

Service to Recognize Graduates

We will celebrate our graduates at our annual service for graduates on **Friday, June 2nd from 7:30 to 8:30**. Open to all graduates – from nursery to graduate school – we will especially focus on twelfth graders with a special blessing to send them on their way.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, June 4, 5:00 p.m.

Agenda will include:

- Election of 2017-18 Board of Directors
- Approval of the 2017-2018 Budget

Responding to Anti-Semitism in Our Community:

Thursday, June 8, 7:30 p.m. Please join us at RSNS for an open, community-wide follow up meeting to April's successful event. Register on our website.

ENGAGING WITH AGING

Our meeting this month is set for **Thursday, June 8th from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m.** We'll meet in the Blue Room, as usual. Please encourage other members who may be interested to join us.



Students, adults, families - March with us in June!

The RSNS Israel Engagement Committee invites all members - young and old alike - to march with us in the **Annual Israel Day Parade** on Sunday, June 4th.

If you are interested please contact Joshua Blumenfeld at jb358@yahoo.com.

Want to join our Israel committee? We're meeting to set goals for the year on Wednesday, May 31 at 8pm. New committee members always welcome!!

SANDWICH MAKING - Open to Everyone

Sunday, June 11 at 10-11:30 a.m. We will prepare peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for bag lunches that go to the INN.

If you would like to be a sponsor of a sandwich making session, \$360 will underwrite one session. Please contact Sylvia at 516-627-6274 regarding sponsorship.

SUMMER SHALIYAH

The deadline for the Summer 2017 issue is July 15th.

To submit content for the SUMMER Shaliyah, Email your copy as a word document to rsnsnewsletter@gmail.com

RABBI LEE

Dear Friends,

A friend, who was recently diagnosed with cancer, was given a choice of treatment by his physician. After assuring my friend that he had a very good chance of survival with surgery, the doctor instructed: "Now your job is to take care of yourself. Continue to eat right, exercise daily, and live your life. It will make my job and your recovery all the more easy."

As a congregation of well informed, critically observant individuals, I don't have to tell you about the present state of our country. Wherever you place yourself on the political spectrum, we can all agree that the world is not where we'd like it to be. And so, we will continue to lobby, to advocate and to march to advance the causes in which we believe, and to protest against the injustices that we see. We know that it will take time to aright our great Ship of State. In the interim, we must remain strong and hopeful and respectful of one another. In an uncivil society, behaving civilly is in itself an act of rebellion.

Applying my friend's doctor's advice to our national condition, let us continue to live our lives with care and integrity as we fight the struggles that history demands of us in order to advance our Nation's healing for which we all hope. May it come soon.

With warmth and faith,
Lee

YOUTH PROGRAMS

SHALOM SHABBAT WITH CANTOR ERIC AND YOGA JEN (AGES 1 - 5)

See full page flyer on page 6.

We meet in June 2nd and 9th from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. before taking a break for the summer.

PJ LIBRARY

Join us for our final PJ Library event before taking a break for the summer will take place on **Wednesday June 7th at 5:30 p.m.** We will be reading PJ Library selections celebrating the holiday of Shavuot. Not a PJ Library member yet? It's never too late for your child to start receiving these free Jewish books each month. Visit www.pjlibrary.org and sign up.

Boy's Group – Bros' Hodesh

SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH - Time is TBD

Our final event before the summer break will be at "BroBQ" at North Hempstead Park

If you're a boy in grades 8-12, please RSVP to Cantor Eric, or join our Facebook group!

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/187609124592536/>

Girl's Rosh Hodesh

One Tuesday a month,

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Our final meeting before the summer break will also be an end-of-year **Interfaith Experience on Thursday, June 15th**

**The following programs are off now
for summer recess.**

Or Hadash

Kulanu

Kesher Hadash

Shabbat B'Yahad

*Dear Members of the RSNS and
Gan Shalom Community,*

As you may have heard, I am taking time off from my work at RSNS to work with my sister as a partner in Pulver Destinations. We will be producing conferences on North Caicos, part of the Turks and Caicos Islands. This will give me an opportunity to engage in a new venture, to develop new skills and to reflect on my many wonderful years as a Master Teacher at RSNS.

