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Greetings from Rabbi Mark Melamut



Mark, Hayley, Kinneret (10) and Geffen (8), Father's Day at SF Jazz Center, May 2018

Shalom UVJC!

As I write this note, I'm knee-deep in book boxes and piles of piles, preparing to move across the country 3,084 miles from San Francisco to Hanover. My family and I are really excited to meet everyone and to begin to settle in to life in the Upper Valley. With the kids at camp, we are busily packing when we can and taking deep breaths as we embrace the positive life energy that is – change. What a way for us to shortly begin a new year, all new, together with you!

Arriving for August, we'll be entering dimensions of the Hebrew month of Elul, beginning on August 12. It's an auspicious time in our Jewish year cycle, when we begin to get ready for the spiritual holiday season. In Hebrew "Elul" – Alef, lamed, vav, lamed - is also said to stand for this loving phrase: Ani l'dodi, v'dodi li - "I am my Beloved's and my Beloved is Mine." (Song of Songs 6:3)

Our sages taught that this refers to G-d and the

Jewish people, as we begin to draw closer together, celebrating but also repairing and returning in our loving relationship. It's also an opportunity for us to make time to draw nearer to each other in our own loving relationships (before the busy fall season).

What a perfect time to meet each other and to begin our sacred relationship as community and rabbi!

May the month of Elul's emphasis on building sacred relationships inspire us, as our lives become intertwined in the coming months and in the New Year.

I look forward to arriving in the Upper Valley soon, to learning from you, to building community with you and to sharing my love for Jewish life.

Back to those boxes, one step at a time...until we meet soon.

Happy Summer!

Rabbi Mark Melamut

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President's Message

By Debbe Callaghan

Coming Together and Moving Forward

It's the middle of our long awaited Upper Valley summer – the heat wave has moderated, the skies are blue, and the local tomatoes are ripe and plentiful. We have so many blessings, we sometimes forget to step back and assess. As we begin this new time for our community we have so much for which to be thankful and such a strong foundation for the future.

In reflecting over the past months, the coming together of our community has been extraordinary. Together we have shown a spirit and desire to rise up to the challenges of our rabbi search in a unified manner – the Rabbi Search Committee worked together for seven months with camaraderie growing as we honed in on identifying our new rabbi. What could have been a fractious process for the committee and congregation was instead an uplifting and uniting effort that has made us stronger as a community and that helped us articulate our values. I feel we are truly ready to welcome Rabbi Mark Melamut into our community.

The coming months will be a transition for the UVJC and as we will respect our past practices, we will also inevitably try new things. I invite you to join us frequently and often. You are our community and we need your engagement to both extend our previous traditions and to create new traditions. We will be hosting a series of events over the next several months to introduce Rabbi Mark to the community and we sincerely hope you will participate. Please join us on Sunday, August 19 at Storrs Pond in Hanover for a cookout and afternoon of fun.

At our next Board of Trustees meeting we will miss Bill Brown, Felixa Eskey, Lynn Schwartz, and Rob Shumsky – all of whom have made significant contributions to our community. We will welcome Bayle Drubel, Laura Harris-Hirsch, Rob Greene, and Stephen Kantor to the Board of Trustees and we look forward to learning from them. While these individuals will assume leadership roles for our community, I deeply encourage everyone to become involved, at whatever level is comfortable for you and your family. We truly welcome you.

Warmly,
Debbe

Connection Newsletter Digital Version

Anyone interested in receiving the Kol Ha'Emek, the Upper Valley Jewish Community *Connection* newsletter digitally, can opt-in by emailing Office@UVJC.org or by calling Chris at 603-646-0460.

You can also view current and past Connection issues at: www.uvjc.org/about/connection-newsletter/

Letter From Our Education Director, Melissa Herman



Dear Kol Ha'Emek,

Greetings from the Hebrew school! School's out but the education director is in, busily cataloguing the school library, rearranging and cleaning classrooms, installing new bookshelves, hiring teachers, updating the online registration and calendar, and preparing to attend the Conference of American Jewish Educators in early August in Hartford, CT.

Opening day of Hebrew school is Tuesday, September 4, for grades 4 through 7 and post-b'nai mitzvah, and Sunday, September 24, for all grades. Yes, that's right, we are starting a post-b'nai mitzvah class! Stay tuned for more details, but as of this writing, it will be every other Tuesday evening starting with pizza supper and then 90 minutes of mitzvah projects, Torah study, socializing with other Jewish teens, and other fun surprises. Please see the UVJC/Kol Ha'Emek website to register all students.

Good news: the school calendar will be on the UVJC.org website this year with class days, holiday parties, and more.

Please count on joining us for our next retreat on Saturday/Sunday December 8-9 at the Hulbert Outdoor Center. More details to come soon!

