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WEEKLY UPDATE

ANNUAL DEDICATION CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everyone that has contributed to the 2015 campaign.

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JANUARY SATURDAY MORNING TOT SHABBAT

Saturday, January 16, 2016 -- 10:00am

This is a special Shabbat **morning** service for preschoolers and their families. There are books read, stories told, prayers and plenty of singing - all intended to engage the preschooler and their older brothers and sisters, as well. Invite your friends!

TU B'SHEVAT POT LUCK SEDER

Sunday, January 24, 2016 -- 5:30pm

On Tu B'Shevat we celebrate a New Year for the Trees, rejoicing in the fruit of the tree and the fruit of the vine, celebrating the splendid, abundant gifts of the natural world which give our senses delight and our bodies life. Please join us for a POT LUCK DINNER and this wonderful intergenerational, multi-sensory exploration of the importance of the environment, our connection to Israel, and the gift of life. [Click here](#) to register online. If you need assistance, please contact [Robin](#), 410-730-6044. Please confirm your attendance by January 20.

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

January 12-18, 2016

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Tuesday, January 12

7:30pm, Coming of Age, Class of 2018, Parent Meeting

Wednesday, January 13

Thursday, January 14

7:00pm, Henrietta Spilkia Shiva Service

7:30pm, Tikkun Olam Committee Meeting

Friday, January 15

Light Candles, 4:35pm

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

12:00pm, [The Book of Leviticus](#) with Rabbi Starr

7:30pm, Shabbat Evening Service led by Rabbi Sonya Starr.

Saturday, January 16

10:00am, TOT Shabbat

10:00am, Join the "G-d Wrestlers" of the Chavurah in Room 300 as we sing, pray, chant and engage in spirited discussion. In honor of Martin Luther King, Judy Young will be leading the service with musical participation from "The Shabband." We will celebrate with songs of freedom. This Shabbat also falls near the yahrzeit of Abraham Joshua Heschel, who was one of the greatest minds of his generation and a staunch ally of King. And as if that's not enough, this week also contains the yahrzeit of Debbie Friedman, who transformed liturgical music. We have been practicing Debbie's music to include in the service. We will be paying tribute to all three during our service with readings and songs. If you would like to share a reading from either MLK or Heschel, contact [Judy Young](#). Following the service there will be a Kiddush lunch sponsored by Marc Young, in honor of Judy Young's birthday. Please come! Our joy will be increased by your participation.

8:00pm, [Jewish Film Series -- Gett: The Trial of Viviane Ansaem](#)

Sunday, January 17

11:00am, Green Team Meeting

11:00am, [Intergenerational Dialogues](#)

Monday, January 18

12:15pm, Parshat Hashavua, Weekly Torah Portion with Rabbi Siegel

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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.

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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 and ZAHAV

February 7, 2016, 1:30pm

[AvalancheXpress Snow Tubing](#), York, PA

KESEF

Sunday, January 31, 2016, 1:30pm

[Monster Mini Golf](#), Jessup

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

Thank you for great attendance for our Fall classes. Winter Adult Ed offerings will be announced soon.

FUTURE ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS

Exploring Judaism: A Reconstructionist Approach

Based on the book by Jacob Staub and Rebecca T. Alpert

Sunday, January 31, 2016 -- 9:00am

CJCS/Oakland Mills High School

This discussion is ideal for everyone who wants to know more about Judaism. Whether you are a long-time participant in the Jewish community, a newcomer or someone who has struggled to find a home in Jewish life, this introduction to Jewish thought and practice from a Reconstructionist perspective will offer inspiration and guidance. You are encouraged, but not required, to read the book ahead of time. Book is available at www.smile.amazon.com. For more information contact [Rabbi Sonya Starr](#), 410-730-6044. Please confirm your attendance with [Robin](#), 410-730-6044.

There is no charge to members for classes, except when a materials fee is noted, but it is essential that participants register one week before the class begins. Some classes require a minimum number of participants. To register for any and all of this season's classes contact the [CJC office](#), 410-730-6044.

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](#)

INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUES

Sunday, January 17, 2016, 11:00am

CJCS/Oakland Mills High School

Wouldn't it be great if our younger congregants could be exposed to older-grandparent age, perhaps - members' recollections of what life was like without internet, personal computers or cell phones? Wouldn't it be equally important for the younger group to talk with their "elders" about what life is like in the electronic age, in a time where threats of drugs and alcohol abuse, climate change, cyber bullies, cyber-predators and school violence are realities.

What can we teach each other? We are looking for people to support two new initiatives:

1. A one-time event where teenagers offer free technological support for seniors on all their electronic mobile devices. What can we teach each other?
2. An ongoing project to video teens as they interview our seniors about their lives, and perhaps take the opportunity to reflect on how their lives are similar or different.

Please consider whether you, and those you know, might be interested in developing either one of these initiatives. Ages fifteen to eighty (an arbitrary minimum and maximum which can be modified) are welcome. Please contact [Robin](#) or [Susan Cohen](#) if you want to help make these possibilities a reality.

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MEN'S CLUB

Next Meeting -- Sunday, January 10, 9:15am

Building Interfaith dialogue in Howard County. An important opportunity to discuss the role of interfaith dialogue in Howard County. **Rabbi Ilyse S. Kramer** will share her thoughts and describe the work of Keshet: Connection! She will encourage discussion highlighting how CJC can be an active participant addressing common interests and aspirations across the faith community.

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

Judaism and Human Rights
Rabbi Charles M. Feinberg

Executive Director, Interfaith Action for Human Rights

Sunday, February 7, 2016 -- 3:00pm

The Meeting House, 5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia

Join us as Rabbi Feinberg shares a few Jewish texts as a basis for defending the dignity of every human being. He will speak about Prison Reform Issues, especially the abuse of solitary confinement in Maryland Prisons. He will bring a returning citizen who can give first hand testimony about the deleterious effects of solitary. Rabbi Feinberg will also share IAHR's work on combating hate directed toward the American Muslim community. Open to the community! Please confirm your attendance with [Robin](#), 410-730-6044.

GREEN TEAM

Next Meeting: Sunday, January 17, 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: January 24, 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 **January 24** and **February 28**. 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

"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. Registration information will be available soon.

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

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:

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[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](#), CJCS 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

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