

# חבורה HAVURAH

THE ADDISON COUNTY JEWISH CONGREGATION

## Havurah Leadership 5771/2010-11

The following Officers and Steering Committee Chairs were elected at Havurah's annual meeting on June 13, 2010. Thank you to Jodi Girard for serving as President for the last three years; to all of the officers and chairs who will continue in leadership positions for another year; and to Sam Glaser for being the new kid on the block!

### Havurah 2010-11 Officers

#### *Leadership Council*

Mitch Pearl, Ken Wolpin & Hannah Benz

<i>President:</i>	Mitch Pearl
<i>Secretary:</i>	Ken Wolpin
<i>Co-Treasurers:</i>	Joel Miller & Sam Glaser
<i>Immediate Past President:</i>	Jodi Girard

#### *Steering Committee*

<i>Building:</i>	David Girard
<i>Education:</i>	Lisa Young
<i>House:</i>	
<i>Calendar/Rental:</i>	Karen Lefkoe
<i>Supplies:</i>	Katie Saunders
<i>Membership:</i>	Hannah Benz
<i>Communications:</i>	
<i>Newsletter Editor:</i>	Karen Lefkoe
<i>Website Editor:</i>	Andrew Hirsch
<i>Programs:</i>	Charlotte Rettinger
<i>Ritual:</i>	Mitch Pearl & Jeff Lubell
<i>Social Action/Tikkun Olam:</i>	Lois Kraus
<i>Fundraising:</i>	Emily Joselson & Dayle Klitzner



## HEBREW SCHOOL NOTES



### Havurah Hebrew School Welcomes Students for Another Year

We look forward to welcoming students to the **2010-2011 Havurah Hebrew School** on **Monday, September 13 at 3:30 pm.**

We'll begin with an opening assembly and our students will meet their teachers. While students are in their first Hebrew School class of the year, parents will meet with Rabbi Ira and the Education Committee. *Rabbi's Class students and parents should arrive at 5:00 pm on September 13.*

Our class schedule for the year is as follows:

- Aleph through Vav (grades 1-6):      Mondays, 3:30-5:15 pm
- Rabbi's Class:                              Mondays, 5:00-6:30 pm

The entire school community--students, teachers and parents--meets each week from 5:00 – 5:15 to learn Hebrew songs and prayer melodies so we can build our repertoire and comfort level for participating in Hebrew School hosted Shabbat services. **Parents are encouraged to join us each week. Please remember that the Sing Along is part of our school day and students are not dismissed until 5:15.**

#### **September School Calendar:**

September 13	Regular Classes and First Day Parent Meeting
September 20	Regular Classes
September 27	Regular Classes

#### **Reminder:**

If you have not yet sent in your membership and school registration forms, please do so. If you need copies of these forms, please contact Rabbi Ira (443-5762, [ischiffe@middlebury.edu](mailto:ischiffe@middlebury.edu)).

Thanks!

#### **2010-11 Education Committee:**

Lisa Young, Chairperson, 388-7209, [Lisa.Young@dail.state.vt.us](mailto:Lisa.Young@dail.state.vt.us)  
 Lauri London, 382-9494, [london444@verizon.net](mailto:london444@verizon.net)  
 Lisa Sausville, 759-2397, [sledinvermont@yahoo.com](mailto:sledinvermont@yahoo.com)  
 Beth Taylor, 247-5279, [betcaro@yahoo.com](mailto:betcaro@yahoo.com)  
 Mark Stefani, 388-4014 [mrstefan@middlebury.edu](mailto:mrstefan@middlebury.edu)  
 Rabbi Ira Schiffer, Director of Education, 443-5762  
[ischiffe@middlebury.edu](mailto:ischiffe@middlebury.edu)

## TIKKUN OLAM – HELPING COMMUNITY, REPAIRING THE WORLD

### The Tag Sale is coming! The Tag Sale is coming!



What: Havurah Annual Tikkun Olam Tag Sale  
When: Sunday, October 3, 9:00 am (set-up 8:00 am)  
Where: Lawn in front of the Middlebury Town Offices

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LOCAL CHARITIES! Last year we were able to donate \$1000 to the United Way and \$250 to the Middlebury Area Clergy Rent Fund.