Are you interested in teaching at the Hebrew school? Several congregants are stepping up this coming year so that we don't have to improvise as much when the Dartmouth students are away on breaks. To do this job, you need intellectual curiosity, willingness to read and discuss the weekly Torah portion, and interest in working with adolescents. Hebrew is desirable but not required, as I can hire separate teachers for Hebrew.

If you're not up for teaching but would like to be involved, I am looking for some folks to greet people who arrive at the Roth Center during Hebrew school on Sunday mornings (10-noon) and Tuesday afternoons 4-5:30. You could sit in the hallway and work on your laptop while doing this job. Contact me: school@uvjc.org; 603-646-3887.



SHALOM WALKS

It's summer! Join the fun!

Socialize & meet members on a SHALOM WALK.

All ages welcome.

Add your name to the email list.

Indicate your best available days & times.

Contact: gloriafinkelstein@gmail.com.

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Volunteer to Sponsor a Shabbat Morning Kiddush

Responsibility to prepare our weekly Shabbat *kiddush* is rotated among UVJC volunteers who attend services. Preparing *kiddush* for the congregation is a great way to celebrate a birthday, graduation, wedding anniversary, or to commemorate a loved one's *yahrzeit*. It's also an opportunity to get together with old friends and make new ones.

For those unfamiliar with the tradition of Shabbat morning *kiddush*, it is the time following the service when we gather over wine, grape juice, challah and other goodies. But most of all, we come together to

enjoy Shabbat with good fellowship.

Wine, grape juice, paper goods and cups are supplied by the UVJC. The weekly *kiddush* volunteer supplies the challah. One may add to the fare if one wishes. For example, herring, gefilte fish, cheese, cookies, coffee cake, sweet rolls, pretzels, or fruit make nice additions to the *kiddush* table.

Please visit <http://bit.ly/2f1OoxV> to sign up to sponsor a *Kiddush* or if you have questions please contact Yoni Neirman who may be reached evenings at 802-649-3234, or by email at yoniltsneirman@gmail.com.

Eastern European Jewish Life: Fading Memories, Vanishing Voices

Photo Exhibit by Mort Wise

July 16 - September 4, 2018

Roth Center for Jewish Life

This exhibit's photos result from a two-week trip sponsored by YIVO Institute for Jewish Research undertaken by Mort Wise in April, 2016.

Mort had the opportunity to travel with experts and scholars through Lithuania and Poland to visit locations of historic importance to the Jewish community.

Mort's father and his family emigrated from Lithuania to America in the early part of the 20th century.



Useful Tools for Aging With Dignity



Prepared by the
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Aging with Dignity

Sundays throughout October and into November

10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4

Roth Center • 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Registration is required – please contact:

Alice Berliner, 802-380-9606, alb172cs@gmail.com

Roseanne Kramer, 603 523 7287,

roseanne.kramer@gmail.com

A new course is being offered this fall to our senior UVJC members and their families!

This is a free course facilitated by trained seniors, for seniors. It offers tools and tips on getting your affairs organized, staying connected and active and having fun, and planning for when you can no longer speak for yourself to make your desires known to your doctors.

PLEASE NOTE: Please confirm your interest with the facilitators. A minimum of six registrants is needed to hold the program. If spaces are not filled, interested parties will be notified of upcoming dates.



Yahrzeit / Memorial Plaque

Susan Jane Herman

Beloved Mum of Melissa and Michael

Nana of Felix, Simon and Miriam

June 24, 2009 2 Tammuz, 5769

The act of remembrance is a profound experience in Jewish tradition. Remembrance brings to present consciousness the influence, love, and nurturing that the departed brought to us, our children, and our children's children. A *yahrzeit* board offers a way to respect and pay tribute to the memories of our departed loved ones.

The *yahrzeit* board in the Alperin Sanctuary at the Roth Center for Jewish Life at Dartmouth College provides each member of our congregational family the opportunity to engage in the profound mitzvah of remembrance by acquiring a *yahrzeit* plaque. On the anniversary of the *yahrzeit* (the date of death), a light is illuminated adjacent to the deceased's name.

If you are interested in acquiring a *yahrzeit* plaque, please contact the UVJC office at 603-646-0460 or at office@uvjc.org.



5778 Bar Mitzvah

SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

DANIEL SCHANER

Son of Deborah & Phillip Schaner

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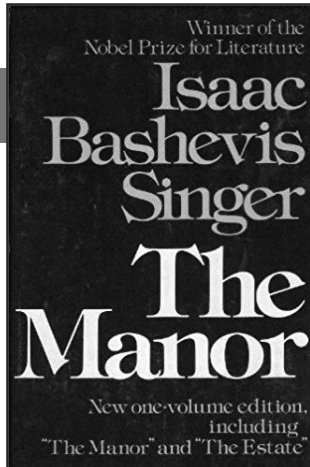
. . . where everything Jewish is going on in the Upper Valley? . . . where you can find the entire TANACH read to you in Hebrew? . . . where there are links to popular local destinations and local weather? . . . where there is a database of everything Jewish for your region, including learning links and candle-lighting times?