RSNS has been my professional & spiritual home for the past two decades. The connections I have made will be an inspiration to me in my journey forward.

*Much love,
Morah Lauren*



We can hardly believe that it's June and nursery school is almost over. All our classes are reflecting on the fun they've had this year. We are remembering all the delicious treats we've cooked, the special celebrations for the Jewish holidays and Shabbat, the trips we've taken, the exciting art experiences we've had, and all the lasting friendships we've made. It's been so rewarding working with the children and their families this year. It's been wonderful having moms, dads, and grandparents participating in our classrooms.

Our entire staff joins in congratulating the following children and their families on their moving up ceremony at Gan Shalom:

Joseph Bank
Stella Berg
Brandon Block
Elise Block
Jake Brighton
Riley Christman
Alexandra Corti
Athena Espinosa
Sydney Fisher
Ian Kessler
Moe Kuritzky

Ford Lundberg
Isabelle Mermel
Michael Moi
Freya Parkes
Isabella Pedicini
Eli Sciachitano
Sophie Shrier
Emma Sykes
Daniel Voss
Brady Yuttal

Our Moving Up Ceremony for our fours classes will take place on Friday June 16th at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary.

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Thanks to Parent Council for all they do to make our nursery school a success. The hard work of so many parents has contributed to the enjoyment of so many programs for the children and their families.

A special thanks to all of the teachers in the nursery school. We are blessed to have a hardworking, nurturing, enthusiastic and imaginative staff.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!

Laura

ADULT STUDIES AND SEMINARS

EAT, READ, TALK

Rabbi Lee will conclude his Thursday program in this series before taking a summer break on **Thursday, June 15th from 11:30-1:00 p.m.** He will again, present an article "ripped from the headlines" of Jewish relevance. Feel free to bring a dairy lunch and we'll supply the hot drinks and the article to be discussed.



SHABBAT YOGA

**FRIDAY, June 2nd and 9th
10:00 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.
and SATURDAY, June 17th
8:15 – 9:00 A.M.**

Experience Shabbat through movement; connecting body, mind and soul. This Shabbat Yoga program is taught by Rabbi Jodie Siff. Good for all levels, adults and post b'nai mitzvah teens, non-members welcome. Bring your own mats and yoga props (we have a few if you forget yours). Wear comfortable work out attire.

If you have questions, please email Rabbi Jodie at rabjodie@optonline.net or call 516-627-6274.

CANTOR'S DINNER

Friday, JUNE 16th 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Following dinner, participants engage in lively conversation and study of diverse topics on a different theme each year. Previous themes have included Jews and Food, Jewish Mysticism, Jews from Exotic Lands, Jewish Music through The Ages, and Jewish Legends. This year's theme is **"Prayer Technology: Movement, Sound, Lighting, Text" - From ancient times to the 21st century, come explore the how's and why's of the Jewish worship experience!**

Dinner is at 6:00 p.m., price per person varies depending on the menu. Anyone can skip dinner and come for FREE for the 6:30-7:30 p.m. study session.

Please RSVP to Cantor Eric (rsnscantor@gmail.com) (whether you're coming to the dinner OR just the discussion!) by **Monday, JUNE 12th**
AND WHY NOT BRING A FRIEND.

BIBLE STUDY, SHABBAT SEMINAR, ALL ABOUT RECONSTRUCTIONISM and 2ND GENERATION SURROGATE SURVIVORS will be taking a summer break. Please look for the weekly announcements and or view the calendar on our website rsns.org for more

WOMEN'S ROSH HODESH GROUP

Traditional religious ritual was designed, and continues, to meet a variety of needs that relate to life passages: The need for the individual to be acknowledged by community, the need for the community/tribe to read itself into the passages of each member, the need for bonding, which serves both individual and community, the need to (re-)enact dramatically the great stories and messages of the tradition, for the sake of individuals and of the tradition. Through rituals, we create structures that provide an element of predictability and, therefore, safety, around times of insecurity, transition, and/or loss. All women of our congregation are welcome to join us as we continue to study, and learn from each other. **Our final meeting before the summer break is June 14th**

MEN'S GROUP

All men in the congregation are invited to attend. The final meeting before summer break is on Wednesday, **June 14th at 7:30 p.m.** Coffee and some snacks will be available.

