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Full Stream Ahead: WHC to Begin Live Streaming



WHC is proud to announce the Pat and Larry Mann Streaming Initiative, which will equip us to stream a broad range of services and special events over the internet, in real time, from both the Kaufmann Sanctuary and Albert and Shirley Small Chapel. Thanks to the generous support of members Pat and Larry Mann, congregants and guests unable to join us at Temple can now access the WHC experience with the click of a mouse or the tap of a finger.

This technological advance will bring the Congregation closer to the “open tent” ideal pioneered by Abraham and Sarah, welcoming all those who wish to take part. Even as busy schedules and mobility challenges present barriers to engagement in Temple life, we are committed to building community, one participant and one pixel at a time.

Live streaming will begin on September 24 with Erev Rosh Hashanah services – an apt time for a new beginning. You will be able to view the services at streaming.whctemple.org.

We are excited about this new opportunity to connect with you and look forward to taking this next step together into our future. Additional details and instructions for accessing our stream will be forthcoming.

An American S’lichot Service to Open Pollin Music Series

With its meaningful and compelling liturgy, Selichot is a service designed to prepare Jews around the world for the spiritual odyssey of the High Holy Days. Historically, the prayers of Selichot were chanted as laments, and it was common for Jews in large cities to go from synagogue to synagogue to hear and compare the styles of different cantors. In many ways the mournful lament is inappropriate in today’s world — we live in a different time, and our contemporary musical language has changed.

On **Saturday, September 20** at 7:00 pm, Washington Hebrew will open the 2014-2015 Abe and Irene Pollin Music Program Initiative with *An American S’lichot Service*, an original, contemporary work composed by Gary William Friedman which aims to tap the emotional center of the modern Jew just as



the traditional *hazzanic* lament did for our ancestors.

This service, which had its D.C. premier in 2012 at Temple, combines musical elements faithful to the tradition and style of Selichot while allowing ample room for contemporary creativity.

Mr. Friedman, a Tony-nominated composer known for his theater, jazz, film, symphonic, and liturgical works, will conduct this service that will feature Cantors Manevich and Bortnick, a professional choir, and an instrumental chamber ensemble.

A Community Dinner to Nourish Your Soul

Congregational dinners are a special tradition at Washington Hebrew Congregation. They give us an opportunity to celebrate as a community and forge new connections. We hope you will join us for dinner before *An American S’lichot Service* on September 20. Hosted by the Empty Nesters, the entire congregation is welcome as are your family and friends. Dinner will

begin at 5:30 pm, and the cost is \$30 per person. To make a reservation, please send a check payable to WHC to Temple to the attention of Beth Donaldson/Selichot and include your name, telephone number, email address, and the names of those

attending the dinner with you. For more information, contact Beth Donaldson, 202-895-6309 or bdonaldson@whctemple.org.



Our Condolences to the Families of...

Sophie Dorot, daughter of Avi Dorot and the late Wendy Ochsman; step-daughter of Ann Cohen; sister of Libby Dorot, Sarah and Rachel Cohen Strum, and Tali (Amatzia) Shlomi; niece of Bruce Ochsman (Tracy).

Alexander C. Emsellem, son of Toby & Ury Emsellem; brother of Drew and Chelsea Emsellem; grandson of Joan Solomon.

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Bessie Schwartz, mother of Mel Schwartz and Sydelle Schneider (Fred); grandmother of Beth Dubin (Brian), Robin Hammerman (Evan), and Staci and Tara Schwartz.

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Missy & Ted Lieber, on the naming of their daughters, Lily Emma Lieber (*Elisheva*) and Sloan Madison Lieber (*Meira*); and to their grandmothers, Jill Cohen, Gayle Young, and Zellaine Lieber.

Lyndsy & Adam Paulson, on the birth of their son, **Noah Ryan Paulson**; and to Noah's sister, **Nataly**, and grandparents, Jackie & Franklin Paulson and Maggie & Millard Bennett.

