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2 nights of learning on Israel, Holocaust

Scholar opens window into Israel through its literature

We are thrilled that Dr. Rachel Korazim is going to speak two evenings in a row with our community this month. Dr. Korazim is recognized all over the world as a master teacher of Israeli literature as well as Holocaust and modern Israeli education. Visiting us on the heels of Yom HaShoah and Yom Haatzmaut, Dr. Korazim's talks are going to be timely, relevant and thought-provoking. This is a very special program and one that you will not want to miss.



■ **At 7 p.m. Monday, May 16,** she will present "Connections to the

Land": The core Zionist narrative of Israel presents an unbroken, unwavering connection between the people of Israel and their land. True as it is, individuals have felt at times doubts, pain and critique as they were articulating their particular attachment to it. She will look at works by Yitzhak Shalev, Nathan Alterman, Yehuda Amichai, Ephraim Kishon, Balfour Hakak, Lysie Doron and Amos Oz.

■ **At 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 17,** she will present "Echoes of the Holocaust": The Holocaust and the creation of the state of Israel are probably the most important historical milestones in modern Jewish history. The main focus of this session is to explore the ways Israeli society deals with the Shoah as a significant influence on who we are and how we behave.

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FROM THE RABBI

Love in a time of fear

On April 11, I spoke at a local event at Bellingham High School called "Love in a Time of Fear: Recognizing Muslims as our Neighbors." This event, sponsored by Inter-



faith Coalition and organized by a partnership between a Lutheran pastor and a Muslim man, has traveled throughout Western Wash-

ington and continues to fill auditoriums. That evening, I shared the stage on a panel with two Muslims, a Lutheran, and a Sikh. This was certainly an interfaith gathering.

While the immediate outcome of the event did not prove to be so fruitful, I am, nevertheless, glad to have participated since I get to continue to discuss issues of understanding amongst the many faith groups in our area.

I have included my remarks, which were written in response to one bullet point of the event's mission statement. It reads:

We are people of faith respecting our differences and celebrating our commonalities and our common humanity. In this time of anxiety and tension we encour-

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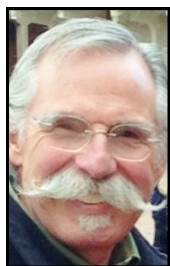


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From the President ...

Annual meeting is time to catch up, reconnect

This spring, Janine and I travelled to American Samoa to visit our daughter, Olivia. We had a great time getting to know Olivia's friends, walking the beaches, snorkeling, and feeling the heat. Only a few



weeks we returned, our first grandchild was born! This time with our children and new granddaughter provoked thoughts of years past, the future, even our legacy.

These musings about family led me to thoughts of the annual meeting of Congregation Beth Israel. I think of the annual meeting as a sort of family reunion. Some in our family participate in nearly every service, while others attend sporadically. The annual meeting is a chance to reconvene, visit with one other and attend to some of the business of our congregation.

Prior to the meeting, there will be an open house at the new building. If you haven't seen the building recently, or have never seen it, this is

a great opportunity to see the progress of our beautiful new home.

There will be a nosh with refreshments and time to socialize before the meeting. At the meeting, most committee reports will be in written form. A few committees will present brief oral reports with a chance to respond to questions from the congregation. Also, we will be voting on several proposed bylaws changes. We will be voting for board members who were appointed to the board during the year and for those who are up for re-election. We will also vote for new executive board members. After the meeting, we will have time for more socializing and dessert.

It was a year ago that I was elected as president; I am at the halfway point of my term. The last year has been wonderful, exciting, and very busy. I look forward to the annual meeting as an opportunity to share what we have accomplished as a congregation and to see my synagogue family. Mark your calendars — I'll see you there.

— Dan Ohms

Interfaith thanks CBI for donations

A message from Interfaith Coalition's Janie Pemble:

Interfaith Coalition thanks Congregation Beth Israel for your generosity to the 2016 Hope Auction. Your faithful response through your congregation's gift of jewelry from Israel raised \$695, in addition to what those in attendance contributed through ticket or auction items purchased. Know that every day fami-

lies and individuals in Whatcom County are lifted up and experience hope because of you. Thank you!

From the bima

Rabbi Samuels's cousin is becoming a bat mitzvah back East in December. Her parents would like her to read from the family Torah, which is housed in Beth Israel's ark. The rabbi is searching for a congregant to transport the Torah to the Newark, N.J., airport after the High Holy Days. If you will be in Newark, let the rabbi know.

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Camp Kalsman celebrates 10 years

"Ten years ago camp started with 90 camper beds and some very big dreams."

— David Berkman,
Director of URJ Camp Kalsman

URJ Camp Kalsman's mission is to foster a supportive and inclusive community. Kalsman has grown tremendously throughout the years and become home to thousands of happy campers since it first made its debut in 2007. This year, Kalsman is celebrating its 10th anniversary. As we reflect back on years of friendships and memories, we feel lucky and

thankful to have a community continuously supportive of our mission.

This summer URJ Camp Kalsman will be hosting a 10th anniversary celebration to bring the community together to reminisce about the past, rejoice in the present, and welcome the future.

Please join us in celebration on July 31 at URJ Camp Kalsman in Arlington, WA, for a day of camp activities, a Dan Nichols concert, and more! This event will begin at 1 p.m. We hope to see you there!

