

# חבורה HAVURAH

THE ADDISON COUNTY JEWISH CONGREGATION

## *Happy Purim*

The Havurah Hebrew School will be celebrating Purim at Havurah on Monday, March 21. All are welcome to attend!

Purim is celebrated annually according to the Hebrew calendar on the 14th day of the Hebrew month of Adar. Purim (which means "lots") commemorates the deliverance of the Persian Jews from Haman's plot to annihilate them. The story is told in the Scroll or *Megilla* of Esther. According to the story, Haman cast lots in order to determine on what day he would kill the Jews. Purim is now celebrated by public recitation of the story in the Book of Esther, giving mutual gifts of food and drink (mishloah manot), giving charity to the poor, and with a celebratory meal.

Other customs include drinking wine, wearing of masks and costumes, dancing and Purim themed skits.

We will have classes on March 21 from 3:30-4:30, and then gather as a school to celebrate Purim. Each class will act out a portion of the Purim story.

### **Bake an Extra Batch for Community Members in Need**

The Community Lunch program is ongoing, serving lunch daily except Friday. Mondays it is held at St. Stephen's Church and Tuesdays through Thursdays at the Charter House across from the Congregational Church. We serve between 15 and 40 people each time.

Havurah has had a small group of loyal workers once or twice a month to prepare, serve, and clean up this event. Soup is generally prepared by Hannaford Career Center and other food has been donated. However, food donations are welcome any time.

If you bake cookies or small cakes, make a casserole that can be frozen, etc., you can drop them off at Charter House any time during the day. Just label your wrapped food for Community Lunch, identify what it is, and place it in the large upright freezer which is labeled "Community Lunch" in the kitchen. Or consider contributing fresh or canned fruit.

Next time, double your batch of cookies or your dinner casserole. You can feed your family and help community members in need at the same time.

Thank you.

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# HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES



## School Calendar:

- Monday, March 7: Regular Classes
- Monday, March 14: Regular Classes
- Monday, March 21: Regular Classes and Purim Celebration
- Monday, March 28: Regular Classes  
(Hey and Vav Community Service Trip to H.O.P.E.)
  
- Monday, April 4: Regular Classes
- Monday, April 11: ALL CLASSES 3:30-5:00 FOR MODEL SEDER
- Monday, April 18: **NO HEBREW SCHOOL. FIRST NIGHT OF PESAH.**
- Monday, April 25: Regular Classes
  
- Monday, May 2: Regular Classes and End of Year Parents' meeting with Education Committee and Rabbi Ira at 3:40
- Monday, May 9: Closing Assembly and Yom HaAtzma'ut Activities  
(Israeli Independence Day)

## School Related Services:

Please see page ? for a full schedule of Shabbat and Holiday services.



Students prepare to plant parsley for Tu B'Shvat.

## 2010-11 Education Committee:

- Lisa Young, Chairperson, 388-7209  
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## TIKKUN OLAM – HELPING COMMUNITY, REPAIRING THE WORLD

### **BIG THANK YOU FOR COMMUNITY SUPPER PARTICIPANTS!!**

What a wonderful Havurah night there was at the Congregational Church on Friday, January 7, 2011. So many people volunteered to make the Community Supper a special event. All in all, we fed about 175 people, including many takeout suppers that were delivered or taken home.

We had a very large crew of meatloaf cooks who made many varieties of tasty loaves. In fact, we had so many that we were able to use the leftovers at the following Community Lunch!

We had a large crew of great bakers who made so many delicious cakes and cookies. We had the shoppers who bought the veggies and the fruit. And we had a huge turnout of workers, from age four to a top number I won't reveal. They did everything--setting up the tables, providing for the takeout breakfast bags, serving the plates of food and desserts, dishing out the meals in the kitchen, and the big dishwashing, drying, and cleanup afterward.