Jessica Parker & Jonathan Wachtel, on their marriage; and to their parents, Ellen & Matthew Parker and Cheryl & Sam Wachtel, and Jonathan's grandfather, Carl Goldman.

Fill up the tires and strap on your helmet,
the Boomers are planning another biking brunch!

Ride or walk the Washington
& Old Dominion Trail

Sunday, October 5 at 9:30 am
Departing from Vienna Town Green

For more information contact
Gabrielle Grunau or Bill Grosshandler
bill.gabrielle@gmail.com

Brunch to follow at 11:30 am
Amphora Restaurant
Vienna, Virginia



Bagels Never Tasted So Good! Break the Fast with WHC

End your day of prayer and fast with your Temple family and a delicious, break-fast meal. Two different events will be held immediately following concluding services on Yom Kippur, **Saturday, October 4**. Transportation after the meal from Temple to WHC's satellite parking lots will be provided.



Temple-Wide Break-Fast—Hosted by the EmptyNesters, this annual break-fast meal is open to the entire Temple community and their guests at a cost of \$22 per person with no charge for children under 10. To join us complete and return the registration form below by **Wednesday, October 1**. For more information, contact Beth Donaldson, 202-895-6309 or bdonaldson@whctemple.org.

2239 Break-Fast—We also offer a break-fast for the 2239 community and their guests. The cost is \$22 for Temple members and \$32 for non-members, which for non-members also includes a ticket to 2239 Afternoon, *Yizkor* and *Neilah* services. Twenty-two through thirty-nine year old Temple members should RSVP to Valerie Hillman, vhillman@whctemple.org; non-members can register online: 2239hhd2014.eventbrite.com. For more information please contact Valerie.

Break the Fast with WHC — RSVP by October 1

\$22 per person; free for children under 10 years of age

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

Names of those in your party: _____

Number ages 10+: _____ Number of children under 10: _____

Amt. enclosed: \$ _____ Number needing shuttle service: _____

Please return this form with a check payable to WHC, Attention: Beth Donaldson/BTF, 3935 Macomb Street NW, Washington, DC 20016.

Services

Friday, August 29

Shabbat Service 6:00 pm
Rabbi Shankman, Cantor Bortnick

Saturday, August 30

Early Torah Study 9:00 am
Rabbi Shankman

Morning Service 10:30 am
Rabbi Shankman, Cantor Bortnick
✧ Bat Mitzvah of Alexis Bell

Afternoon Service & Havdalah 5:30 pm
Rabbi Shankman, Cantor Manevich
✧ Bar Mitzvah of Alec Amsellem
✧ Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Lukin

Friday, September 5

Lay Led Service 5:30 pm
Priscilla & Alan Levine

Shabbat Service 6:00 pm
Installation of Rabbi Joseph A. Skloot
Rabbi Lustig, Cantors Manevich and Bortnick

Tot Shabbat 6:00 pm
Rabbi Shankman
JBSC

Saturday, September 6

Early Torah Study 9:00 am
Rabbi Miller

Morning Service 10:30 am
Rabbi Miller, Cantor Manevich
✧ Bat Mitzvah of Isabel Hoffman
✧ Bar Mitzvah of Joseph Raab

Afternoon Service & Havdalah 5:30 pm
Rabbi Miller, Cantor Bortnick
✧ Bar Mitzvah of Eli Freedman
✧ Bat Mitzvah of Jacoba Harris

“Expect the Unexpected” at This Year’s Unity Walk

As you walk through the doors of Washington Hebrew Congregation on **Sunday, September 21** for the ninth annual 9/11 Unity Walk, you will find our house of worship transformed into an interfaith celebration of peace and unity. Irwin & Ginny Edlavitch Hall will house an interfaith expo from noon until 1:30 pm, showcasing organizations dedicated to interfaith understanding and initiatives; and in our Sanctuary at 1:30 pm you can hear

a Muslim call to prayer and dance in the aisles to live Indian *Bhangra* music.