For more information and to register: www.campkalsman.org/event/10

BELLINGHAM CAMPERS

36 Beth Israel children will attend Camp Kalsman this summer, up from 27 in 2015.

Beth Israel is well represented at camp — only two large Seattle synagogues send more kids to camp each year.

Special speakers for Yom HaShoah

We will come together as a community to observe Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, 2016.

As is our custom, the seventh-grade class will help lead the service and share their reflections on the day. Also, our dear friend Noemi Ban will address our community. She is a treasure and we are so enriched by her presence and words of hope.

Finally, Professor Sebastian Mendes from Western Washington University will be giving a talk on his grandfather, Aristide de Sousa Mendes, who was a Portuguese government worker who risked his life

saving thousands of Jews from the camps by issuing them and other refugees visas and passports. He is recognized by Yad Vashem as one of the Righteous Gentiles Among the Nations.

It will be an unforgettable evening.

Cooking challenge for Yom Ha'atzmaut

Celebrate Israel's 68th birthday at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2016. We'll have a festive Israeli meal, music and trivia. For this year's Israeli food competition, the special ingredients are parsley, mint and other herbs commonly found in Israeli foods. Bring your best dish; maybe this year you'll win the fourth annual Israeli food cook-off.

Group B'not Mitzvah coming in June

After two years of intense studying and hours upon hours of practicing, 7 incredible women will be called to the Torah as B'not Mitzvah, daughters of the Covenant, at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 11 and June 18.

Please come and celebrate this amazing accomplishment with the students and their proud families. All are welcome to stay for the luncheons afterward. Mazel tov, ladies!

June 11, 2016: Vermeda Fred, Ann Suloway, Gayle Gordon-Martin, Kathi Paluch and Marcy Probst.

June 18, 2016: Becki Van Glubt and Judy Osman.

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676-8939

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647-7065; Ann Suloway, 647-7031
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Scrip for these merchants is always in stock: Fred Meyer, Safeway, Starbucks, Co-op, Terra Organica & Village books. Scrip for Whole Foods will be available May 1.

Scrip is Beth Israel's only ongoing

fund-raising program. It's easy to use, and costs you nothing.

Just purchase scrip from Beth Israel, and Beth Israel earns a percentage of each purchase. Local stores contribute 5 percent to 10 percent, and we also have access to a huge variety of merchants through www.glscrip.com and shopwithscrip.com, with contributions from 2 percent to 17 percent.

Because of credit card processing fees, we ask that, when possible, you pay by check, checking account debit or cash, or you can choose to increase your payment to cover the 3 percent processing fee.

Purchase scrip online at bethisraelbellingham.org, under the Donate tab. Monthly subscriptions make it even easier! Contact Joan Wayne at jawayne2@gmail.com.

Birthdays

MAY 2016


5/2 Richard Trank
5/3 Louis Hunter (20th)
5/3 Kylie Kanze
5/4 Bobbie Jaffe
5/4 Sydney Wolfson (10th)
5/5 Rick Adelstein
5/5 Russell Sheinkopf
5/6 Gary Adelstein
5/8 Greg Schwartz
5/10 Penny Schuman
5/11 David Kanze
5/11 Oren Shilo (2nd)
5/12 Warren Cornwall
5/13 Joseph Anderson
5/13 Tim Baker
5/13 David Cohn
5/13 Adam Greenberg (15th)
5/13 Karen Weill
5/26 Max Johnson (15th)
5/17 Lindsey Genuit
5/17 Suzanne Fischel Kite
5/18 Kendra Bradford
5/18 Adelle John
5/19 Kathy Grossman

5/19 Nakobe Morgan
Parmett (12th)
5/20 John Siegfried
5/10 Emily Weiner
5/21 Meredith Attar
5/21 Andrea James
5/21 Ann Suloway
5/22 Danny Finkelstein
5/23 Isaac Blum
5/23 Serge Lindner
5/23 Ezra Carter Price (11th)
5/24 Harriet Fine
5/24 Jeffrey Holtzman
5/24 Stephen Martin
5/24 Becki Van Glubt
5/25 Alan Barney
5/26 Robin Chalfie (15th)
5/26 Cassandra Wolfson
5/27 Fay Farkas
5/28 Francine Hoch
5/28 Herman Tabak
5/29 Kim Moskowitz
5/29 Aline Wanne
5/31 Hannah Rose
5/31 Todd Witte

JUNE 2016

6/1 Steve Spitzer
6/1 Caden Stoane (14th)
6/2 Alan Chalfie
6/2 Leila Shavelson
6/3 Hans-Rudolf
Guenter-Schlesinger
6/3 Linda B. Hirsh
6/4 Samuel Hunter (16th)
6/4 Judith Osman
6/4 Belle Shalom
6/5 Samuel Comstock (6th)
6/6 Raphael Engle
6/6 Rachel Goodman (16th)
6/7 Adrienne Champagne
6/7 Frank Champagne
6/7 McNeel Jantzen
6/8 Chris Balton
6/8 Cassidy Jo Kanze (5th)
6/8 Janet Seltzer
6/10 James Prickett
6/11 Diane Garmo
6/11 Marcy Probst
6/11 Galit Shilo
6/11 Aiden Shupack (4th)

6/11 Adin Sokol 14th
6/12 Henry Zemel
6/13 Leslie Shankman
6/14 Susan Kendal
6/14 Willa Wren
Levinson (2nd)
6/15 Diane Leigh
6/16 Lee Shapiro
6/16 Stuart Zemel
6/17 Valerie Randolph
6/17 Todd Shuster
6/19 Rena Ziegler
6/20 Phyllis Mazur
6/21 Ruth Schneider
6/22 Milo Levinson (7th)
6/23 Leah Reitz (18th)
6/24 Jill Elkayam
6/25 Mike Brennan
6/25 Julia Schwartz (14th)
6/26 Tracy Diller
6/26 Nate Fine
6/26 Jeremiah Witte (9th)
6/26 Nathaniel Witte (9th)
6/27 Sid Wanne
6/29 Nicole Samuels



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All Beth Israel members are encouraged to attend our annual Congregational Meeting and are invited to social gatherings before and after the meeting, sponsored by the Board of Directors.