**Please remember to put aside clean clothing in good condition, household items (NO electronics), books, CDs, sports equipment, bicycles, small furniture, etc. to contribute.**

If you need items to be picked up or stored prior to that week, contact Lois Kraus (388-6289 or [lbk@hughes.net](mailto:lbk@hughes.net))

### Opportunities to Help Feed Your Neighbors

**The next Havurah hosted Community Lunch will be held on Wednesday, August 18.** Help is needed preparing food ahead of time and/or serving the lunch.

**The next Havurah Community Supper will be November 5.** Help is needed preparing food ahead of time and/or setting up, serving, and cleaning up the dinner.

Please contact Lois Kraus (388-6289, [lbk@hughes.net](mailto:lbk@hughes.net)) if you are able to help with either or both of these important community events.

### Volunteer Drivers Needed

The *Amistad Project* for migrant farm workers in Addison County is looking for volunteers to provide a transportation network for migrant farm workers. They are reaching out to the faith community and civic organizations as well as relying on word-of-mouth, so if you, or anyone you know, may be interested in volunteering and would like to receive an application form, or if you would like to learn more about the program, please call Louise Giovanella at 759-2529 or email [louise@addisongardens.com](mailto:louise@addisongardens.com).

**High Holidays 5771 Schedule  
September 2010**

**ROSH HASHANAH**

**Wednesday, September 8**

7:00 p.m. Evening Service at Mead Chapel

Babysitting space in Hepburn Lounge\*

Following services: "Apples and Honey" Reception in Forest East Lounge

**Thursday, September 9**

9:30 a.m. Shacharit – Morning services at Mead Chapel

Babysitting space in Hepburn Lounge \*

5:00 p.m. Tashlich Service at Otter Creek Footbridge, Marble Works side

**Friday, September 10**

9:30 a.m. Shacharit – Morning Services and babysitting space at Havurah House\*

**YOM KIPPUR**

**Friday, September 17**

6:30 p.m. Kol Nidre at Mead Chapel

Babysitting space in Hepburn \*

**Saturday, September 18**

9:30 a.m. Shacharit – Morning Service at Mead Chapel

Babysitting space in Hepburn Lounge \*

11:15 a.m. Yizkor – Memorial Service at Mead Chapel

5:00 p.m. Minchah – Afternoon Service and Ne'ilah – Concluding Services at Mead Chapel

6:45 p.m. Shofar Blowing and Havdalah at Mead Chapel

7:00 p.m. Break-the-Fast: Jewish Center/Freeman Annex\*\*

\* Babysitting *space* is provided, but Havurah does not provide babysitters.

For information on use of babysitting space, please call Karen Lefkoe, at 388-3105.

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**\*\*Break-the-Fast Reservation Form**

Advanced Reservations Required

Please clip and return this form and your check made payable to Havurah, by September 3 or earlier,  
to: Havurah, P.O.Box 823, Middlebury, VT 05753

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$18.00= \$\_\_\_\_\_

Number of children (Age 10 or under): \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 9.00= \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_

## NEWS & EVENTS

### Clean Up, Clean Up!

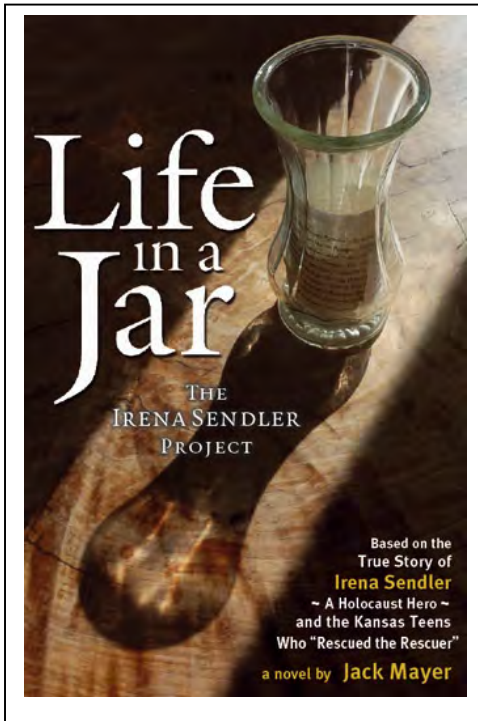
Havurah House has received a well-deserved primping. The siding has been power-washed, the porch refinished, and the floors and carpets cleaned.

