economic, medical, and political turmoil,

synagogues have the power in our lives to firmly fix values, convictions, experiences of joy, purposeful time, work for justice, and meaningful relationships. Essentially, synagogues help us to be better humans. They stand for nobility. We use fancy religious words to describe the experience—revelation, redemption, salvation, repentance, mission, mitzvah, calling, ministry, grace, blessing, even God—but they all amount to the moment when we realize that every day we choose not just what to do but what to be. “If I am only for myself, what am I,” Hillel asked. That is light.

Miracles happen when we organize our time and attention around this nobility. I do not mean to imply that the necessities of life—the constant digital torrent, the complicated layers of logistics, the endless controversies that surround us—are darkness, although one could forgive the implication. Rather, I want to point toward for lives based on calm, intentional, conviction, patience, respect and honor. It is so easy to forget that to be human is a noble calling, not an act of basic survival. We have the capacity to work toward the good, and to bring our nearest relations and our larger communities along with us.

This is the light, and when it happens, it feels like a miracle. What does this look like? It is the experience of learning with a trusted group of people, or of watching children learn new ideas or form new friendships. It is the sound of someone’s voice when they receive help from a stranger, whether that is a warm welcome to a newcomer at services, or a meal delivered to a family managing major medical news.

It is the relentless pursuit of justice, whether the work of improving the life of one individual, or finding ways to improve our systems of law, education, housing, health care and so forth. It is the rain of equanimity that falls gently in meditation, study or prayer, which sometimes hits emotionally desiccated fields or waters a well-tended emotional garden. Whether we are in crisis or just living our busy lives, that water is essential.

And lastly, the light of Jewish life looks like collaborating with a group of friends and strangers to build up a synagogue—an organization that might seem the most antiquated, outmoded, anachronistic, and/or un-sexy institution in the world, but that has transcendent, joyful, timeless, inspiring, and/or life-grounding power. Really, it must be a miracle that we have a place that seems so mundane—a synagogue, really? —and yet it can totally transform lives.

I say this with my eyes wide open. Like every synagogue, NVHC in 5782 has reached a critical juncture in the history of American Judaism. We face increased sociological headwinds: greater individualism and less affiliation with institutions; greater demands for personalization and less tolerance for and embracement of communal norms; greater secularism and less openness to religious ways to believing, behaving and belonging; and greater geographic mobility and professional responsibility, and less connection to place, less rootedness in local life, and less room for discretionary activities.

And yet, we also face a skyrocketing desire for meaning. Since the start of the Pandemic, our regular attendance remains 50-100% higher (when we combine our online and in-person crowds, of course). Conversion inquiries and enrollment in the Intro to Judaism class have tripled.

Our Tikkun Olam campaign exploded with giving. Enrollment in Cantor Caro's trip to Poland this summer is so high that the travel agent (which is serving a nationally organized trip) called to ask what we put in the water. Initial inquiries in our December 2022 Israel trip are higher than ever. We have more new members than in any of the past three years. So, despite the headwinds, we are at full sail.

As we celebrate Chanukah this year, we enter a winter packed with activities. We also enter a season of renewed governance with our Congregational meeting and Board Elections. We will be reigniting our Capital Campaign, which is a giving campaign to establish a platform for NVHC's future growth and vibrancy. We will be opening new classes, rebooting our Adult Hebrew program, and restarting some of our hands-on Social Action opportunities. And, God-willing, we will be hiring a new Assistant/Associate Rabbi who will head our education programs. If ever there was a time of congregational re-dedication, liberation and renewal, this is it!

So, look through the Glance and note the coming events. But even more, look for opportunities to volunteer. Answer the call to talk about ways to give back. Consider short- or medium-term leadership tasks (and thank those who step forward for the longer-term leadership roles). And make miracles happen. In a time of global tumult, the synagogue can be our light.

Rededication, Renewal and Resilience

Cantor Susan Caro

As a foodie thinking about Chanukah, I think about latkes and sufganiyot. I am salivating, ready to bake and eat!

As a cantor thinking about Chanukah, I think about Rededication, Resilience and Renewal. I am reflective, ready to sing, to hope, and to act.

