



SHABBAT PRAYERS NOW ONLINE

CJC's Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat prayers and blessings are now online in mp3 format for your convenience. Please [click here](#) and select either Friday Night Shabbat Service or Saturday Morning Service.

KESEF and ZAHAV HAD A GREAT DAY SNOWTUBING!

Our youth groups hit the slopes Sunday for a great day snowtubing at AvalancheXpress in PA! [Click here](#) for some pictures from the day.

2016 WINTER/SPRING ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS

[Click here](#) for a full listing of course offerings.

DUES RESTRUCTURING FINAL FOCUS GROUP

Sunday, February 21, 2016 -- 3:00pm

Big changes may be coming to CJC and we need your help to get them right. CJC is considering a major change to our dues and membership structure, to be voted on by the entire congregation at our May Annual Meeting. Before this change is reviewed by the CJC Board, Rabbi Starr and alternate dues committee chair Josh Kaufman would like you to participate in a final focus group where we will present a draft of our recommendation so we can get the opinions and ideas of a broad range of congregational voices and constituencies. [Click here](#) for more details and please [confirm your attendance](#) with Robin.

ANNOUNCING THE LESTER ROBERT MORSS SCHOLARSHIP

CJC is happy to announce the **Lester Robert Morss Scholarship for Jewish Studies**. The scholarship is designed to assist high school and college students who wish to pursue study in Israel through an established academic program or complete a service project with an established Jewish organization. Two scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded during each scholarship cycle.

Applications are due February 15 for spring/summer funding and June 15, for fall/winter funding. Please [click here](#) to view application and scholarship eligibility requirements. For more information call 410-730-6044.

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

February 9-15, 2016

View the CJC monthly [calendar](#)

Tuesday, February 9

7:30pm, Religious Practices Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 10

Thursday, February 11

7:30pm, Intergenerational Committee Meeting

Friday, February 12

Light Candles, 5:08pm

11:00am, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes with Tom Laufer.

6:15pm, TOT Shabbat

7:30pm, Shabbat Evening Service led by Cantor Jan Morrison

Saturday, February 13

10:00am, Combining the intimacy of the lay-led Chavurah service with the beauty of our clergy-led service we come together in one congregational service- ***B'Yachad-Together!*** Join our guest Dr. Edith Brotman, author of *Mussar Yoga*, for this special service. Mussar is an ancient Jewish path for finding wholeness and connection to Oneness. It provides the tools to assist us in our journey of discovery. A healthy lunch will follow the service. If you have a yoga mat, please bring it. Modified chair yoga will also be available. Dress comfortably. Please [RSVP](#), 410-730-6044.

Sunday, February 14

7:30pm, Klezmer Rehearsal

Monday, February 15

President's Day -- OMI and CJC Office Closed

Weekly Update Shortcuts! Easy access to the news you use!

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CHAVURAH

To volunteer to co-lead a Chavurah service, prepare Drash or Leyn Torah, please [click here](#) to select your date.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, February 28, 2016 -- 12:30pm

Oakland Mills High School, 9410 Kilimanjaro Road, Columbia

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CJC YOUTH

CJC YOUTH GROUPS

Kesef -- grades 3-5

Zahav -- grades 6-8

Baraisheet BBG -- girls grades 9-12

Patuxent AZA -- boys grades 9-12

For the 2016 Youth Group brochure [click here!](#)

For the Howard County BBYO website [click here!](#)

KESEF

March 23, 2016, 6:00pm

CJC Purim Celebration, OMI

April 10, 2016, 1:30pm

[Chocolate Seder](#), OMI

May 15, 2016, 2:00pm

[Climb Zone](#), Laurel

ZAHAV

February 21, 2016, 3:45pm

[Baltimore Blast soccer game](#)

March 20, 2016, 1:15pm

[Jewish Scavenger Hunt, Columbia Mall](#)

April 17, 2016, 2:00am

[Terrapin Adventures, Savage Mill](#)

May 5, 2016, 7:00pm

Yom HaShoah Program, OMI

June 11, 2016

Shavuot Shul-In, OMI

(5th graders are welcome to join us!)

WHAT'S NEW FROM CAMP JRF?

Now is the time to register your kids for a joyful, creative, and inclusive Reconstructionist summer experience. Campers swim, play sports, sing and explore the arts, all while forming lasting friendships and forging their own Jewish identities. [Apply now](#) for Summer 2016!

Experience Camp JRF with their new [promo video](#)!

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ADULT EDUCATION

2016 WINTER/SPRING COURSE OFFERINGS

[Click here](#) for full course details!

- [Building Bridges of Connection with our Muslim Neighbors](#)
- [Why Do They Dress That Way? Hassidism -- What's it all About?](#)
- Howard County's Community Shlichah
- Proverbs and Ecclesiastes
- Parshat Hashavua -- The Weekly Torah Portion - Review and Discussion
- [The Book of Leviticus](#)
- [Using Torah Wisdom to be Your Healthiest in 2016](#)
- Kreplach and Dim Sum: YES, There are Jews in China!

THE PARABLE OF JESUS

[Click here](#) for dates and times.

