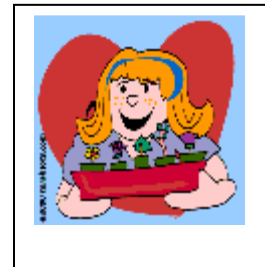


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1 New Year's Day</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 4:43p Candle lighting	<b>5</b> 6:14p Havdalah (72 min)
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <a href="#">Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat</a> ראש חודש שבט	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>SHABBAT DINNER AND SERVICE, LRR #3</b> 4:49p Candle lighting	<b>12</b> 6:20p Havdalah (72 min)
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 4:57p Candle lighting	<b>19</b> 6:28p Havdalah (72 min)
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <a href="#">Tu B'Shvat</a> טו בשבט	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 5:05p Candle lighting	<b>26</b> <b>SJC SERVICE 9:00 AM, LRR #3</b>  <b>TU B'SHVAT SEDER 10:00 AM, LRR #3</b> 6:36p Havdalah (72 min)
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

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### Schedule of Services

#### **JANUARY, 2008**

**Friday, 11:** Shabbat Dinner & Service  
Watch your e-mail for time and details

**Saturday, 26:** SJC, LRR #3, 9:00 AM  
Tu B'Shevat Seder, LRR #3,  
10:00 AM

#### **FEBRUARY, 2008**

**Saturday, 2:** SJC Mitzvah Project,  
10:00 AM, Fairfax Senior Center

**Friday, 8:** Shabbat Service, LRR #3,  
8:00 PM

**Saturday, 23:** SJC, LRR #3, 9:00 AM  
Services, LRR #3, 10:00 AM

#### **MARCH, 2008**

**Saturday, 15:** SJC, LRR #3, 9:00 AM  
Services, LRR #3, 10:00 AM

**Friday, 28:** Shabbat Service, LRR #3,  
8:00 PM



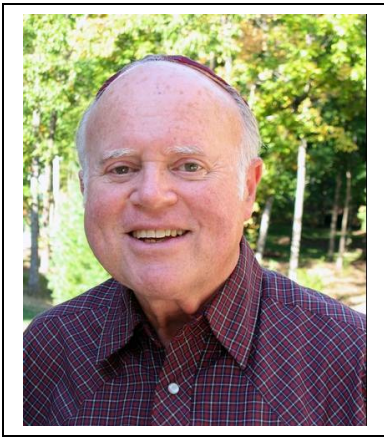
#### HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 – Sheila Sunray  
6 – Francine Lasken  
7- Andrea Schiffman  
10 – Nancy Gordon



#### HAPPY JANUARY ANNIVERSARY TO

Wendy and David Golden



## Chanting Along With Cantor Zucker

We recently read the *Torah* portion of *Vayeshev* wherein young Joseph was growing up in Father Jacob's large household as his father's pet. His ten older brothers could not stand him. He was a dreamer and all of his dreams seemed to put them down. When the occasion presented itself, they got rid of him by selling him to traders who bought him for twenty pieces of silver. He was sold as a Hebrew slave in Egypt and wound up in a nice house and trusted fully by the master. Joseph had a knack for landing on his feet.

Unfortunately, his master's wife had her eyes on the handsome young Joseph – who apparently inherited his mother Rachel's good looks – and he wound up in jail for ostensibly trying to seduce her, when the exact opposite was true. Even in jail, as an inmate, he did well. One day, he gets the opportunity to interpret dreams of former officers of Pharaoh, the chief baker and cupbearer. He correctly interprets them and implores the chief cupbearer – who returns to Pharaoh's service – to remember that Joseph was innocent of any wrongdoing and to tell Pharaoh that he should be released from jail.

Two years later, Pharaoh has dreams that no one in the palace can interpret and the cupbearer then recalls his pledge to a Hebrew slave in an Egyptian prison. Joseph is cleaned up for a royal appearance. As usual, Joseph makes a great impression. After telling Pharaoh that God, not Joseph, will interpret Pharaoh's dreams, he says that God will give Egypt seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine. He advises Pharaoh to appoint someone who will lead the vast nation of Egypt to store food during the seven years of plenty in reserve for the seven years of famine. Not surprisingly, Joseph is appointed to lead this daunting task and, naturally, he is very good at it.