We are proud to say that this was a record turn-out for Havurah members! I do hope I don't leave any names off of this thank you list. Please forgive me if I do. It was such a busy evening, filled with lovely music provided by Jim and Helen Wright and Mal Chase and so many people that I may not have the complete list. So, on behalf of Havurah, and most importantly, the people we served, a huge

THANK YOU to...

Carol and Joel Miller  
 Judy and Michael Olinick  
 Deanna and Charlie Shapiro  
 Lois and Max Kraus  
 Karen and Todd Lefkoe  
 Merry and Marty Lapidus  
 Hannah Benz  
 Lisa Sausville  
 Deborah Sharpe-Lunstead  
 Emily, Alan, & Adam Hewat-Joselson  
 Carrie Shishko  
 Bob Bernstein  
 Jodi Girard  
 Maureen Pearl  
 Dayle Klitzner Kellner  
 Judah Hamer  
 Bridget Leopold  
 Marita and Elisa Schine  
 Linda Schiffer  
 Pam Kempner  
 Amy and Katherine Trubeck  
 Sam Glaser  
 Leslie and Kean Reagan-Caer  
 Michele Chester  
 Parker Rae Chester, Karissa Livingston  
 Members of Middlebury College Hillel



Folks young  
and...

younger  
helped out at  
the community  
supper!



## HAVURAH COMING AND GOING



### **All are Welcome at the Annual Membership Brunch**

On Sunday, April 10, 10:00 am, Havurah will be hosting our annual Membership Brunch. Come gather at Havurah House for bagels, lox and more, and a chance to catch up with friends, old and new.

Please RSVP to Hannah Benz, [hbbenz@pol.net](mailto:hbbenz@pol.net), 388-1933 if you can attend. After a long and snowy winter, it will be great to gather at Havurah, relax over a meal, and connect with our community.

### SAVE THE DATE

#### **Havurah Dessert Soiree and Silent Auction**

On Saturday, May 7 from 7:30-10:30 Havurah will host an elegant, adults-only dessert soiree and silent auction to raise funds for necessary renovations to Havurah's social hall. Get ready to dress up, sip wine, nibble sumptuous desserts, mingle and bid!



### **Successful Close to the 2010-11 Film Series**

On Sunday, February 13th, we sponsored our fourth and final film of the season, "Praying With Lior." This moving documentary was jointly sponsored by Havurah, Middlebury College Hillel, and the Chaplain's Office. It was held at the Axinn Center on the college campus. With close to 50 participants, it was a successful melding of community and college groups.

Members of the special needs community were actively included in the event and participated in the discussion that followed. Nancy Wollum, a local educator and mother of an adult daughter with Down syndrome, led the response and was joined by Judith Chalmer, executive director of VSA Vermont, the Vermont organization on arts and disability; Miriam Stoll, mother of a daughter with a disability who is preparing for her bat mitzvah now; and Mindy Hammann of CSAC (Community Services of Addison County).

Many thanks to Carrie Shishko, who organized and prepared wonderful refreshments and Lois Kraus, who helped set up. And thanks to Ira and to Ben Wessel for arranging the viewing room and printing the posters and advertising the event to the College community.

We hope to continue our film series next year. And, as always, volunteer help is needed. If you are able to help plan one or more of our four screenings, please contact Deborah Sharpe-Lundstead at [sharpelundstead@yahoo.com](mailto:sharpelundstead@yahoo.com).

## SHABBAT & HOLIDAYS

### Havurah Hosts Congregational Church for Service and Potluck

On Friday evening, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:15, Havurah will host members of the Middlebury Congregational Church for a Shabbat service and potluck dinner. Come share our traditions and a vegetarian meal with our neighbors to the south.

#### March/April Shabbat Services:

Saturday, March 5:	10:00 am Shabbat morning services. Rabbi's Class encouraged to attend.
Friday, March 18:	6:15 pm School Sponsored Friday Evening Services. Mindy Hastings' Gimmel Level Class will be participating.
Saturday, March 26:	10:00 a.m., Shabbat morning services. Rabbi's Class encouraged to attend.
<b>Friday, April 1:</b>	Havurah will welcome members from the Congregational Church of Middlebury, UCC, for services with us at 6:15 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner.
Friday, April 8:	6:15 p.m., School Sponsored Friday Evening Services. Beth Taylor's Bet Level Class will be participating.
Saturday, April 16:	10:00 a.m., Shabbat HaGadol services (The Great Shabbat before Pesah). Rabbi's Class encouraged to attend.