The theme for this ninth annual walk is “Service for Peace,” and in support of this theme, 9/11 Unity Walk has partnered with the President’s Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge and Day to Serve. As the walk takes us down Embassy Row, houses of worship will

9/11 UNITY WALK

welcome us not only with their culture, music, and food, but also with opportunities for *tikkun olam*.

Be part of this special day and stand with our interfaith neighbors as together we strengthen our community. Visit 911unitywalk.org to learn more and register.

Our B'nei Mitzvah

August 30, 2014

Morning Service



Alexis Rae Bell

Daughter of Jodi Black & Mitchel Bell
Alexis is an eighth grade student at Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. She is the granddaughter of Phyllis & Burt Dakin and the late Gloria & Sanford Bell.

Havdalah Service



Alec Robert Amsellem

Son of Debby & Rich Amsellem
Alec is an eighth grade student at Tilden Middle School. He is the brother of Lauren, and the grandson of Susan & Ivan Popkin and Jocelyne & Norbert Amsellem.

Havdalah Service



Jonah Benjamin Lukin

Son of Elizabeth Stern Lukin & Craig Lukin
Jonah is an eighth grade student at Herbert Hoover Middle School. He is the brother of Matthew, the grandson of Barbara & Robert Stern and Sandra & Arthur Lukin, and the great-grandson of Edith S. Garson.

September 6, 2014

Morning Service



Isabel Rose Hoffman

Daughter of Ellen Lurie Hoffman & Matthew Hoffman
Isabel is a seventh grade student at Thomas W. Pyle Middle School. She is the sister of Celia, and the granddaughter of Syrul & Robert Lurie and Michele & Laurence Hoffman.

Morning Service



Joseph Millen Raab

Son of Julie & Dean Raab
Joseph is an eighth grade student at Herbert Hoover Middle School. He is the brother of Matthew, Emily, and Eleanor, and the grandson of Arlene & Lou Kairys, Wendy & Steven Raab, and Pat & Bill Denlinger.

Shabbat Acknowledgements

August 29–30, 2014

Presenting the Kamy Loren Nathanson Bar/Bat Mitzvah Kiddush Cup: Jim Klein

Sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat:

Jodi Black & Mitchel Bell, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Alexis; Debby & Rich Amsellem, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Alec; and Elizabeth Stern Lukin & Craig Lukin, Sandra & Arthur Lukin, Barbara & Robert Stern, and Edith S. Garson, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Lukin.

Contributing to the Carrie Simon Altar Flower Fund:

Jodi Black & Mitchel Bell, in honor of Alexis; Debby & Rich Amsellem, in honor of Alec; Elizabeth Stern Lukin & Craig Lukin, in honor of Jonah; and Sherry Sundick, in memory of Suevia N. Behrend.

September 5–6, 2014

Presenting the Kamy Loren Nathanson Bar/Bat Mitzvah Kiddush Cup: David Oblon

Sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat:

Ellen & Matthew Hoffman, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Isabel; Julie & Dean Raab, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joseph; Jennifer & Daniel Freedman, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Eli; and Rebecca Fishman, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of her daughter, Jacoba.

Contributing to the Carrie Simon Altar Flower Fund:

Ellen & Matthew Hoffman, in honor of Isabel; Julie & Dean Raab, in honor of Joseph; Jennifer & Daniel Freedman, in honor of Eli; and Rebecca Fishman, in honor of Jacoba.

September 6, 2014

Havdalah Service



Eli Benjamin Freedman

Son of Jennifer & Daniel Freedman
Eli is an eighth grade student at Cabin John Middle School. He is the brother of Max, and the grandson of Nadine & Paul Bederson and Eileen & the late Mark Freedman.

Havdalah Service



Jacoba Rose Harris

Daughter of Rebecca Fishman and Henry Harris
Jacoba is a seventh grade student at Georgetown Day School. She is the sister of Lila and Adam, and the granddaughter of Tamar & the late Jacob Fishman, and the late Judy & Richard Harris.