These parts of me are embedded in my celebration and observance. Thinking back to last year at this time, we surely did not think we would be here, in this moment, in these circumstances, again. As Chanukah approaches this year, calling us once again to commemorate the rededication of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem after a period of tragedy and desecration as well as calling for our own rededication, I am filled with hope.

I love the definition and distinction of hope that Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, z'l writes: "One of the most important distinctions I have learned in the course of reflection on Jewish history is the difference between optimism and hope. Optimism is the belief that things will get better. Hope is the belief that, together, we can make things better. Optimism is a passive virtue, hope an active one. It takes no courage to be an optimist, but it takes a great deal of courage to have hope. Knowing what we do of our past, no Jew can be an optimist. But Jews have never – despite a history of sometimes awesome suffering – given up hope."

Our Jewish past is filled with moments of Jewish heartache and loss, and resilience. In June 2022, I will be going with a group from our NVHC community to explore both the heartache and resilience of Jewish life in Eastern Europe. This will be a journey to witness and remember the awesome suffering of the past.



Jewish living and hope as we make connections with local communities, discover inspiring people, our hidden history and heritage through some amazing touring.

There will be difficult moments that we will share, as we witness the remnants of the Holocaust, the baseless hatred and destruction of our people. Heart-rending moments at two concentration camps - Auschwitz and Terezin – will be marked with sacred ritual and memory.

While knowing and experiencing our history of this terrible time can't be underestimated, what has me even more excited about this journey is opportunity to witness the fledgling reversal of that devastating loss. There is a renewal of Poland's Jewish community, a trend coming from people who have recently discovered their Jewish ancestry, and also those without Jewish roots who wish to arise and return.

Poland, where 1,000 years of Jewish history went up in flames just seven decades ago, is home to one of the fastest-growing Jewish communities in the world. There are now six synagogues re-established in Warsaw, our first stop. In 1988, non-Jewish Poles created what is now the world's largest Jewish culture festival, held in Krakow's old Jewish quarter each summer. Attracting some 30,000 mostly non-Jewish Poles, the festival plays a key role in boosting Jewish life there – and those traveling with me will be able to witness this renaissance firsthand.

There is a JCC in Krakow, founded in 2008 by Prince Charles, together with the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and World Jewish Relief, the British organization behind the Kindertransport, which rescued thousands of Jewish children during the Holocaust. During our trip, we will have the option to participate in the Ride for the Living, which is a 60-mile bicycle ride from Auschwitz to the Krakow JCC, from the death of Jewish life in Poland to the site of its renewal.

This symbolizes the work of this resurging community and what we all hope for from our history at this time of year - people tracing our history from darkness to light.

Our third stop will be in Prague, witnessing a growing renaissance in Jewish life that was all too recently eradicated. Imagine experiencing these contrasts of old and new, light and dark, despair and hope.

Bringing that home for us will be a day spent in the Czech countryside outside of Prague, in the small town of Heřmanův Městec. This is the home of our Torah scroll that was rescued from the Holocaust, another remnant of our past that we raise up as a testament to Jewish survival, toward meaningful and powerful Jewish life around the world. It is powerful to experience firsthand how we are connected by a myriad of threads to Jews and Jewish communities around the world.

So, as we approach this Chanukah, whether or not you are able to join us on this amazing and unique journey in person (which I hope you are able!), let us turn our hearts to the growing of light and hope that our celebration of this holiday evokes. We can turn times of uncertainty around to fill them with light and hope, with rededication to the values that we hold most dear.

Being physically surrounded by other human beings in all directions, not just on the screen right in front of our face.

We are far from being past Covid-19, and we understand that everyone is in a slightly different place when it comes to what they are and aren't yet doing, the ways we have and haven't gone "back to normal."

But I hope that all of you and your families have had the chance to experience some of these moments of in-person connection, and I hope they will become easier and safer and increasingly frequent as we push through this together.

2. Eating and drinking together is a foundational part of communal Judaism no matter how you slice it. Our weekly pre-Tamid dinners were sorely missed by the teenagers (and by me) and it's been such a joy to have them back, to remove our masks for a short while and connect over warm food and warmer conversation. We fill a very basic need as human beings when we eat together, all in the same space, sharing more than just food.