The Annual Meeting is a time to celebrate the many events and accomplishments of the year and a time to give thanks to the many people who have given so generously of their time and energy to enrich the CBI experience. It is also a time to look toward the year ahead for our Keshet children, our CBI adult education and other programming, our new synagogue building, and more.

The Nominating Committee will present a proposed slate of officers and directors for 2016-17. Congregants will have the opportunity to vote on this slate. Proposed by-law changes also will be presented for congregation approval. See the members-only section of our website for the proposed bylaw changes at www.bethisraelbellingham.com, under Bylaws.

Child-care will be available, with pizza. *Pre-registration required by May 20.* \$5 donation to PHAT suggested. Please contact Mary Somerville at (360) 733-8890 or office@bethisraelbellingham.org with number of and ages of children.

Plan to attend this important event in the life of our community.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016

2 to 4 p.m.

Tour Our New Building

Congregants are invited to look at the progress at 751 San Juan Blvd.



5:15 p.m.

Wine & Appetizer Social Hour

6 p.m.

Annual Meeting in Sanctuary

Dessert Social following the meeting

Proposed Board of Director's Slate for 2016-2017

(* indicates up for election)

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*VP	Steven Garfinkle
VP	Katie Edelstein
*Treasurer	Terri Weiner (served partial term)
*Secretary	Paul Blum

Continuing Board Members

(served partial term)

*Binnie Perper
*Deborah Oksenberg

Continuing Board Members

(up for election to 2nd term)

*Todd Witte
*Miriam Schwartz

Continuing Board Members

(not up for election)

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Gary Lazarus and family, on the loss of his father, Mitchel Lazarus

From: Sylvia Williams

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IN APPRECIATION TO:

Rabbi Samuels

From: Gary & Nancy Lazarus

Mr. & Mrs. Miles Berger – Thank you for the marvelous dinner party

From: Peter & Rhoda Samuels (Rancho Mirage, CA)

Congregation Beth Israel, in thanks for all the support

From: Michael & Patsy Strumpf

IN HONOR OF:

Our new grandson, Levi Asher Fukuzato, born Feb. 12, 2016

From: Steve & Rita Spitzer

* Our new grandson, Mose Rainier Zemel, born March 8, 2016

* The wedding of our daughter Dana to Lucas Goodwin, on April 9 2016

From: Stuart & Cinda Zemel

IN MEMORY OF:

Our beloved friend, Deborah Stefanik

From: Stuart & Cinda Zemel

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Kaisa de Tristan, in memory of Marc de Tristan

From: Peter & Rhoda Samuels (Rancho Mirage, CA)

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NEW SYNAGOGUE

IN APPRECIATION TO:

CBI, for the way we were so graciously received in your congregation

From: Jerome & Katlaina Rosen (Coupeville WA)

CBI, with thanks for our beautiful and yummy Purim bag!

From: Shelley & Phyllis Mazur

The Mishloach Manot Committee, in thanks for the Purim treats

From: Bernice Loober

CBI Board – Thank you to my fellow board members

From: Terri Weiner

IN CELEBRATION OF:

Lou & Marcia Lippman's 50th Anniversary

From: Warren Rosenthal & Amy Whiting
Karen Sloss

Lou Lippman's 75th birthday

From: Karen Sloss

Lynn & Michael Korner's 60th birthdays

From: Anne Brown
Janis & Steve Ban
Lynne & Mark MacDonald
Joan & Marv Wayne

IN HONOR OF:

Noam Richmond, on becoming a Bar Mitzvah

From: Anne Brown

Bonnie & Alan Stone

From: Karen Sloss

DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

Gary Lazarus and family, on the loss of his father, Mitchel Lazarus

From: Anne Brown
David Goldman & Linda Blackwell

Leah & Morgan King (Arcata, CA)

Debbie & Dan Raas
Karen Sloss

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Susan Jay – in memory of her beloved husband and our respected friend and colleague, Dr. Burt Jay

From: Ann & Alan Chaitin (La Jolla, CA)

Diane, Barbara & Daniel Rapaport, on the loss of their beloved mother, Bernice Rapaport

From: Anne Brown
Karen Sloss
Joan & Marv Wayne

Lynn Korner, on the loss of her mother, Felice Bourne

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* CBI community – Happy Pesach to our congregation

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June 9, 16 & 23

The Care Committee will present a three-part series on how to prepare for the end of life, and how to care for loved ones after death. Multiple generations are encouraged to attend together.

June 9

Jewish traditions around death and dying. Rabbi Joshua Samuels will discuss traditional and contemporary burial and mourning practices and his role as a support to families

around the time of dying and death.

Our cemetery. Janis Ban will discuss the details of choosing a cemetery plot, and what to expect at the funeral home.