Lifelong Learning at WHC: Opening and Engaging Adult Minds this Fall

We are pleased to offer you several new and exciting opportunities to “go back to school” in ways you never imagined. Below is an overview of some of this fall’s Lifelong Learning programs.

WHC Academy

Introduction to the History of Jewish Civilization

A two-semester seminar with Rabbi Joseph A. Skloot

Travel back in time and attempt to enter the minds of our ancestors by reading selections from the “classics” of Jewish civilization. Determine what these texts teach about the people who composed them, the times in which they were composed and what they have meant to their readers past and present.

Seminar begins Monday, October 6 at 8:15 pm at Temple

Fall Mini Courses (3–4 weeks each):

Details and dates to follow.

- *The Torah of Poetry and the Poetry of Torah* with Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell, WHC Scholar-in-Residence
- *Amulets and Jewish Magic in Late Antiquity* with Gerdy Trachtman
- And more!



Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion Comes to WHC Academy

Study and engage in dialogue with some of today’s greatest minds in Jewish scholarship. Rabbi Aaron Panken, Ph.D., President of HUC-JIR, and WHC’s Rabbi M. Bruce Lustig will kickoff this special four-week mini course with *The State of American Judaism Today*.

Monday, October 6 at 7:00 pm at Temple

Intro to Judaism

This is a wonderful course for anyone interested in learning the fundamentals of our religion—including those considering conversion, marrying someone Jewish, and interfaith couples. You will get to know WHC clergy and educators as you develop a strong understanding of our religion and a foundation for participating in Jewish life.

Begins Monday, October 6 at 7:00 pm at Temple

Early Torah Study

Every Saturday, an enthusiastic group gathers at Temple to study *parashat hashavua*, the Torah portion of the week, with one of our clergy. We analyze, question and reflect on Judaism’s central text. All are welcome and no background knowledge is necessary.

Saturdays, 9:00 am at Temple



Congregational Conversations

What Is My Promised Land?—Our Relationship to Israel

We are about to embark on a year-long dialogue based on Ari Shavit’s groundbreaking new book, *My Promised Land*. The series will begin this fall when Mr. Shavit joins us for Shabbat on November 21. Israeli and American scholars will come to WHC throughout the year to discuss the book’s themes; and monthly reading groups, facilitated by trained Temple members, will offer you the opportunity to engage in an in-depth exploration of this book.

Friday, November 21 at 6:00 pm at Temple

Amram Scholar Series

Through a special partnership with the Jewish Book Council, WHC has arranged for more than a dozen writers to speak at Temple throughout the year. Martin Fletcher, author of *Jacob’s Oath*, will open the series.

Sunday, October 26 at 10:30 am at Temple

Back to Basics

Are you looking for an in-depth refresher of what you learned as a child? Perhaps you began to explore Judaism later in life. This course will provide you with the foundation you seek as it explores Judaism’s key ideas and the context for why we do what we do as Jews: our life cycle events, holidays, prayers, history, theology, the Torah, and more.

Begins Tuesday, September 9 at 7:30 pm at Temple and Wednesday, September 10 at 7:30 pm at JBSC

Conversational Hebrew

You do not need to know how to read Hebrew to speak Hebrew! Start speaking Hebrew conversationally with this innovative method that emphasizes conversation over decoding the *aleph bet*. **Details and dates to follow.**

L’Chayim

Living Room Learning with WHC Experts

Spend an hour or two learning from WHC members about their passions and talents. **Details and dates to follow.**



Denotes featured program.

Details for these and other WHC Lifelong Learning programs will be available in our Lifelong Learning brochure and on our website.