3. We've gone from many rooms with one student to one room with many students - a seismic change for our teachers, our learners, and everyone else in our educational community. Everything from group discussions to art projects is happening as one. To give just one example: Torah Corps on Sunday mornings, formerly a collection of 1-on-1 breakout rooms, is now a sanctuary bustling with activity. Madrichim still provide that individual attention, but now kids becoming b'nai mitzvah together can practice in unison. Kids further along in their process can help the newcomers learn their trope and their prayers. Students can gather around the Torah together, see what it looks like, and learn how to hold it. Cantor Caro and I can move throughout the room, getting a sense of how the whole group is learning, as both individuals and a collective. It's a true home for study.

The Top Ten Things About Returning To In-Person Youth Experiences

Sam Blum

1. And that's what's really #1, isn't it? - physically being together. The simplest, most rudimentary thing that's changed is also the one that's foundational to all the other items on this list - sharing the same space. Existing connectedly.

4. And then of course there is the building itself, its idiosyncratic layout and all the details contained within - the Confirmation photos on the walls, the posters up in the classrooms, the light fixtures, the door handles, every little thing that we missed when we were away. We made and continue to make our homes spiritual places, but we were in an exile of sorts from our communal space and it is so great to be back.

5. Getting to enjoy prayer and programming and people outside has been such a wonderful and unanticipated gift. To hear the fall leaves rustle, watch birds fly by, or even just enjoy the beautiful weather of the dying days of the summer as we are together has been lovely - and that's not even mentioning the safety & logistical concerns we've been able to manage by taking it outside. Our Mishpacha Moment each Sunday where the whole KL community can gather together in our tent - a beloved extension of NVHC that we've crammed a lot of memories into in just a few short months - is the highlight of the morning.

6. It might be a small thing, but it's really nice that kids can actually sit next to each other again, instead of being placed randomly into a Zoom box. Kids save seats for their friends, pop a squat next to somebody they may not know as well, or even spend a program or a dinner hopping from table to table, engaging with different kids, stealing a moment here and there with many different friends and classmates and acquaintances.

7. Our ability to do mitzvot together has grown immensely now that we are back together. From decorating the exterior of our building with hand-painted kindness rocks with Kehillat Limmud, bringing socks for our garbayim drive to packing hundreds of school lunches for students in need with Tamid, we are able to actually put our hands and hearts together in the same space as we work to make our community a more perfect place.

8. It's not always ideal, but it's actually been lovely to talk over each other again. Sometimes you want to hear one voice, but there are other times - a brainstorm, a collaboration, a joke - where you want and need the perfect timing of two voices overlapping with one another. It's a true sign of togetherness that we've been sorely missing.

9. The energy of movement is back in our activities. Kids can run around and play tag, can dance in rhythm together without the pain of lag, can move through a space without being confined to a tiny little box.

10. Schmoozing is back! Gone is the awkward waiting of sitting in a Zoom room, waiting for it to open. Sunday mornings before classes start are now full of bustling activity from teachers and madrichim in the hallways,

NVHC Change: Your Social Action Committee. You Can Help Make a Difference!

Ellen Ranard

NVHC Change creates, organizes, and supports NVHC's efforts to build a better world. We are always looking for congregants who want to help us make a difference. Our congregants' involvement is widespread, and our activities reach broadly into the local community.

Collection Drives. Thank you to everyone who participated in the two collection drives at the High Holidays. We were overwhelmed by your generosity. As a congregation, we donated truckloads of groceries and toiletries to the Cornerstones food pantry. This year, we also donated van loads of new items (linens, kitchen items, and more) for Afghan evacuees.

Shelter Meals. On Halloween, we provided dinner for the adults and children at Cornerstones' Embry Rucker Shelter, complete with Halloween cupcakes and clementines decorated to look like miniature jack o' lanterns.

This winter, from December through March, we will be preparing 10 dinners for the single adults who eat and spend the night at Cornerstones' hypothermia shelter, located across the street from Embry Rucker.