Visit the UVJC website OFTEN, for ALL the news:

www.uvjc.org

Literature Lovers

We are members of an enthusiastic reading group who love to discuss books proposed by group members. We welcome new participants. Come join us! Literature Lovers usually meets at 7:00 PM the last Sunday of the month, unless otherwise noted. For location or information, please contact Susan Cohen at 603/643-3611, or email sncohen037@gmail.com



SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

The Manor

by Isaac Bashevis Singer

This novel portrays the difficulties encountered by traditionalist Jews coming to terms with the social changes that rocked Poland in the late 19th century. The central figure of the novel is Calman Jacoby, who stands between the old and the new, unable to embrace either wholeheartedly.

There are many opportunities for donors to designate a gift to Kol Ha'Emek – the Upper Valley Jewish Community – throughout the year.

Please make your check payable to either “UVJC” or “Upper Valley Jewish Community,” noting the name of the fund on the memo line.

Donations may be directed to the UVJC General Fund or specifically to one of the following funds:

Adult Education Fund:

To support guest speakers and other special adult programs

Beautification Fund:

To be used toward furnishings, decorations, and ornamentation to enhance the Roth Center for Jewish Life.

Cemetery Fund:

To help with landscaping and maintenance of the UVJC cemetery.

Library Fund:

For purchase of books or other library materials.

Endowment Fund:

Contributions of cash or securities, payable to the UVJC Endowment Fund. Interest will be used to support the activities of the community.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

For charitable purposes as determined by the Rabbi.

School Programming Fund:

To support special programs over and above the curriculum.

Teen Programming Fund:

To provide support for young adults in our community to participate in Jewish programs.

Yahrzeit Contributions

Deborah and Aaron Kaplan in memory of Sarah Rosenberg Kaplan, Aaron's mother
Yoni and Stephen Neirman in memory of Robert Neirman, Stephen's father
Aila Conarck in memory of Irving Yanover, her father
Aila Conarck in memory of Cliff Conarck, her son
Aila Conarck in memory of Pauline Conarck, her mother-in-law
Aila Conarck in memory of Harriet Levy, her aunt
Bruce Pacht in memory of Leon Oringher, his uncle
Bruce Pacht in memory of Harold Pacht, his father
Gary and Dianne Levine in memory of Jacob Levine, Gary's father
Gary and Dianne Levine in memory of Anna Rosenberg, Gary's grandmother
Joyce Evans in memory of Sally Levenson, her mother
Gene Kadish and Karen Fryer in memory of Allyne PJ Kadish, Gene's mother
Eric Levy and Laura Parker in memory of William Brenner, Eric's grandfather
Rusty Sachs in memory of Jeanne Sachs, his mother

UVJC General Fund

Deborah and Aaron Kaplan in memory of Ida Rose Rotman
Craig and Jeri Cohen in appreciation to Rabbi Boraz attending Jeri's father's shiva service
Sharon and Jerome Smith in honor of Rabbi Boraz
Yoni and Stephen Neirman in appreciation of Rabbi Boraz's years with the UVJC
Thomas and Judy Oxman in appreciation of Rabbi Boraz
Samantha Davidson and Jordon Green in honor of the bar mitzvah of their son, Duncan Green
The Greenspan Foundation

In honor of Rabbi Boraz and Bonnie Kimmelman Leading Eastman Services

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Sam and Mary Zucker in memory of Eva Zucker, Sam's mother
Sam and Mary Zucker in memory of Susanne Zucker, Sam's sister

School Programming Fund

Mark and Susan Israel in honor of Owen Eskey on his bar mitzvah
Mark and Susan Israel in memory of Ida Rose Rotman
Mark and Susan Israel in honor of the marriage of Annaleah Oxman and Scott Dworshak

Cemetery Fund

Barbara Brown in memory of Daniel Brown, her father-in-law

Summer Lunch Program

Rosemary Brown • Barbara Brown • Yoni and Stephen Neirman
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Bimah Baskets & Centerpieces for B'nai Mitzvah & Other Special Occasions

A Beautiful Alternative to Flowers

Colorful and elegantly-arranged baskets of food provide the festive beauty of flowers and infuse your occasion with the spirit of *tikkun olam*. Afterwards, the contents are donated to food pantries. Perfect for B'nai mitzvah, Kiddushes and other occasions. The Social Action Committee is delighted to prepare the baskets. You pay only for the contents.

For further info, contact UVJCSocAction@gmail.com



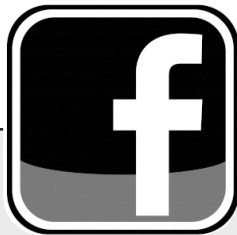


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