The famine expands to neighboring countries and it affects the family of Jacob (renamed Israel on his way back to Canaan from his long stay with Uncle Laban back in Haran) now known as the Children of Israel. He tells his sons to go down to Egypt to get some grub before they run out of food entirely. The ten oldest go down, while the youngest – Benjamin, the son of Rachel and thus Joseph's full brother – is kept at home. Joseph, in his role as chief of food sales of Egypt, sees them and gives them a hard time. He accuses them of spying on Egypt during a time of stress. They deny it and tell him they are all sons of the same man, with the youngest (Benjamin) at home with Dad and "the other is gone". This is how they refer to the missing Joseph, so now he knows that he is not forgotten in their minds. They let Father Jacob assume Joseph was torn apart by wild beasts (when they dipped Joseph's fabulous gift coat from Jacob in an animal's blood and showed the bloodied coat to Jacob) but they actually saw their own brother Joseph carried off as a slave to be later sold in Egypt.

Joseph charges them to bring the missing Benjamin down with them on their next trip. He takes his brother Simon as a bond to make sure they return, and surreptitiously returns their food money in their bags. The brothers are stunned by these events, and Jacob later chews them out for revealing information about their missing brothers. Something just didn't add up. Anyway, they have to go down to Egypt for more grub and Jacob is extremely reluctant to let Benjamin join them, although the new leader of the brothers, Judah, finally persuades his father to let Benjamin join them. They run into Joseph again, who looks just like an Egyptian and speaks to them through an interpreter. This time, he has his scepter of power put into Benjamin's food sack, and then has the brothers followed out and tracked down. It's a very sorry bunch of guys who are brought back to Joseph to face the music. Joseph tells them not to sweat it; only the man in whose bag his

scepter was found has to remain in Egypt. Well isn't that just great? Judah steps forth and speaks up. He explains that they have no idea how Joseph's scepter wound up in Benjamin's sack and that in any event, Benjamin must be allowed to return home or their father, Jacob, will surely die. It was pretty gutsy of Judah to speak as he did to the man in charge of all food in the whole country during a great famine.

Joseph has everyone removed from the room - personal staff, armed guards, interpreters, guys waving the big fans - and faces his brothers alone. He says two things: (1) I am your brother, Joseph and (2) is our father still alive? That must have sucked out all the oxygen in the room. It also verified all of Joseph's youthful dreams. No one dared to speak. Joseph went on to say that in selling him as a slave (who usually lived short and brutalized lives), they actually did God's will because they saved huge numbers of people since Joseph became responsible for planning Egypt's food for fourteen years. Then he urged them to hurry back home and bring Jacob down right away to Egypt where he can see his father for himself, and promised his brothers that they could live in Egypt under his protection and provenance in a beautiful part of the country (similar to Northern Virginia).

Jacob cannot believe that Joseph is alive but immediately joins the family on their journey to Egypt to see his long lost and most beloved son before he dies. He has an audience with Pharaoh and blesses him. Pharaoh must have been thrilled to meet the father of the Hebrew lad who literally saved Egypt from starvation. Jacob dies in Egypt but is carried up in a long cavalcade to the grave site purchased by Father Abraham two generations earlier in Hebron, joining Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca and his first wife, Leah. Rachel, Leah's younger sister, died while birthing Benjamin and is buried elsewhere in Canaan.

Genesis ends with the death of Joseph at age 110. He makes the Children of Israel promise that when they eventually exit from Egypt that they will take his bones with them and rebury him in the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and his father, Jacob. Joseph is then embalmed and placed in a coffin in Egypt (Genesis 50:26). Later, just at the crucial moment of departing from Egypt, Moses himself took the bones of Joseph on the great trip back to the Promised Land (Exodus 13:19). The Children of Israel indeed kept their promise to Joseph.

We will soon study the next book of the *Torah*, Exodus, which refers in the opening chapter to our hero Joseph by stating, "A new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph." (Exodus 1:8). We know it is not credible for a ruler of Egypt of 3500 years ago not to have heard of Joseph, and this is the ruler that our greatest rabbi and teacher, Moses, will have to duel with over the next few weeks.