June 16

Advanced medical interventions: the realities of life-sustaining measures in the ICU. RNs will discuss CPR, mechanical ventilation, artificial nutrition and more, with time for questions and dialogue.

June 23

Advance care planning: A repre-

sentative from Whatcom Alliance for Health Advancement will present the process of developing an Advance Directive/Living Will and naming a Healthcare Power of Attorney.

Is a POLST (Physicians Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment) right for you? The POLST and its applications will be discussed.

The new CBI End of Life Planning brochure and handouts will be available at each session.

Questions? Contact Geraldine Reitz, (360) 319-1942 or crmreit@comcast.net

Anniversaries

May 2016

May 1 Mitch & Lisa Press	(#22)
May 1 Richard & Idalina Trank	(#12)
May 7 Steven & Victoria Garfinkle	(#22)
May 8 Elka & Myron Fink	(#61)
May 9 John & Melissa Schapiro	(#23)
May 12 Jeffrey & Wendy Holtzman	(#31)
May 14 David & Kylie Kanze	(#11)
May 16 Larry & Melissa Stahlberg	(#38)
May 18 Rick & Leslie Adelstein	(#41)
May 19 Michael & Patsy Strumpf	(#16)
May 21 Larry Hildes & Karen Weill	(#16)
May 24 Rick & Tracey Levine	(#29)
May 24 Rebecca & Andrew Orloff	(#18)
May 27 Lynne & Mark MacDonald	(#38)
May 29 Darcie Donegan & Phil Buri	(# 23)
May 29 Rabbi Joshua & Nicole Samuels	(#11)

June 2016

June 2 Jay & Donna Solomon	(#52)
June 9 Don Fenbert & Valerie Randolph	(#26)
June 10 Frank & Adrienne Champagne	(#4)
June 12 Gaby & Victoria Mayers	(#31)
June 16 Tammy & Daryl Dixon	(#9)
June 17 Cari & Tod Asmussen	(#10)
June 18 David & Jill Elkayam	(#38)
June 19 Miles Bryant & Sarah Bauman	(#40)
June 19 Ann Suloway & Tim Baker	(#23)
June 21 Justin & Helen Morgan Parmett	(#13)
June 23 Michelle & Joseph Anderson	(#15)
June 23 Meg Jacobson & Russell Pritchett	(#42)
June 23 David & Rena Ziegler	(#48)
June 25 Sarah & Todd Witte	(#16)
June 26 Peter & Nancy Auerbach	(#50)

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Faces in our community

For Orloffs, fairy tales come true

Visual effects career brings family to Northwest

BY LINDA HIRSH

Little by little, an artist can replace a blank computer screen with an other-worldly planet jammed with storybook characters that seem as real as the people next door.

That sort of magic happens when Andrew Orloff puts his hands on a television project like ABC's "Once Upon a Time."

"To transport people to a different environment, you need visual effects," Andrew said. "Building a world is fun."

With rapidly advancing technology, the field has become much more sophisticated. Visual effects have transformed entertainment over the last 20 years.

"Now I am quite easily fooled. And it's not just environments. Even computer-generated characters don't look artificial."

Or as Serge Linder, friend and fellow book club member, put it: "It's really cool. Cutting edge."

Andrew started his profession of creating little worlds around 1992 as a computer animator. These days his world has expanded. As President and Creative Director of the Vancouver office of Zoic Studios, he collaborates with studio clients and his artist employees to produce projects for film and television.

The Orloff family has expanded as well.

Rebecca, born in California and raised in Los Angeles, got her first taste of the Pacific Northwest at Reed College in Portland, Ore. She stored the place away as a "pipe dream." The region's physical beauty — one way is the water, then turn your head and the mountains are nearby — drew her.

"And I like rainy weather," she admitted. "I wanted a way to come back someday."

After Reed, she attended UC Berkeley Law School with a specialty in antitrust law. She worked as an antitrust lawyer for a Los Angeles firm until she had her first child, Kayla, now 13. She practiced insurance law from her home as two more children arrived: Isaac, now 11,



The Orloff family: Andrew and Rebecca, with children (from left) Isaac, Owen and Kayla.

then Owen, 6. For now, her law career is on hiatus --- she had always taken pro bono cases dealing with social issues such as domestic violence, and plans to return to the law when the time is right.

Born in Detroit, Andrew grew up in the same San Francisco neighborhood as Rabbi Joshua Samuels. Drawing and photography attracted him. At age 9, he discovered the intersection of arts and computers, working on the early Apple 2. Captivated by early video games, he became fluent and began experimenting with animation.

"People asked me, 'Why wouldn't you draw on paper?'" he said, amused by their reactions.

At UCLA, he was one of 12 film majors admitted to a two-year program at the School of Theater, Film, and Television. This program, where he met famed director Francis Ford Coppola, enabled him to get a job doing computer design and layout for the UCLA newspaper.

They were just beginning to experiment with computer-

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From the Keshet Center for Jewish Learning ...

Take time to appreciate teachers

On most Sundays, I have the privilege of floating between Keshet classes and observing the colorful mosaic of moments that our teachers share with the children. One class gets their hands dirty with sticky dough for a homemade matzah, another is running, engaged in a "Tifsuni" game (Hebrew duck-duck-goose-type game), storytime, mod podge, playing a parachute game, singing, eating and laughing.