### Havurah Events Calendar

Below is a listing of upcoming Havurah, local, & regional events detailed in this issue. All events take place at Havurah House unless otherwise noted. Please see related articles for more information.

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| • <b><i>Politics of Jewish Historiography</i></b><br>Bicentennial Hall, Room 219 | Friday, March 18, 12:30 pm<br>Middlebury College |
| • <b>Shabbat Service &amp; Potluck with Middlebury Congregational Church</b>     | Friday, April 1, 6:15 pm<br>At Havurah House     |
| • <b>Membership Brunch</b>   | Sunday, April 10, 10:00 am                       |
| • <b>Interfaith Hunger Banquet</b><br>Middlebury Methodist Church                | Sunday, April 10, 5:00 pm                        |
| • <b>Community Passover Seder</b>  | Tuesday, April 19, 5:30 pm                       |
| • <b><i>Global Hunger 2011</i></b><br>Bicentennial Hall, Room 220                | Tuesday, April 26, 7:30 pm<br>Middlebury College |
| • <b>Dessert Soiree &amp; Silent Auction</b>                                     | Saturday, May 7, 7:30 pm                         |

## HAVURAH COMMUNITY NEWS

### ***Todah Rabah!***

**We thank the following members and friends for their generous gifts:**

- **Jeanne Greenblatt and David Adams** in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Ari Adams.
- **Markell and Sheila Seitzman** of Orchard Lake, Michigan in appreciation of Havurah.

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### ***Condolences...***

**Havurah extends our deepest condolences to:**

**Emily Joselson, Alan Hewat, Nathaniel, and Adam** on the death of Emily's father Maurice Louis Joselson on January 31 in Okeechobee, Florida. Maurice Louis Joselson on January 31 in Okeechobee, Florida. He leaves wife, Diane Joselson, and daughters Emily and Rachel Joselson and Naomi Cole. Mr. Joselson was 86.

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### **So Long, Farewell!**

Our dear member and friend, Judah Hamer, has taken a position as Director of the the Rutherford Public Library, Rutherford, NJ. While we wish Judah a Mazel Tov on his promotion, we will certainly miss him and his many contributions to our community. Judah was beloved by the "under 5 set" in his work as the Children's librarian at the Isley Public Library. Judah was also famous to regulars at the Community supper. A master baker, Judah never missed an opportunity to bake his famous lemon squares or chocolate chip cookies. And who can forget his rugelah at our 30th Anniversary celebratory Shabbat? The Jews of Rutherford will no doubt have many a good Kiddush treat to come!!

On behalf of the entire Havurah and the greater Middlebury Community to which Judah has so graciously contributed, we wish him the very best.

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### **A NEW COPIER FOR HAVURAH**

As many of us know, our old copier was about to give out but the Symquest Group of South Burlington, supplier of the old machine, donated another machine from their rental stock which is practically brand new. We are grateful to them and their sales representative, Peter Slabinski, who handled the processing and delivery with efficiency and professionalism [schlepping one hundred pound machines up and down sixteen steps is no mean feat]. Thanks again to SYMQUEST.

## PESACH PAGE

### Havurah Community Passover Seder

Will be held at **Havurah House**

on

**Tuesday April 19, 2011 at 5:30pm**

(Second Seder)

Your help is needed with the following:

-Potluck food - Please bring a dish to share for the potluck dinner. (See attached kashrut information.) We will also need a few people to bring charoset.

-Children's activities - Following the 4 Questions (about half way through the seder) we will have separate activities for children under 8 (contingent upon volunteers to help with it). Please let us know if you can help monitor and/or provide ideas for these activities.