Come help complete the job of sprucing up our House of Learning, our House of Prayer, and our home-away-from-home during the

### Annual Havurah House Clean-Up Thursday, September 2, from 4:00 – 8:00 pm

We'll be prepping the classrooms, kitchen, sanctuary, and social hall for the new year.

For information, contact Lisa Young (388-7209, [Lisa.Young@dail.state.vt.us](mailto:Lisa.Young@dail.state.vt.us)).



Havurah wishes a hearty mazal tov to **Jack Mayer**, whose *Life in a Jar: The Irena Sendler Project* was published this summer. The book is available at the Vermont bookshop or at [www.longtrailpress.com](http://www.longtrailpress.com).

*Life in a Jar: The Irena Sendler Project* is a Holocaust history and more. It is the inspirational story of Protestant students from Kansas, each carrying her own painful burden, each called in her own complex way to the history of a Catholic woman who knocked on Jewish doors in the Warsaw ghetto and, in Sendler's own words, "tried to talk the mothers out of their children." Inspired by Irena Sendler, they are living examples of the power of one person to change the world and models for young people everywhere.

Sixty percent (60%) of the profits from the sale of *Life in a Jar: The Irena Sendler Project* are donated to **The Irena Sendler/Life in a Jar Foundation**. The foundation promotes Irena Sendler's legacy and encourages educators and students to emulate the project by focusing on unsung heroes in history to teach respect and understanding among all people, regardless of race, religion or creed.

### Adult Beginner Hebrew Class Offered

Havurah member Robert Schine (also the Silberman Professor of Jewish Studies at Middlebury College) has offered to teach a beginner's Hebrew Class in the fall, using the text *Prayerbook Hebrew Made Easy*.

The class would meet at a mutually agreed upon date, time and place, for approx. 1 ½ hours per week for 20 weeks over the school year.

Course fee of \$90.00, which will be a contribution to Havurah, plus the cost of the book.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn some basic Hebrew and build up your "Hebrew self-confidence."

Please e-mail Robert at [schine@middlebury.edu](mailto:schine@middlebury.edu) if you are interested.

### Just for fun!

*Q: Is the Kuni Lemel verdreyt, verblonget, or vershishked?*

A: Kuni-Lemel, a very special type of fool named for a character in a play by Avrum Goldfaden, the father of the Yiddish theater, is neither preoccupied, lost, nor absent-minded. He just isn't very bright. Nahma Sandrow's description of the original as "a shambling idiot" is dead on. *Se felt im mebl in boydem-shtibl*, there's no furniture in his attic; he's got nothing upstairs and won't let you forget it.

Learn more about mama loschen (mother tongue), from Michael Wex, author of "Born to Kvetch" at:

The "oy" of Yiddish, part 1: <http://schott.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/04/13/the-oy-of-yiddish-part-1/?ref=opinion>

The "oy" of Yiddish, part 2: <http://schott.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/04/14/the-oy-of-yiddish-part-2/>

## HAVURAH COMMUNITY

### Todah Rabah!

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

- **The Bowie-Reimers family**, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Adam Joselson.
- **Carol and Joel Miller**, in memory of Lisa Sausville's father.
- **Harry and Olive Colwell**, in appreciation of Havurah as a place of worship for the Quakers.
- **Karen and Jim Harris**, parents of Jodi Girard, who donated a beautiful Havdalah set to Havurah in honor of Jodi's three years as President, and her commitment to the Jewish community.

## Condolences

### Havurah extends our deepest condolences to:

- **Lisa, David, Samara, Ethan, and Adam Sausville.** Lisa's father, *Bernard Alan Peskin* passed on June 27th he had just turned 90 on the 23rd. He was active in the Jewish Community in Stamford, CT at Agudath Sholom and the Stamford JCC. He had just graduated from the Florence-Melton Adult School through the Stamford JCC. He was always learning and had prepared a haftorah portion for his 90th birthday which unfortunately he was unable to deliver.

Lisa's brother-in-law, *James Edward Kamnitzer*, died on July 3, he was 47. Both were good men that loved their families.