At our May Men's Group one of the members suggested a book to read for the June meeting that is very discuss-able. The name of the book is **"A Horse Walks into a Bar."** No. It's not a joke. So get it and read it for the next meeting. (It's only 194 pages long and a review and outline has been sent to all Men's Group members.)

*A Horse Walks Into A Bar,'
And A Bad Comedy Set Proves Revelatory*

YIDDISH READING CIRCLE

We meet on average, every other week on a Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the RSNS Library. For more information and a schedule contact Jerry Bloom at 516-466-2519.

Community Corner

*A Place to share stories from every corner
of the RSNS community.*

A Glossary to Rabbi Lee

By Rachel Mankowitz

At RSNS, we are very lucky to have an intellectual of Rabbi Lee's caliber to guide us through the knotty questions of biblical and modern Judaism. Sometimes, though, his vocabulary can go over our heads, so I thought I would research some of these words and start a glossary, for those moments when we so badly want to understand what Rabbi Lee is saying, because we know it is brilliant, but pfft, we have no idea.

I hope this helps.

- "And the like..." – this can be added onto almost any sentence, instead of etcetera, when you don't actually want to keep going with a subject.
- Apocopation – a word formed by removing the end of a longer word.
- Apotropaic – an object supposedly having the power to avert evil influences. Like a mezuzah.
- Chesed – does not mean loving kindness or steadfast love or the kiss-kiss kind of love, instead means covenantal love, a contract the Jewish people have made with God. Covenantal loyalty.
- Eisensteinian – referring to Rabbi Ira Eisenstein's philosophy.
- Fabulous – can mean almost anything from "wonderful," to "oh my God why that?" depending on facial expression, tone and context.
- Hapax legomenon – a word that only occurs once in a text, like the Bible.
- Hemistitch – a line that makes up half of a couplet.
- Inclusio – a biblical literary device, using repetition of the same language at the

beginning and end of a section, to create a frame around a piece of biblical literature.

- Judaism – The evolving religious civilization of the Jewish people.
- Kaplanian – referring to Rabbi Mordechai Kaplan's philosophy.
- "Let's put that on the shelf" (along with the body language of putting heavy imaginary books on an imaginary high shelf) – an idea that will never be returned to during the discussion but must be mentioned at the beginning anyway. The shelf gets very crowded, and thanks to Paula Silverman, a second shelf has been designated on the opposite side of the room, to balance things out.
- "Macaroni song" – a song used with other lyrics, like Adon Olam sung to the theme song from Jeopardy, or Silent Night, or Turkey in the Straw.
- Merism – Two opposite words to describe a totality.
- Niggun – a wordless melody (often used by Rabbi Lee to quiet everyone down when we're still talking at the beginning of a service).
- Prolegomenon – a prologue, but cooler.
- Religious naturalist – someone who combines religious values with a belief in the power of the natural world, reason, and science, and does not believe in a supernatural version of God.
- Shmiced – Killed, destroyed, usually by the God of the bible.

This list is just a beginning. I hope you will all help me to catalog (and translate) the Rabbi-Lee-isms you come across along the way.

If you have a story you would like to share with the RSNS community, contact Rachel Mankowitz at rachelmank@earthlink.net.