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September 2014

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	Offices Closed at Temple and JBSC 1	First Day of School for ECCs & K (M & B) 2	7:00pm The Red Stone (M) 3	4	10:30am Sisterhood Mah Jongg (B) 5 5:30pm Lay Led Service (M) 6:00pm Shabbat Service & Installation of Rabbi Skloot (M) 6:00pm Tot Shabbat (B)	9:00am Early Torah (M) 6 10:30am Shabbat Service (M) 5:30pm Havdalah (M)
	Labor Day					
WHC Mobile 8th Grade White Water Rafting Trip (OUT) 7	10:00am SIS Board Mtg (B) 8 6:00pm WHECTY Board Mtg (B)	7:00pm RJWECC & WHC K Back to School Night (B) 9 7:30pm Back to Basics (M)	10:00am SIS Bridge (B) 10 6:30pm CSH Volunteer Committee Mtg (M) 7:30pm Community Issues/Social Action Mtg (M) 7:30pm Back to Basics (B)	11	10:30am Sisterhood Mah Jongg (B) 12 5:30pm Lay Led Service (M) 6:00pm Shabbat Service (M)	9:00am Early Torah (M) 13 10:30am Shabbat Service (M) 5:00pm WHECTY Event (OUT) 5:30pm Havdalah (M)
9:30am First Day of Religious School (M & B) 14 10:30am Memorial Service at Memorial Park, Alabama Avenue Cemetery 1:30pm WHC Hunger Project (B)	15	4:30pm Hebrew School begins at JBSC 16 6:30pm WHC Mobile (8th & 9th Grades) and Confirmation begin (B) 6:30pm E-T ECC Back to Schol Night (M) 7:30pm Back to Basics (M)	4:30pm Hebrew School begins at JBSC 17 6:30pm WHC Mobile (8th & 9th Grades) and Confirmation begin (B) 6:30pm E-T ECC Back to Schol Night (M) 7:30pm Back to Basics (M)	18	10:30am Sisterhood Mah Jongg (B) 19 5:30pm Lay Led Service (M) 6:00pm Shabbat Service (M) NFTY-MAR "Jello" through Sunday (OUT)	9:00am Early Torah (M) 20 10:30am Shabbat Service (M) 5:30pm Selichot Dinner (M) 7:00pm "An American S'lichot Service" (M)
9:45am "Divorcing with Dignity" (M) 21 1:00pm 9/11 Unity Walk (M)	6:30pm Fistful of Shekels Mtg (M) 22	23	12:00pm Early Dismissal for ECCs & K'garten (M & B) 24 1:00pm Early Closure for Temple and JBSC Offices Erev Rosh Hashanah Services (M, B & OUT) Erev Rosh Hashanah	Offices Closed at Temple and JBSC 25 Rosh Hashanah Services (M & OUT) Rosh Hashanah	10:30am Sisterhood Mah Jongg (B) 26 5:30pm Lay Led Service (M) 6:00pm Shabbat Service (M)	9:00am Early Torah (M) 27 10:30am Shabbat Service (M) 5:30pm Havdalah (M)
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Key:

(M) Macomb	(ECC) Early Childhood Centers
(B) Julia Bindeman Suburban Center	(ET) Edlavitch-Tyser Family Relations Forum
(AS) Amram Scholar Series	(HS) Hebrew School
(B to B) Back to Basics	(OUT) Out of the Building
(BRO) Brotherhood	(PMP) Pollin Music Program
(CSH) Carrie Simon House	(PT) Prime Timers
(CISA) Community Issues/Social Action	(RS) Religious School
(CC) Couples Club	(SIS) Sisterhood
	(US) Upper School



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Friday, the fifth of September, two thousand and fourteen
Six o'clock in the evening

3935 Macomb Street NW, Washington, District of Columbia

A festive Oneg Shabbat to welcome Rabbi Skloot, Rabbi Glazer, and their daughter will follow services.

**Toby Cohen Exhibit at
WHC Through September**

We hope you are enjoying the Fine Arts Committee's exhibition of Toby Cohen's photography at Temple. These exceptional panoramic images will be on display — and for sale — through the High Holy Days in Kreeger Lobby.

Works on display include *The Day of Atonement*, 2010 (right) — Cohen's photographic recreation of the Maurycy Gottlieb self portrait, *Jews Praying in the Synagogue* (far right), with Toby himself playing the role of the artist.



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Maurycy Gottlieb. *Jews Praying in the Synagogue*. 1878. Tel Aviv Museum of Art.