- **Debbie, Anna, and Adam Tracht.** Debbie's mother, Ruth Kameny, passed away on July 16<sup>th</sup> at the age of 86. Although she battled cancer for 43 years, she was ill for only the last couple of months of her life. Her ability to enjoy life and keep those around her laughing until the very end was truly a model to aspire to. In her mother's memory, Debbie shares an excerpt from her eulogy, Ruth's "Healthy habits for a wonderful life":

- First thing in the morning put on your rose-colored glasses.
- Try to fit in as much as humanly possible into each day.
- Enjoy food – One can never eat too often, have too much food or too many people at the table.
- Be gracious. Whomever you are with, be with them fully. Recognize that each person, regardless of who they are, what their role is in this world, is special.
- Keep your sense of humor at all times.
- Give of yourself, whether to a charity or a single person.
- Live passionately and colorfully - whether saving the world, loving the arts or appreciating nature around her.
- Garden to your heart's delight - never let any plant die, without making it a personal challenge to nurture it back to health. Plant as many azaleas, in as many colors and varieties, as possible.
- Be a 'yes' person. Stay open to possibility.
- Never say bad things about people- but don't let anyone mess with your children or grandchildren.
- Always stand up and speak your mind.
- Don't complain, but if you are bothered by something, do what is in your power to fix it. If you can improve a wrong or someone's life, do it.
- Never stop learning.
- Love your culture. Treasure your *yiddishkeit*.
- Be young forever.
- Make the world feel like everything is okay.

## **Reichert Bible Talk Returns – Bill McKibben Offers “The Taunting Whirlwind” Sunday, September 12, 5:00 pm at the Ripton United Methodist Church**

The Annual Rabbi Victor E. Reichert Bible Talk will take place Sunday, September 12, beginning at 5 p.m. Ripton’s own Bill McKibben, a Middlebury College scholar in residence, will give a talk entitled The Taunting Whirlwind. Per tradition, this title and the content of the lecture will serve as clues pointing to the text from the Hebrew Bible/Tanakh that McKibben will engage.

McKibben’s reputation precedes him. He is an author, educator, and environmentalist of international renown. He is also a United Methodist. Read just the first paragraph of his bio from the website, [www.billmckibben.com](http://www.billmckibben.com).

Bill McKibben is an American environmentalist and writer who frequently writes about global warming and alternative energy and advocates for more localized economies. In 2010 the Boston Globe called him "probably the nation's leading environmentalist" and Time magazine described him as "the world's best green journalist. In 2009 he led the organization of 350.org, which coordinated what Foreign Policy magazine called "the largest ever global coordinated rally of any kind," with 5,200 simultaneous demonstrations in 181 countries. The magazine named him to its inaugural list of the 100 most important global thinkers, and MSN named him one of the dozen most influential men of 2009.

And here are a few words about the person for whom the annual talk is named:

Victor E. Reichert was rabbi of Rockdale Temple in Cincinnati, Ohio, from the time of his ordination in 1926 until his retirement in 1962, when he was named rabbi emeritus. He taught at the University of Cincinnati, the University of Virginia, Washington University, Berea College, and at the Bread Loaf School of English. His scholarly work and vital imagination influenced generations of rabbinic students.

Rabbi Reichert’s influence extended far beyond the classroom and beyond his own congregation. He was a spiritual leader with a profoundly ecumenical temperament, and so it came to be that in the mountain coves and trout streams of Ripton, Vermont, where he and Mrs. Louise Reichert began summering in the early 1940s, he was perhaps known best, simply and affectionately, as “the Methodist rabbi.”

More than a half-century ago Rabbi Reichert began the tradition of gathering his friends and the public and giving a “little talk” on one of the books of the Bible at the end of each summer to support the ministries of the Ripton United Methodist Church, where he was named “rabbi in residence.” Since his death in 1990, Havurah, the Jewish congregation in Addison County, and the United Methodist Church in Ripton have honored his memory by continuing the talks in his name.

It has been a few years since the last Bible Talk took place, and this will be the first talk since the passing of Louise Reichert, Victor’s wife; so please help spread the word about this important event. The members and friends of Havurah will co-sponsor the talk with the Friends of the Ripton Community Church, United Methodist. All are welcome.