These seemingly simple moments require a great deal of forethought, planning, and creativity. Every week teachers craft lesson plans that are age-appropriate, reflective of the class curriculum, engaging, and meaningful. Planning a good lesson is time consuming and requires collaboration and detailed organization. But because Keshet is not an academic program per se, a truly successful lesson is not only about a stellar curriculum, skills, and resources. A successful lesson -- a lesson that will stick with the children -- is the one that requires an extra

ingredient from a teacher. That ingredient is a comfort level that a teacher brings into the classroom space with them. No matter what walk of life a teacher comes from, whether they are a WWU student, a veteran teacher, or a parent, a good learning moment happens when the teacher's identity is deeply ingrained in the subject matter and the teaching is coming from their *neschama* (soul) as much as from their intellect.

We are so fortunate at Keshet to have a team of such dedicated teachers! These teachers are the reasons why those successful moments do happen here every Sunday. Please let me know if you would like to come visit on a Sunday and see this magic happen, or just come to the May 6 Teacher Appreciation Service to support our Keshet team that makes it all happen.

Bivracha,

—Sagit Hall שגית הול
Director, Keshet Center
for Jewish Learning



Sixth-grade teacher Lotem and third-grade teacher Adam show their Purim spirit.



Jewish learning involves all the senses. Kindergarten teacher Ariella and madricha Naomi enjoy homemade matzah dipped in olive oil and za'atar with their students.



Second-grade teacher Amanda (far right) and madricha Izzy (far left) and their students display the seder plates they made.

The Orloffs

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generated movies. “Jurassic Park,” he said was “the watermark for computer-generated films before they went mainstream.” Unlike the explosions and floods of special effects, his field of visual effects combines computer images with real ones -- for instance, shooting creatures side by side with living human beings.

Andrew graduated in 1992. To continue refining his skills, he needed access to computers with programs to design visual effects imagery. He used the graphic design abilities he had taught himself and got a job in that field with a company that boasted the kind of computer he needed. Soon it was graphic design by day and animation at night. He started freelancing for music videos, television shows and movies. One project he had a hand in should be familiar: “Buffy The Vampire Slayer.”

In 1996, Andrew met Rebecca. A friend at her law school said she had to meet him, maybe because “we were the only two Jewish people he knew,” Rebecca laughed.

The day after she graduated from law school in 1998, they were married, simply because all their friends were going to disperse throughout the country after graduating.

In 2002, Andrew joined three partners and nine other artists to form their own company, Zoic Studios in Culver City, CA. Among Zoic’s projects were “Battlestar Galactica,” “C.S.I.,” Steven Spielberg’s “Falling Skies,” and “Once Upon a Time,” which recently aired its 100th episode and which is up for renewal.

Ten years ago, Vancouver, B.C., offered an attractive tax incentive to television studios for visual effects work. Zoic Studios jumped at it and opened a Vancouver office.

To Rebecca’s delight, the family

chose to live in the thick of the Pacific Northwest, and joined Bellingham’s Congregation Beth Israel.

Recently their three children sat in the living room enumerating reasons why CBI was meaningful to them.

Kayla, who attended a L.A. Jewish day school and now goes to Montessori, said, because there are so few Jews at school, she loves getting together with her CBI community, where everyone’s Jewish. Using her day school background, she helps other students with Hebrew.

Owen, also a Montessori student, enjoyed making challah and a challah cover; his best friend goes there too. Isaac, who attends Fairhaven Middle School, proclaims his cohorts as “usually nice,” and enjoys the game of gaga.

“They are a wonderful family,” said Serge, whose wife Deborah Oksenberg co-chaired the religious school committee with Rebecca. “And they are amazing parents.”

The parents do not share their children’s religious backgrounds. Rebecca’s father was not Jewish. His side of the family traces back to the *Mayflower*. Her mother was culturally Jewish, but it’s her grandmother, 92, who can take credit for Rebecca’s strong Jewish identification.

Andrew’s father wasn’t Jewish either. His mother descended from a New York City liberal Jewish family,

who observed holidays and held seder. When he visited the East Coast, family would take him to shul.

Andrew now commutes to Vancouver with a mandate to make the company grow even more. As supervisor, he has stepped into a job he says suits him. Although he will occasionally sketch fairy tale creatures, his new position gives him control over an entire project. He had a former banking executive as mentor to teach him about business operations that are now his responsibility.

The job “is challenging and rewarding,” he said. “I have a bit more control. Before, I buried myself in my work. After sitting in front of a computer for 24 years, it gets routine.”

Andrew also has a longstanding relationship with the Gnomon School of Visual Effects in Los Angeles, where he took and then taught many visual effects courses.

The field has grown. It is now broken down into specialized levels. Zoic’s Vancouver branch employs 300 people compared to 100 staff at the original L.A., with a new office opening in New York City.

Visual effects was once an off-the-grid job, but “now there is a people shortage in the field,” Rebecca said.

Linda Hirsh has lived in Bellingham for 16 years. She spent 10 years reporting for The Hartford Courant in Connecticut.

“To transport people to a different environment, you need visual effects. Building a world is fun.”

— Andrew Orloff

Yahrzeits

Observances follow the Hebrew calendar, unless secular date is requested, and are read on the Shabbat prior to the observance date.