Rabbi Ilyse S. Kramer and Deacon Peter Barbernitz

Short Stories by Jesus, *Amy-Jill Levine*

Location: Oakland Mills Interfaith Center

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ADULT PROGRAMMING

CHAPTER 2 DAY TRIPPERS

For more information about Chapter 2 please contact [Charlene Levine](#)

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MEN'S CLUB

Next Meeting -- Sunday, March 6, 2016, 9:15am

Environmental Scan: The Skinny on Local Politics.

Speaker will be a member of the Howard County Council.

If you need a ride to the events please contact ride coordinator [Mike Levine](#).

Have an idea for a future event? Contact [Fred Thomsen](#) or [Jim Caffey](#),

For information about the Men's Club contact [Alex Ross](#), [Gary Toller](#) or

[Fred Thomsen](#).

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TIKKUN OLAM

GREEN TEAM

Next Meeting: Sunday, February 21, 2016

The Green Team usually meets the third Sunday of the month at 11:00am at Oakland Mills High School. For information on the Green Team contact

[Bonnie Sorak](#), 443-799-0349.

SOUP KITCHEN

Soup Kitchen will be held at Shepherd's Table the 4th Sunday of every month. Please contact Ronee Rothman, 410-730-8162 for more details.

Next date: February 28, 2016

GRASSROOTS

Cooking for Grassroots

CJC provides dinner for the 51 residents of the Grassroots Homeless Shelter in Columbia on the fourth Sunday of every month. The meal consists of one main course, two side dishes and an optional dessert. You do not need to take on the whole meal. We usually split the cooking between a few families each month. Your portion of the meal is prepared in your home and is brought to the shelter on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. We are looking for volunteers for **February 28 and March 27**. If interested in participating, or if you have questions, please contact [Marlene Trossman](#), 443-535-9579.

CJC FAIR TRADE GIFT SHOP

For all your gift-giving needs! Shop the Fair Trade Gift shop for unique kippot, jewelry, home accessories, Judaica, coffee, chocolate and so much more!

Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	9:30am - 5:00pm
Friday	9:30am - 12:30pm

CJC Note Cards designed by CJC members Roz Zinner, Susan Cohen and Gabrielle Yanovitz are available in the CJC office. [Click here](#) for designs!

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TZEDAKAH FUND

GIANT SCRIP

Buy Giant scrip (gift cards) and support the CJC Tzedakah Fund. Giant scrip may be purchased at the CJC office during regular hours and at CJC events. It is available in \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations and is used just like cash at the supermarket. The net cost to you is \$0 and the congregation receives 5% back on all purchases, all of which goes to the *Tzedakah* Fund. Since the scrip is a gift card, equivalent to cash, only cash or checks will be accepted for purchases. And, if you are able to volunteer to sell Giant scrip, please contact [Sue Morss](#), 410-997-1099.

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JEWISH RECONSTRUCTIONIST COMMUNITIES

[click here](#) for Updates from the Jewish Reconstructionist Movement

CHESAPEAKE ANNUAL CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016 -- 4:00PM

Register now for the 25th Chesapeake Annual Celebration at Oseh

Shalom! Our program will honor longtime Chesapeake Reconstructionist leader John Riehl, along with other community members, and will be followed by a buffet dinner. **CJC will be honoring Charlene and Michael Levine.** [Click here](#) for more information.

THE TIVNU GAP YEAR

Tivnu is a national program of nine months of hands-on Jewish social justice engagement, based in Portland, Oregon. Participants live together, create community, discover the Pacific Northwest, and explore connections between Jewish life and social justice with their heads, hands, and hearts. \$2,000 additional discount if application is received by February 15. *\$1,000 off for the first three Reconstructionist-affiliated participants!* Additional need-based tuition assistance available at this time. Discover your passions and effect real change through hands-on internships. Learn about complex social justice issues in a Jewish context. Create a meaningful Jewish community and life-long friendships. Explore Portland and the Pacific Northwest. Build houses, tangible skills, and independence. For more information about Tivnu: program options and financial assistance, [click here](#). Connect with us on [Facebook](#), 203.623.5249. Contact Adinah Miller, Program Director: adinah@tivnu.org

"WRESTLING WITH JEWISH PEOPLEHOOD" CONFERENCE AND SHABBATON

Join us **April 8-11, 2016** in Philadelphia as we explore Jewish peoplehood. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months.

HEVREH

For the second year in a row, members of Reconstructionist communities are invited to participate in Hevreh, a retreat for adult Jewish learners. The 2016 retreat will take place **July 13-17, 2016** at Capital Camps in Waynesboro, PA. Participants will study with master teachers of Judaica; reflect and rejuvenate; pray, sing, and dance; reconnect with friends and make new ones; encounter nature and celebrate Shabbat! As a member of the Reconstructionist movement, you **receive a special early-bird registration** until February 17, 2016. [Register here!](#)

TIKKUN MIDOT -- Cultivating Our Character

Jewish Reconstructionist Communities are participating in a *Tikkun Middot* program, with the goal of introducing the Jewish practice of *Musar*. [Learn more](#) or [sign up](#) to receive the "Middah of the Month".

