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## WEEKLY UPDATE

### ANNUAL DEDICATION CAMPAIGN

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

[Click here](#) for a list of 2015 contributors

### 2016 WINTER/SPRING ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS

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

### ANNOUNCING THE LESTER ROBERT MORSS SCHOLARSHIP

CJC is happy to announce the **Lester Robert Morss Scholarship for Jewish Studies**. Lester Morss was a chemist and a life-long scholar who believed in the power of knowledge to change the world, in the spirit of Tikkun Olam. He was committed to promoting academic scholarship and assisting those who are less fortunate. After he passed away in 2014, family and friends joined together to establish a scholarship fund 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

**Jan. 26 - Feb. 1, 2016**

View the CJC monthly [calendar](#)

**Tuesday, January 26**

**Wednesday, January 27**

**Thursday, January 28**

### Friday, January 29

Light Candles, 4:43pm

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 30

10:00am, L'Dor V'Dor Shabbat Service

10:00am, Join the "G-d Wrestlers" of the Chavurah in Room 300 as we sing, pray, chant and engage in spirited discussion.

### Sunday, January 31

9:00am, [Bloodmobile at CJCS](#)

9:00am, [Exploring Judaism](#)

11:00am, Aging with Spirit

1:00pm, Development Committee Meeting

### Monday, February 1

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.

## **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 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**

### **2016 WINTER/SPRING COURSE OFFERINGS**

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

- [Exploring Judaism](#)
- Judaism and Human Rights
- 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!

### **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](http://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](#)

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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**

**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, 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

### "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

## **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](#).

## **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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:volunteer@neighborride.org) for more information. You may also visit us on the web at [www.neighborride.org](http://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](#), 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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