For Friday, May 6

Lena Horwitz	5/8
FreddyKullman	5/9
Lloyd Saxton	5/9
Max Swartz	5/9
Thelma Weiner	5/9
Lucie Weis	5/9
Rabbi Frederick S. Gartner	5/10
Edward Stone	5/10
Barbara Vaughan	5/10
Sally Warshay	5/11
Karleen Press	5/12

For Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14

Pearl Albert	5/13
Mary Widerkehr	5/14
Abraham Morton	5/16
Judy Aikens	5/17
Florence Marcus	5/17
Esther Siegel	5/17
Felicia Keller	5/18
Sergio Shwabsky	5/18
Emanuel Jacobson	5/19
Ray Jay	5/19

For Friday, May 20

Maia Haykin	5/20
Barbara (McNulty) Higham	5/20
Evelyn Renfro	5/20
Helen M. Greenberg	5/21
Lloyd Relin	5/21
Elaine Greenberg	5/22
Alan Raas	5/23
Saul S. Spiro	5/23
Audrey May King	5/25

For Friday, May 27

Samuel Gelb	5/27
Margaret Horwitz	5/27
Louis Suloway	5/27
Irwin Suloway	5/30
Samuel Emanuel	5/31
Jack Kleinfeld	5/31
Jean Dement	6/2
Rebecca Leavitt	6/2
Samuel Schwartz	6/2

Arnold Zolotrow 6/2

For Friday, June 3

Rachel Damski	6/3
Otto Furth	6/3
Rose Thal	6/3
Louis Adelstein	6/4
Rose Block	6/4
Nan Lopresti	6/5
Belle Kaplan Shapiro	6/5
William Stone	6/5
Dorothy Katz	6/6
Dottie Berelson	6/9
Oscar Evans	6/9
Jay Renfro	6/9
Gussie Gelb	6/10
Ethel Sandford	6/10

For Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11

Louise Hecht	6/12
William Robinson	6/12
Henry W. Fenbert	6/13
Marvin Globberman	6/13
Emma (Weigt) Korneck	6/13
Denise Guren	6/14
Rose Millstein	6/14

David Archie Bauman 6/16
Irene Rosenfeld 6/16

For Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18

Rosalind Kantor	6/18
Marion Selznick	6/20
Marjorie Fineberg Powell	6/21
Frances Glazer Garmo	6/22
David Ohms	6/22
Miriam Shepard	6/22
Marcia M. Morris Yust	6/22
Jack Glazer	6/24
Jennie Schrader	6/24

For Friday, June 24

Edward R. Glazer	6/25
Stanley Schlanger	6/25
Harold "Bud" Blank	6/26
Rose Rebecca Glazer	6/26
Michael Kendal	6/26
Vincent Romito	6/26
Bill Lewis	6/27
Marcella Schapiro	6/29
Morton Schneider	6/29
Elaine Lev Beller	7/1
Irving Edward Shapiro	7/1

In Memoriam

Zichronam l'vrachah ~ May their memories be for a blessing

Our congregation mourns the passing of long-time congregant, **Bernice Rappaport**, on March 6, 2016.

We offer deepest condolences to her children — Diane, Barbara and Daniel — and to all of their extended family.

Our congregation offers heartfelt condolences to **Karen Weill** on the loss of her uncle, **Jose Weill**, who passed away on April 19, 2016.

Tikkun Leil Shavuot June 11

Havdallah, dessert and Torah for Erev Shavuot will be at 8 p.m. June 11. Let the rabbi know if you would

like to lead a 10-minute teaching on *anything* Torah related. Be a part of a traditional, yet fun Jewish experience.

Shavuot is one of the three pilgrimage festivals — the others are Passover and Sukkot.

A recipe for Shavuot ...

Corrine's egg noodle kugel never fails

BY CORRINE LEVINE

I found this kugel recipe in an Israeli cookbook in 1979. It never fails.

1 pound wide noodles cooked as directed on the package.

4 large eggs and 1 egg yolk

pinch of salt

1/2 cup sugar

1 cup sour cream

2 and 3/4 cups milk

juice of 1/2 lemon

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 cup corn flakes

1/2 cup melted butter

Butter a 13x9x2 pan. Beat eggs and egg yolk with salt and sugar until light and creamy.

Add sour cream, milk, lemon juice and vanilla and whisk until smooth. Add the cooked noodles and blend gently. Pour the noodle mixture into the pan.

Crush the cornflakes, mix with melted butter and spread on top of noodle mixture. Bake for 1 hour at 375. If using a metal pan bake at 400.

Serves 10 to 12. Tastes best when hot but it can be

made ahead.

I've made this with all the "bad" things: whole milk, real sour cream and all the eggs called for. I've also made it with skim milk, lite sour cream and fake eggs. It always tastes good.

**Scholar**

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Dr. Korazim will discuss the reflections of the Holocaust in recent works by Amir Gotfreund and Lysie Doron, as well as some older ones by Grossman and Liebrecht, Treinin, Guri and others. By doing so we will be able to address the changes in the understanding of the Holocaust from different Israeli perspectives.

Dr. Korazim is a freelance Jewish education consultant in curriculum development for Israel and Holocaust education. She opens a window to Israeli society through literature; with stories, poems and songs of Israel's best writers, she invites listeners to engage in innovative ways.

Until 2008 she had been the Academic Director of Distance Learning programs at The JAFI Department of Education.

Born in Israel, she served in the IDF as an officer in the central training base for women and was later a member of the IDF delegation to Niger (West Africa). She is a graduate of Haifa University with a Ph.D. in Jewish education.