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OAKLAND MILLS INTERFAITH CENTER

OUR TREES ARE PLANTED!

The trees will need to be watered. If you can help with this please go to [OMI Tree Watering Brigade](#). [Click here](#) to see photos from the day!

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JEWISH FEDERATION OF HOWARD COUNTY

[Click here](#) for a list of upcoming Federation events

PURIM PALOOZA & KIDS ACTIVITY EXPO: CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

The Purim Palooza and Kids Activity Expo will be here sooner than you expect! The 24th annual event is on Sunday, March 20th, from 12:30-3:30 pm. We need 150+ volunteers to make this day a success! Volunteer opportunities include event set-up, supervising games, helping with craft projects, giving out prizes, and more! Volunteer shifts are an hour and a half. All volunteers will receive a 2016 Purim Palooza t-shirt! [Click here](#) to sign up today! For more information about the event, please [click here](#).

SAVE THE DATE! FEDERATION LIVE 2016

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Stars & Stripes -- Featuring the Capitol Steps

COMMUNITY BEREAVEMENT GROUPS

Sol Levinson & Brothers and Jewish Community Services are offering community bereavement groups beginning this fall. Groups meet for eight sessions providing a welcoming environment in which people who are mourning the death of a loved one can address their feelings and concerns. Free of charge. Pre-registration is required. For information call JCS, 410-466-9200 or visit sollevinson.com.

THE JEWISH EMERGENCY NETWORK

When some of our Jewish neighbors face eviction, utility turn-off, and hunger,

YOU can make a world of difference! If you'd like to make a difference in the life of a neighbor in need, please send an email to [Jewish Emergency Network](#) so that you will be notified when there is a financial emergency in the Howard County Jewish Community. There is no obligation to respond to requests, and pledges of any amount are accepted.

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COMMUNITY

ONLINE SUPPORT GROUPS

Jewish Family Services in Greenwich, CT provides online groups that are run by experienced, licensed social workers and offer the same supportive group dynamic as in-person gatherings. Online video support groups are terrific for people who cannot easily get out of their house due to chronic illness or caregiving responsibilities. For more information please contact [Naomi Kohl](#) or check out our [website](#). You can [register here](#).

JSSA WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN, TEENS, ADULTS & INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

JSSA's workshops and groups offerings cover a wide range of learning, behavioral, emotional, social and physical challenges for all ages. Participating in a workshop or group provides an opportunity to learn from our highly skilled professionals and to share with others who are facing similar challenges. [Click here](#) for more information.

50+ LGBT SUPPORT & SOCIAL GROUP

1st THURSDAY, MONTHLY, 6:00pm-8:00pm

Providing the 50+ Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender community with support, resources and conversation in a welcoming, safe and confidential setting. We will meet 6:00-8pm the 1st. Thursday of each month. Questions or to confirm attendance please contact group facilitator: [Jessica Rowe](#), LCSW-C, 443-980-2914

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Kugel Connection, Inc. needs your help! This non-profit social action organization launched last year to assist senior citizens in the Howard County area. The first year was a huge success with over 30 seniors benefiting from what Kugel Connection has to offer. As Kugel Connection's client base increases, so does the need for additional volunteers. Volunteer responsibilities could be to: shop for or

assist a senior in obtaining their groceries; provide transportation to and from a social event; become a phone or in-person companion or other related Tzedakah acts of kindness. To learn more or if you want to help, please contact Cheryl Kaufman, 443-745-2866 or info@kugelconnection.com.

SPONSORCHANGE.ORG

Sponsorchange.org has a program that connects people who have student loans with nonprofits that need volunteers. The idea is that one can volunteer and in so doing pay down one's student loans. Donors to the nonprofit pay down the student loans of those who volunteer for that non-profit. For more information [click here](#).

YOU CAN MAKE A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE...

Neighbor Ride is a volunteer-based nonprofit dedicated to decreasing isolation and improving the quality of life for Howard County seniors by providing transportation for health care appointments, cultural and social activities, volunteer commitments, shopping, fitness and language classes, religious services and other personal needs. Contact Rosemary Noble or Patrice Cerwonka at (410) 884-7433 or volunteer@neighborride.org for more information. You may also visit us on the web at www.neighborride.org.

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CJC Contact Information

When you call the office, you may either reach staff or leave a voice mail message by dialing the following extensions:

[CJC Office](#), 410-730-6044

[Rabbi Sonya Starr](#), ext. 1, 410-660-9432

[Cantor Jan Morrison](#), ext. 2, 410-599-4901

[Robin Rosenfeld](#), ext 4

[Leslie Van Hasselt](#), ext. 3

[Rabbi Ilyse Kramer](#), Director, Keshet: Connection!

[Dave Yanovitz](#), Youth Group Coordinator

[Jerry Kiewe](#), CJC Educational Director, 410-294-3205

[Columbia Jewish Community School](#), 410-730-6044, ext. 5

[Stuart Berlin](#) CJC President

[General Synagogue Information](#)

CJC Office Hours

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Tuesdays: 9:00am - 9:00pm

Fridays: 9:00am - 1:00pm