For some, the dinner we provide is their only meal of the day, so we work to make it plentiful, nutritious, and appealing. Let us know if you want to be on the list of volunteers who cook, bake, or contribute ingredients for our hypothermia dinners.

Mentoring is back! Kids have returned to school, and opportunities exist once again for adults to meet one-on-one with students, usually during their lunch period. The purpose is social, not academic—to give a little extra attention to students whom staff and parents agree could benefit from it. The mentor commits to meeting with the student for about half an hour a week during the current school year. The mentor and student talk, play games (some games are available in the school's library or office), and over time develop a reliable, trusting relationship. For mentors, a background check and vaccination are required, and both students and mentors are masked except when the student is eating. NVHC members typically mentor students at Forest Edge Elementary School, though the program is available throughout Fairfax County. For more information about the program, see [Be a Mentor | Fairfax County Public Schools (fcps.edu)]. Interested in becoming a mentor? Email current mentor Eric Eisenstadt at eric.eisenstadt@gmail.com with questions or to find out how to sign up.

Committee Work. The Social Action Committee meets every 4 to 8 weeks to discuss our activities. Want to join us (currently on Zoom)? Let us know. We report on what we have done and plan new activities. You can attend regularly or just once.

To join one of our five email lists, sign up here.

- Social Action Committee List - general information, volunteer opportunities and meeting announcements
- Racial Justice
- Sustainability/Green Team
- Immigration/Refugees
- Interfaith Community Organizing (VOICE)

We are a wonderful and generous community. NVHC Change is proud to be part of it.

If you have questions or are interested in getting involved and volunteering with us, please contact Ellen Ranard, Social Action Committee Chair.



**Thank you to all our
Volunteers!**



Weave yourself into our tapestry.

GET INVOLVED * MEET NEW FRIENDS * MAKE CONNECTIONS

NVHC Sisterhood is eager to stay connected with you and continue our mission of promoting camaraderie, esprit de corps, spirituality and participation in tikkun olam – repairing the world – within our Congregation and the greater community. Join us and be a part of our tapestry.

We welcome women of all ages to join us—this is not your “mother’s sisterhood.” It is for all women at NVHC, and we are always looking for engaging events for our whole community.

Already this year we have celebrated together at Chocolate & champagne under the NVHC tent, held a coffee for Kehillat Limmud moms, virtually walked through Kalorama with Washington Walks, discussed a great novel at our book discussion, and taken a private in-person tour of the National Museum of American Jewish Military History.

If you haven’t attended one of our events, what are you waiting for? Here are a few of our upcoming programs:

December 5th – Women at the Kotel (Zoom)

December 14th – Baking demonstration with Lauren Katz (Zoom)

January 9th – Wine Pairing Event at a member’s home

January 16th – Paid-Up Membership Event

February (date TBD) – Book Discussion (Zoom)

February (date TBD) – Chocolate Tour & Tasting

March 12th – Tikkun Olam: volunteering at Women Giving Back (sorting clothing and volunteering at their “store” in Sterling)

We are also planning to hold our annual Mah Jongg Tournament in March and our annual women’s seder, and plan to add additional small group events in the Spring.

Visit the Sisterhood webpage to find out more about who we are and what we have to offer. Our membership form can be completed online.

Want to chat? Email us at sisterhoodpresident@nvhcreston.org. We’d love to hear from you.

Lisa Folb & Ellen Ranard, Sisterhood Co-Presidents

Michele Probst, Vice President

Puzzle!



Happy Hanukkah!



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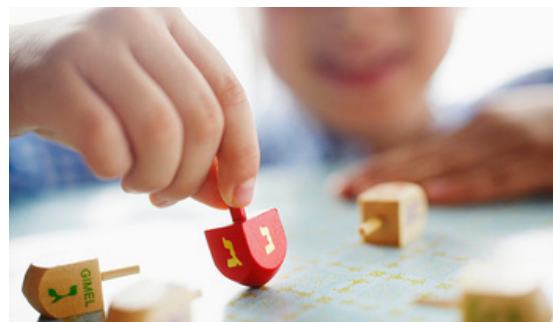




What is a dreidel?