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Come to *Shabbat* services and join us as we again learn about our beloved leader, Moses or *Moshe Rabbeinu*, his brother Aaron or *Aharon*, the Children of Israel or *B'nai Yisrael* and their new circumstances in Egypt, the land of our bondage.

Phyllis and I wish all of you a Happy 2008.

### **JANUARY YAHRZEITS - WE REMEMBER THEM**

2 Shevat – Cantor Zucker's Father, Simon  
8 Shevat – David and Wendy Golden, Marvin Warhaftig  
9 Shevat – Leona Bartell's Mother, Florence  
13 Shevat – Bunny Wright's Mother, Jewel  
15 Shevat – Leona Bartell's Husband, Harold  
22 Shevat - David and Wendy Golden, Serena Zeger Warhaftig  
23 Shevat – Nancy Gordon's Grandfather, Nathan



## President's Message

### Lee Oppenheim

Shalom:

In the English calendar we are beginning a new year. Every one seems to begin with a New Year's resolution to make some wanted change to their life. Mostly we attempt to do something we did not have the courage and strength to do in the previous year. If we consider the resolution as a vow, than we as Jews appear to have a second opportunity to change. At Rosh HaShanah we vow to improve our spiritual and moral lives through Hashem. Now we try to improve ourselves in other aspects of our lives. Usually our wish at this time of year is for a very personal change. Yet so much more is available to us as Jews at this time of the year as the days get longer and the nights become shorter.

On the fifteenth of Shevat we celebrate Tu B'Shevat. It has and is at the heart of it an agricultural festival. We now consider it the New Year of the Trees. Yet it has also been the time when our forefathers were required to determine the tithe due the Government (back then it was the Priests and the Temple getting the money). Of course congregation Yad Shalom would welcome your tithe but that is not what this message is about. However if you do wish to make a donation I recommend in the spirit of Tu B'Shevat that you plant a tree (or three) in someone's honor through the Jewish National Fund. It will enrich the Land of Israel and fulfill one of those vows made at either Rosh HaShanah. Go to [www.jnf.org](http://www.jnf.org) and plant a tree.

Then there is your participation in Jewish services. This month we are making it easy for you to complete your spiritual and moral promise. We all promise ourselves that we will be better Jews and participate in Jewish activities both within our families and the community as a whole. On Friday January 11<sup>th</sup> Congregation Yad Shalom will host a Shabbat dinner with a service following the meal with some singing. What a great opportunity we have to fulfill that promise made and see the joy in being together for a wonderful meal. Don't forget that we'll also have a baby naming between the meal and the service. We need everyone there to properly introduce our newest member to our congregation for we are a community of Jews where every one is welcomed. Don't just put it on your calendar but sign up now to participate.

Then we have another similarity working in January. This is an election year. The candidates for president are busy traipsing around the country looking for votes. I think between the democrats and republicans, they have more candidates than we have congregant families. By mid-February each party will have selected unofficially their candidate for President. Yad Shalom will also participate in the great American race in reverse. Mention the congregation elections and request volunteers and we have trouble getting a minyan. However with such a small congregation we need every one to help. We will need three new officers this year. We can say I've had a turn let some one else do it. Being so small does not give us that luxury. So when our nomination committee comes knocking, please don't shut the door in their face. Better yet why not volunteer your time now for next year. The offices of the Board secretary, Vice President for Religious Affairs and President are slated for election this June. If you want to make a difference next year, think about saying yes when asked by a current volunteer.

May all your wishes come true, I hope mine will.

Lee

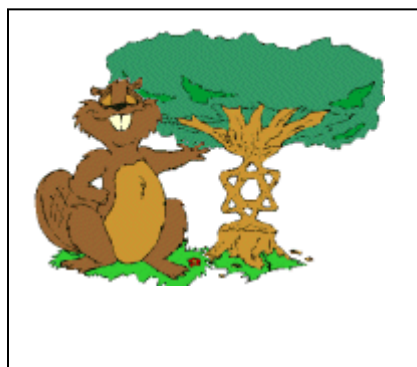
# JANUARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Friday Shabbat Dinner:** Yad Shalom will hold another congregation dinner on **Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**. This is a potluck dinner, with the congregation providing the chicken and salmon main course. Try something new and share it with everyone. That is one of the joys of participating in our dinners. Plan on being there.