-Setup - Volunteers are needed to meet at 4:00pm before the seder to set up the room and tables.

-Cleanup - Volunteers are needed to stay briefly after the seder to clear and dismantle the tables.

The plate fee, to cover costs of the seder, is \$7 per person or \$28 per family.

**RSVP by Friday, April 15**

to Jodi Girard (758-5634 or girard@gmavt.net)

and let her know:

-what you will bring

-if you can set up or clean up

-how many adults and children will be attending with you.

Your RSVP in advance will help greatly in organizing the potluck and ensuring that there is sufficient seating!

### Simple Pesach Apple Cake

This is like a coffee cake and can be served as dessert or snack.

#### **Cake:**

3 eggs

¾ cup sugar

1/3 cup oil

¾ cup cake meal

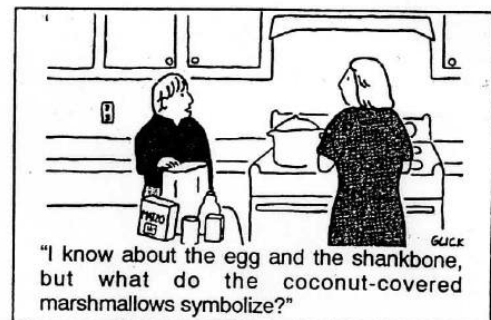
5 firm apples, peeled & sliced

#### **Topping:**

1/3 cup chopped walnuts (opt)

½ cup sugar

2 tsp. cinnamon



- In a medium sized mixing bowl, beat the eggs with the sugar and oil until the mixture is light.
- Add the cake meal and mix well.
- Pour half of the mixture into a lightly greased 8 or 9 inch square baking pan.
- Distribute half the apples over the batter.
- Pour (or drop) the remaining batter over the apples and cover with the remaining apples.
- Combine topping ingredients in a small bowl; sprinkle over the apples.
- Bake in a preheated 350~ oven for approximately 1 hour.
- You can double the recipe and bake in a 9x13 pan.

***The Politics of Jewish Historiography: How to Construct a Usable Past***

Lecture by Professor Michael Brenner, Universität München

Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 p.m. McCardell Bicentennial Hall 219

Sponsored by the Program in Jewish Studies, the Religion Department and the History Department, with support from the Aquinnah Fund for Jewish Studies RSVP is essential for the sandwich lunch, by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 14th to Charlene Barrett, Tel. 443-5289 or email [cmbarret@middlebury.edu](mailto:cmbarret@middlebury.edu).

Michael Brenner is Professor of Jewish History and Culture at the University of Munich (Germany). He taught previously at Indiana University and Brandeis University and was visiting professor at the Universities of Stanford, Berkeley, Johns Hopkins, Budapest, Haifa, Paris, and Lucerne. He is the International Vice-President of the Leo Baeck Institute and a member of the Bavarian Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Among his book publications are *A Short History of The Jews* (Princeton UP 2010), *Prophets of the Past: Interpreters of Jewish History* (Princeton UP 2010), *Zionism: A Brief History*, *The Renaissance of Jewish Culture in Weimar Germany*, and *After the Holocaust: Rebuilding Jewish Lives in Postwar Germany*. He is co-author of the four-volume *German-Jewish History in Modern Times* (1996-98).

The Religion Department and Program in Jewish Studies  
of Middlebury College cordially invite you to

***Global Hunger 2011 and our Role as Global Citizens***

Ruth W. Messinger, President of the *American Jewish World Service*

Twenty-Third Annual Hannah A. Quint Lecture in Jewish Studies  
Tuesday, April 26th at 7:30 p.m.  
McCardell Bicentennial Hall 220

The Quint Lecture is co-sponsored this year by the Rohatyn Center for International Affairs and the Program in Women's and Gender Studies

**Tikkun Olam Endnote**

The Hey and Vav Classes will visit HOPE on Monday, March 28. Please donate non-perishable food in the collection been in the lobby of Havurah House before that date. We will happily deliver it for you!