The word dreidel derives from a German word meaning “spinning top,” and is the toy used in a Chanukah game adapted from an old German gambling game. Chanukah was one of the few times of the year when rabbis permitted games of chance. The four sides of the top bear four Hebrew letters: nun, gimel, hei, and shin. Players begin by putting into a central pot or “kitty” a certain number of coins, chocolate money known as gelt, nuts, buttons or other small objects. Each player in turn spins the dreidel and proceeds as follows:

- nun – take nothing;
- gimel – take everything;
- hei – take half;
- shin – put one in.



Over time, the letters on the dreidel were reinterpreted to stand for the first letter of each word in the Hebrew statement, “Neis gadol hayah sham,” which means, “A great miracle happened there” and refers to the defeat of the Syrian army and the re-dedication of the Temple. In Israel, one letter on the dreidel differs from those used in the rest of the world. The shin has been replaced with a pey, transforming the Hebrew statement into Neis gadol hayah po, which means, “A great miracle happened here.”

ReformJudaism.org has a new spin on playing dreidel, with fun rules to keep your family playing all eight nights of Chanukah.

Take a picture of your friends and family playing dreidel this holiday season to have your photo featured in the next edition of The Glance!
Please email photos to courtney@nvhcreston.org.

welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to these NVHC newcomers who have recently become part of our family.

Lida Arman
Alejandro and Clara Bulux
Adrian Carpio
Drew and Lauren Coppel
Dominique Cytryn
Neva and Robert Dollinger
David Finder
Rachel and Jason Grace
Barry and Renie Hollander
Allison Hoyle and Evyatar Ben Asher
Teyda Irene James and Teyda Paitchell
Joseph and Lauren McKoy
Joshua Josephson and Rachel Rosenthal
Stephanie Rapp-Tully and Robert Tully
Sterling Sahaydak and Wendy Kohnstamm
Joseph Scholnick and Anna Harkins
Michael Schwartz and Sarah Robinson
Schwartz
Adrienne Silverman
Charles Smith and Robyn Fuchs
Jane Torman
Patrick and Kristen Towbin
Stephanie Rapp-Tully and Robert Tully

**Please make our new
members feel
welcomed!**

Tzedakah

Adam Levine Camp Scholarship Fund

Erin DiManno...in memory of Myer Shapiro
Craig and Nina Falci...in honor of the marriage of
Robin Falci to Kevin Soriano
Don and Nell Hirsch...in memory of Haywood
Furman
Jim and Michelle Kranzberg...in memory of
Jackie Kranzberg Lugo
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Samuels
Ralph and Miriam Wolman

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Horowitz
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Henrique Rosenfeld
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College Outreach Fund

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Louis Gold Children's Music Fund

Rosalind Gold...in memory of Louis Gold and Joseph Gold

Memorial Plaque

Marjina Kaplan...in memory of Cynthia Hausdorff and Roberta Stick

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Peter and Libby Robbins...in memory of Melvin Bertram Robbins, MD

Larry Snowwhite...in memory of Deede Snowwhite

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Marcelino and Rinna Cortes

Adele Denny...in memory of Beverly Spencer

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Jeff and Tracy Dlott...in honor of Nora

Gutcho's birthday; in memory of

Beverly Spencer

Nancy and Helen Kruger...in memory of

Beverly Spencer

Andy and Elizabeth Lacher...in memory of

Beverly Spencer

Brad and Risa May...in memory of Beverly

Spencer

Lori Lefcourt and Dave McCue...in memory of

Elaine Lefcourt

Robert and Meryl Paskow...in memory of

Theodore Paskow

Jeffrey and Mary Ann Ressin...in memory of

Beverly Spencer

Phyllis Stein...in memory of Beverly Spencer

Ralph and Miriam Wolman...in memory of

Beverly Spencer

NVHC Fund

Cookie Adler...in memory of James M. Adler, Anne Feldman, Solomon Feldman, Linda Adler; for continued good health for Matthew A. Adler and Jami R. Adler; and in honor of the marriage of Josh Nelson and Bekah Adams