She has vast experience in Jewish education both in Israel and the Diaspora. As one of the founders and directors of a special program for soldiers from disadvantaged backgrounds, she was responsible for creating the educational framework and training teachers for the implementation of the program.

Since her first *shlichut* to Canada, where she was the head of a JAFI delegation from (1985 to 1988) she has been involved with Jewish education worldwide: creating and implementing in-service training programs for educators, writing educational materials, counseling and teaching.

She is familiar, through many visits, with the Jewish education communities of the US, Canada, Latin America and Europe. Since 1990 she has invested a lot of her time and energy in helping the emerging Jewish schools of Hungary.

Dr. Korazim teaches at Israel's well-known learning centers such as Pardes and the Shalom Hartman Institutes as well as numerous world Jewish communities.

RAC launches Refugees Welcome campaign

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism recently announced the launch of a National Refugees Welcome Initiative. With more than 60 million people displaced worldwide and nearly 20 million refugees, the RAC is seeking to provide hope in the midst of the largest refugee crisis the world has faced since WWII.

As we approach World Refugee Day on June 20, faith communities from multiple backgrounds, refugee resettlement organizations, refugee and human rights leaders, and organizations that work with refugees are all working in partnership to provide a vibrant welcome to refugees

among us, and to encourage our country to continue to respond to the world's crisis by offering hospitality to most vulnerable refugees in need.

The goal of the Refugees Welcome campaign is to provide opportunities for refugees to share their experiences with faith and community groups to: build friendships among diverse cultures and faiths, strengthen public and private welcome of our refugee neighbors, promote refugee integration and leadership, celebrate refugees' community contributions.

Congregation Beth Israel's Social Action Committee is exploring how our Bellingham community can join this initiative.

AT BETH ISRAEL

Look for more information about the worldwide refugee crisis during **Mitzvah Day** on **May 15**.

A speaker from Jewish Family Services in Seattle will speak about resettlement efforts in Washington state in June. Look for an announcement in the enews regarding date/time.

Learn more about this and other RAC programs at www.rac.org/

State funding comes through for Jewish community

The Jewish Federation of Greater Seattle reports that the 2016 Legislative Session delivered big wins for the Puget Sound Jewish community. The Federation, working collaboratively with dedicated legislators and coalition partners, won significant victories in both funding and policy that will help create **Jewish Connections for Life** across our state for decades to come.

Here are a few highlights:

- \$200,000 secured in the Capital Budget for the **Holocaust Center for Humanity** to complete its permanent exhibit.
- \$250,000 secured in the Operating Budget for **Western Washington University** to endow the Jaffe Professorship of Jewish History and Holocaust Studies.
- Protected over \$500,000 in state funding for **Jewish Family Service** to support its vital human services programs, including treatment for do-

"The passion and spirit of education about Jewish History, the Holocaust and today's civic engagement and civility spans time and place and generation. It's a profound honor — as a legislator, higher education advocate and friend of Western originally from Bellingham — to help enhance the successful and impressive private sector fundraising efforts with an investment of public resources for this vital program."

State Senator Reuven Carlyle,
36th Legislative District

mestic violence victims, refugee resettlement and funding for the food bank.

• Reformed our state's nursing home reimbursement rates, ensuring **Kline Galland** is more fairly compensated for the high-quality care they provide for our families.

This funding will help thousands

more teachers and students learn about the Holocaust and our shared values of justice and tolerance each year; allow JFS to continue resettling refugees, feed the hungry and treat domestic violence victims; and clear the path for Kline Galland to carry on providing excellent care to our loved ones and the most vulnerable.

The Yenta speaks ...

Asher Suloway-Baker

(second from left) was elected to the board of NFTY Northwest as the Vice President for Communications, April 15, 2016. He will serve for one year. The North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) is the youth movement of Reform Judaism. Our synagogue youth group, PHAT, is a member of the Northwest region.



The Zemel family has had lots of *nachas* recently:

Stuart and Cinda Zemel welcomed a new grandson, **Mose Rainier Zemel**, on March 8, 2016. Proud family (at right) includes parents **Dustin and Jane Zemel** and big brother **Oliver**.



And **Dana Zemel**, daughter of **Stuart and Cinda**, married **Lucas Goodwin** April 9, 2016, in Germantown, N.Y. They are pictured with their baby, **Levi**, at far right.

Adult education classes offered

TROPE CHANTING DROP-IN HELP SESSIONS Sundays 12:30-1:30 p.m. May 1 and 8.

Andrea Shupack will have drop-in sessions on these dates for people with any previous knowledge of trope, to come and hone their skills, get help, ask questions, and learn more about the art of cantillation.

No need to RSVP, just come. Sessions will meet in the Rabbi's office. Donations are welcome.

BIBLIODRAMA continues first Shabbat every month starting June 4, 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. after Torah study.

Join Andrea Shupack for a unique way to experience the Torah. We will explore the weekly Torah portion by stepping into the shoes of the biblical characters — even objects that appear in the texts — and giving them a voice. We will relive the moments, re-imagine the scenes, and place ourselves into the texts.

No knowledge of Torah necessary and no sign-up needed; just show up and jump in!

Sisterhood book group meetings

Our next meeting will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 15, at Joan Wayne's house. We will be discussing **UNLEAVENED DEAD** by Rabbi Ilene Schneider.

Our June meeting will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 26 (please note different time) at Linda Blackwell's home. We will be discussing **THE OCEAN AT THE END OF THE LANE** by Neil Gaiman.

We will not meet in July.