**Tu B'Shevat Seder:** Yad Shalom will have a special guest at our Tu B'Shevat seder on **January 26<sup>th</sup>**. Please mark this date on your calendar. More to come next month.

**Adult Beginning Hebrew:** Yad Shalom plans on holding an adult beginning Hebrew class in 2008. If you are interested in learning Hebrew basics we want to hear from you. Classes will be held once a week for 90 minutes. The day of the week depends on you, our intended students. Please let us know if you are interested and what day/time is most convenient for you. Send your note of interest to us at [yadshalom@yadshalom.com](mailto:yadshalom@yadshalom.com).

**Israel at 60:** Keep **June 1<sup>st</sup>** as a day to participate in the area-wide celebration of Israel's birthday. The celebration will be on the Mall in D.C. and Yad Shalom plans to have an active presence on the Mall. Circle the date on your calendar now.



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## Membership Application

We love having visitors and love talking to new members so please feel free to spend some time with us in our religious services and/or social events. If you have any questions, please call our President, Lee Oppenheim, at 703-579-6079. And if you would like to join us, GREAT!

Please fill out the following application and submit to: Congregation Yad Shalom,  
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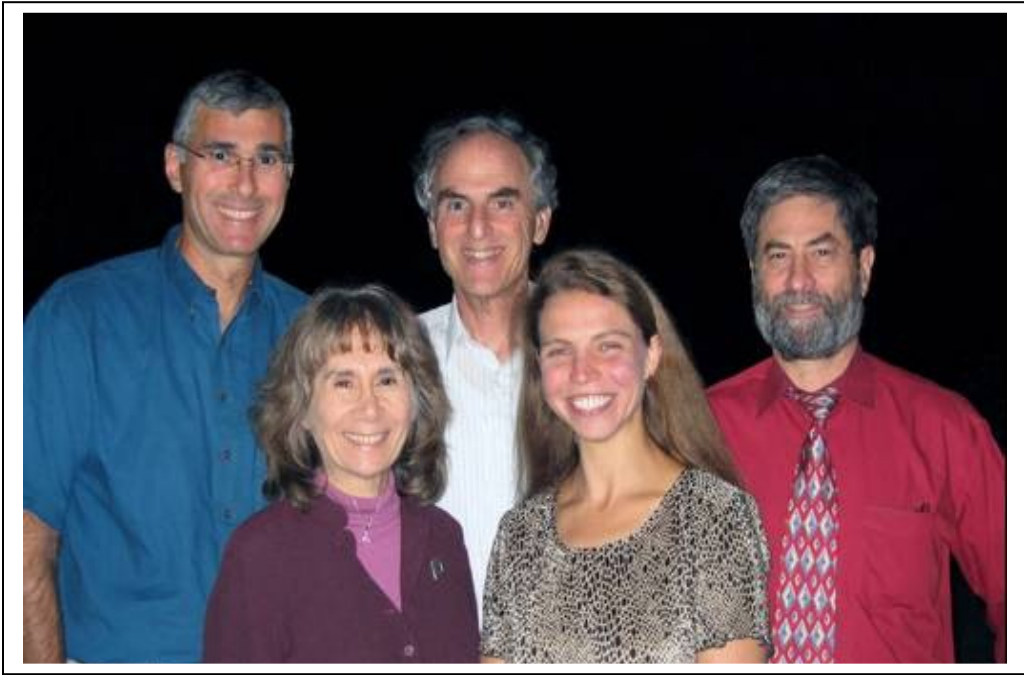
\_\_\_\_\_ Family Individual Membership: \$500 (Jewish man or woman with child(ren) under 18 years of age)

\_\_\_\_\_ Associate Membership: \$180 (You belong to another synagogue but want to join Yad Shalom as well)

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