Lida Arman

Robert Brodsky...in memory of David Brodsky John Grausz

Peggy Nelson...in honor of Rabbi Gold and everyone at NVHC for the meaningful and beautiful wedding blessing and service for Josh Nelson and Bekah Adams

Connie Nystrom...in memory of David Foster Olga Prytkov

Seymour Samuels...in memory of Essie W. Samuels; for HEPA filters

Lois Schiff...in memory of Dr. Basil A. Schiff Frank and Samantha Wiegand...on behalf of Maryn, David and Gidon Simon

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund – Rabbi Gold

Alyse and Mark Goldman...in memory of Adele Parker

Andrea and Justin Hayes...in memory of Blanch Sachs

Michael and Debby Maxwell...in honor of the wedding of Kathryn and Jeremy

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund – Rabbi Holzman

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Matthew and Miriam Brodie...in honor of Sarah's Bat Mitzvah

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Charles and Barbara Leven...in memory of Samuel Leven, Herman K. Lembersky

Heidi and Howard Mitnick...in memory of Irving Herbst

Marc Rosenberg and Ruth Imershein
Sam and Lisa Schwall
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George Viener...in memory of Sue B. Viener
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Seymour Samuels...in memory of Essie W. Samuels

Tikkun Olam (Social Action)

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Ed and Sandee Byrne...in memory of Gladys Byrne
Don Copley...in memory of Evelyn Copley
Stephen and Sharron Cristofar...in memory of Ellen Moyer, Sarah Cristofar,
Claire Lindenberg, Martin Lindenberg
Eric and Bess Eisenstadt
Lori Lefcourt and Dave McCue...in memory of Elaine Lefcourt
Robin Miller...in memory of Michael A. Miller
Howard and Heidi Mitnick...in memory of Julius Horowitz
Andrew and Claudia Ortiz...in memory of Narciso Kalili, Steve Ortiz
Lori Saltzman...in memory of David Tobis

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Lori Saltzman...in memory of David Tobis
Ted Smith...in honor of the birth of Michaela Shir Groisser; in memory of Stuart Smith
Larry Snowwhite...in memory of Samuel Tonic, Jean Gold, Deede Snowwhite
The Stein family...in memory of Werner E. Michel
Mark and Nancy Weinstein...in memory of Ann Weinstein

Speaker Series

Francine Beifeld
David and Ellen Brewer
Ed and Sandee Byrne...in memory of Sam Chernow
Andy and Susan Cohen...in memory of Reva Lola (Lolly) Cohen,
Myron Joseph (Mike) Cohen
Eric and Karen Forman...in memory of Mildred Forman
Barbara Gems and Robert Hitlin
Michael Hendler
Don and Nell Hirsch...in memory of Sol Hirsch
Bruce Phillips
Norman Reich...in memory of Henry Lehman
Andrew and Barbara Rudin...in honor of Stuart and Beverly Patz
Ruth Ruttenberg...in memory of Jack Spitz, Ken Ruttenberg, Jeffrey Smith
Seymour Samuels
Oliver and Joyce Schueftan...in memory of William Gasperow
Carol Shulman
Phyllis Stein...in memory of Louis Silverman

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JOIN CANTOR SUSAN CARO IN AN EXPLORATION OF THE MUSIC AND PEOPLE OF POLAND & PRAGUE

June 26 - July 7, 2022

Join Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation's Cantor Susan Caro on a unique journey, as together we explore our way through Europe! Ours will be a mission of music and healing, featuring concerts, scholarship connections with local communities and unforgettable touring. Join us as we discover the inspiring people, hidden history and cultural heritage of Poland and Prague together!

ON THIS JOURNEY, WE WILL EXPERIENCE:

- **Progressive Judaism in Europe:** Meet community leaders and members in Warsaw, Krakow and Prague
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- **The Ride for Life:** Take part in the Ride for the Living, biking the 55-mile journey from Auschwitz to Krakow. *(optional)*
- **The Greatest Jewish Show on Earth:** Jump into the enlightening cultural and music scene of the Krakow Jewish Culture Festival, the largest in the world!
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