Todah . . . RSNS' Way of Saying Thanks

Mazel Tov to Barbara and Marvin Schaffer on the birth of Samuel, born to Ariel and Adam DuChene Sheri and Michael Lindner

Happy Birthday to Sharon Warshawski
Sheri and Michael Lindner

Mazel Tov to Robyn and Len Fruchter on the birth of their grandson, Oliver
Barbara and Marvin Schaffer

Mazel Tov to Tommy Sander on becoming a Bar Mitzvah
Barbara and Marvin Schaffer

In honor of Benjamin Hicks becoming a Bar Mitzvah
Ellen and Ed Greenfield

Get well wishes to Naomi Weinberg
Marty and Jack Budow

Donation by Roma Connable in commemoration of what would have been their 55th Wedding Anniversary

In memory of Ben Kramer, father of Marc Kramer
Jennifer and David Rimmer

In memory of Bill Barr
Marty and Jack Budow

Condolences to Al Berg on the death his mother, Frances Berg
Barbara and Marvin Schaffer

Condolences to Marc Kramer on the death of his father, Ben Kramer
Barbara and Marvin Schaffer

MAZEL TOV

Mazel tov to Viviane and Alan Kovacs on the birth of Riley Blake Kovacs born to Jenna and Josh Kovacs

Mazel tov to Sharon Dobbs on the birth of grandson Everett Samson Dobbs to Jacob & Erika Dobbs.

Mazel Tov to the Fleischman family on the marriage of their daughter Julie and Benjamin Leffell

Yahrzeit

In observance of the yahrzeit of Laura Adler
Anne Wolf

In observance of the yahrzeit of her father, Alfred Szylit
Sharon Singer

In observance of the yahrzeit of his son, Lincoln Merwin Kliman

In observance of the yahrzeit of her father, Barney Adler
Joan Lehn

In observance of the yahrzeit of her mother, Henrietta Adler
Joan Lehn

In observance of the yahrzeit of Murray Burden
Joe Burden

In observance of the yahrzeit of Mollie Nystad
Pam Brodlieb

Donation made by Ed Adler in observance of the following yahrzeitin
Laura Adler
Leo Adler
Rita Adler
Muriel Schwartz
Sol Schwartz
Sybil Silverman

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Indicate the purpose of your donation or payment.
Call us if you have any questions, 516-627-6274.

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING NEW:

Our Annual Dinner (formerly known as the Progressive Dinner then the Co-operative Dinner and this year The Dinner, along with our Fall Fundraiser in the year 5777 are in the past.

Question: How can we continue to build community with each other throughout the year.

Answer: Sign up for an event.

The cost for each event will be a 100% donation to RSNS.

Email all responses and questions to Barbara Schaffer at BAYSmusic51@yahoo.com

Here are our upcoming events. Please note any rsvp dates.

Southern Vermont Weekend or Midweek for Two

Two day stay with Judie and John Miodownik.

Invitation is open for any season of the year! Dates to be agreed upon.

*** Home cooked meals included.

***queen bed or 2 single beds available, with private bath.

***We want to be your tour guide for sightseeing and activities of their choice: golf, canoeing, fishing, swimming, skiing shopping and more.

Come join us for laughs and a good time.

Cost \$500 for 2 people.

Vermont Weekend for Two - Be our guest! Sheri & Michael Lindner invite 2 people to spend a weekend with them at their Vermont house over the summer. Dates to be determined.

**Weekend includes: Two home cooked dinners (1 Shabbat dinner), two great country breakfasts, one lunch; queen or king bed accommodations, private bath, hot tub; a 6 or 8 mile bike ride on a back country road passing corn fields, cow farms, and ending at a country cafe for lunch. Ride back to starting place; a plunge in an old marble quarry swimming hole to refresh after the bike ride; a late afternoon hang at a lovely swimming pond, where you can nap, swim, read; Sunday morning kayaking on a beautiful lake. Swim there if you want. Other activities offered include hiking in gorgeous woods, with your choice of difficulty and length for the hike, a leisurely walk, doing nothing, having time to explore on your own.

Cost: \$500 for 2 people.

OUR GOAL is to offer different ways to build community and FUNDRAISE for RSNS at the same time.

DO YOU HAVE AN EVENT TO HOST?

Please email Barbara Schaffer at Baysmusic51@yahoo.com or call or text her at 516-375-3559.



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On behalf of the Partners in Caring staff we wish you
an enjoyable and safe summer season.

Please remember that our licensed social workers remain available
throughout the summer to help support you and your family
in addressing your various life stage needs.

PARTNERS IN CARING STAFF

Margy Ringelheim, LMSW
Barbara Goldstein, LCSW
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