FROM THE RABBI

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age all people to resist the urge to stereotype and scapegoat minorities, including Muslims.

When Rev. Terry told me that I had no more than 10 minutes to talk about resisting the urge to stereotype and scapegoat minorities, I said to myself, "This isn't going to be easy." Judaism has a long history of being stereotyped and scapegoated.

And so I come to this discussion from a lens of having been there, and part of a people who have been targeted for 2,000 years. And not much has changed, even to this very day, sadly. Even here in our beautiful and progressive neck of the woods. And that is why I feel especially sensitive and acutely aware of this topic.

In our modern and enlightened age, prejudices, racism, hatred, anti-semitism and xenophobia seem to be at new heights in our country. Anti-zionism and the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement are the new vehicles for anti-semitism; there is the scapegoating of the poor in this country for many of our national ills; we see time and again blatant attacks on black men, discriminating laws against the LGBTQ community, and of course there is a tremendous amount of hateful discourse directed towards Muslims — most of it due to ignorance and fear.

It's very sad that George Santayana's famous quote, "Those who do not remember the past are condemned to relive it" is, unfortunately, so true.

In her book, *A Convenient Hatred*, author Phyllis Goldstein discusses the origins of anti-semitism and she says something that I think is relevant to this gathering and the state of the world today. She writes:

"Antisemitism is a very peculiar pathology that recognizes no national borders. It is a mental condition conducive to paranoia and impervious to truth. Its lexicon has no word for individuality. It is fixated on group

identity. It is necessarily dehumanizing when people become abstractions. Once an emotional stereotype has been created — of the Jews, of blacks, of Catholics, of Muslims — it is readily absorbed in the bones like strontium 90, an enduring poison that distorts the perceptions of the victims. All minority groups have suffered..."

This is so powerful and spot on. When we stereotype and scapegoat, we are being all-inclusive of large groups. We completely disregard the individual and throw everyone alike in the lot. This is pitiless logic. I certainly don't want to be any more connected to Jewish fanatics, such as Yigal Amir, the deranged religious man who assassinated Yitzhak Rabin, as most Muslims don't want to be associated with ISIS and Hamas. It is nonsensical to stereotype whole groups of people in relation to those who profess violence and hate in the name of their faith.

Tragically, many people in positions of power today are adding flames to this disastrous fire. They want us to simply look at the other and blame them when things aren't going the way they expect. This is a common trope and thank goodness we have a gathering such as this which teaches that this is not right. Muslims, and the vast majority of Muslims, are wonderful people. There is nothing inherently evil about them. They are no different than you and me.

Judaism teaches, and I am certain other faith groups do as well, that we are all created in the divine image, *betzelem elohim*, as it's written in the Torah. Each one of us has the spark of the divine inside. So long as we accept this belief, the question to answer is: How must we treat those who are not like us?

We are also commanded to love our neighbors. Yes, this is hard to do, but this is a goal that we must try to achieve. In the Torah's holiness code, it says, "You shall be Holy," *kedoshim tihyu*. The verb is in the imperfect tense as though to say, "you will never be Holy," but you should at least be

on the path towards holiness. And so as hard as it might be for some of us to curtail our suspicions of Muslims, for example, we must be on the path towards holiness, peace, acceptance, and brotherhood.

We must look deep within, judge our own behaviors, and teach our communities about respect, open-mindedness and love.

We are all brothers and sisters. We share many of the same ancestors and we have also carved our own paths. And yes, there has been terrible fighting throughout our shared history, and no doubt there will continue to be unnecessary bloodshed. But there must come a time when leaders and members of the various groups come together and stand as one — just as we are doing tonight.

If only those who spew hatred so wantonly could participate in a forum like this, then we'd be making serious inroads. If only they would be open enough to meet and get to know individuals who are part of the groups they despise, and see them as equally divinely created beings, that's when not just tolerance, but love, will spread.

Finally, Judaism recognizes that there are many truths and that we don't hold the monopoly on this. Judaism acknowledges that each faith community has its own narrative and each one is precious and meaningful to the group that adheres to it. Once we forget this and begin to believe that some groups (as a whole) have it all wrong, then we begin to walk a slippery slope.

I am greatly frustrated and disturbed by much of the hateful rhetoric we hear these days focusing on our neighbors. As part of a group that has walked this walk and is walking it right now, I can empathize. But I am equally optimistic that so long as people come together and really get to know one another, as we are doing now, then these issues will slowly fade away. *Ken yehi ratzon*. May this be God's will. Thank you very much.

— Rabbi Joshua Samuels

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GET READY FOR MITZVAH DAY MAY 15, 2016

Everyone can help with *tikkun olam*

The whole synagogue community is invited to participate in Mitzvah Day May 15, 2016.

The day will start with a Bagel and Nosh at 10 a.m., when you can sign up for projects of your choice. We will have a speaker from Whatcom Humane Society and will be collecting food for the shelter's animals.

Projects will be from about 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. They include:

*Making totes for children at DVSAS * Packing hygiene kits for homeless teens * Working at the WE GROW VETERANS farm * Beautify our Jewish Cemetery * Weed and garden around the Whatcom Humane Society Building * Paint a mural panel with Up Town Art for the new synagogue * Write to legislators on environmental concerns and gun control*

There will also be information about voter registration and the world refugee crisis.

Please donate items such as soaps, shampoos and toothbrushes to the synagogue to be packaged up on Mitzvah Day.

