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Rabbi Elwell to be WHC Scholar-in-Residence

Rabbi Sue Levi Elwell, Ph.D. will join WHC this fall as our scholar-in-residence. Rabbi Elwell has



spent the last 30 years working with synagogue leaders to create and sustain healthy, inclusive, vibrant, and open-hearted communities. She has served as a congregational rabbi and has taught at universities and HUC-JIR. She edited *The Open Door*, the CCAR Haggadah; served as poetry editor and member of the editorial board of the award-winning *The Torah: A Women's Commentary*; and coedited *Lesbian Rabbis: The First Generation*.

Rabbi Elwell will teach the first nine sessions of Wednesday Morning Study beginning on **October 15** at 10:00 am. Using the thoughtful essays in *Chapters of the Heart: Women Sharing the Torah of Our Lives*, which she edited with Rabbi Nancy Fuchs Kreimer, Rabbi Elwell will help us explore how our personal stories can open the door to deeper conversations about Jewish identity and practice and connect us to one another. There is no fee or registration necessary.

Rabbi Elwell will also teach a WHC Academy mini course, "The Torah of Poetry and the Poetry of Torah." It will begin on **Monday, November 24**. A registration form can be found on page two.

This Fall, Study with the Scholars

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

Intellectual and educational leaders of the Reform Movement will spend the month of October at WHC Academy. Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion is the center of innovation for Jewish life and learning. Its faculty is internationally recognized for their teaching, research, and mentorship. The alumni and students of HUC-JIR—rabbis, cantors, Jewish educators, Jewish nonprofit professionals, pastoral counselors, and scholars—are leaders in synagogues, schools, and Jewish institutions worldwide.

In a special four-week mini course, four different scholars from HUC-JIR will share the insights and knowledge of a particular area of Judaism for which they are renowned.

October 6: *The State of American Judaism Today: A Dialogue with Rabbi Aaron Panken and Rabbi M. Bruce Lustig*, taught by Rabbi Aaron Panken, Ph.D., President of HUC-JIR.

October 13: *Reorienting American Liberal Judaism for the Twentieth Century: Stephen S. Wise and the Early Years of the Jewish Institute of Religion*, taught by Rabbi Shirley Idelson, Ph.D., Dean of HUC-JIR/New York.



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A Fresh Look at Holiday Baking: Sisterhood's Fall Luncheon

Food and family are so closely associated with our holiday celebrations, and WHC Sisterhood's annual Fall Luncheon will make this association even sweeter! Paula Shoyer, author of the brand new cookbook, *The Holiday Kosher Baker*, as well as *The Kosher Baker* and owner of Paula's Parisian Pastries Cooking School in Chevy Chase, will come to JBSC on **Tuesday, October 7** at 10:45 am to share her secrets for creating modern versions of traditional Jewish desserts and answer your baking questions.

To join us for the luncheon, please send a check payable to WHC Sisterhood (\$65 per person for payments received by September 30; \$75 per person afterward) to WHC Sisterhood Fall Luncheon, c/o Phyllis Slavin, 4401 Hornbeam Drive, Rockville, MD 20853. For further information or dietary requests, please contact Linda Adler, adlerlin@aol.com or 301-641-7378.



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Jerome Silverman, father of Jimmy Silverman (Susan), Ken Silverman, and Johnny Silverman.

Barbara Wishner, wife of Raymond Wishner; mother of Teri Shulman and John Shulman (Ann Lohren Shulman).

Wendy Zeller, sister of John Zeller (Donna).

Congratulations to...

Beth Donaldson, on the marriage of her daughter, Emily Donaldson, to Filip Bortkiewicz. Emily is also the daughter of Evan Donaldson and the granddaughter of Shirlee & Robert Rivin; Filip is the son of Maria & the late Andrzej Bortkiewicz.

Allison Gottfried & Michael Maletsky, on their marriage; and to their parents, **Ilene & Jeff Rosen** and Rinna & Eric Maletsky.

Patricia Fabrikant, on the birth of her grandson, Oliver Fabrikant Barry; and to Oliver's parents, Heather Fabrikant & Ben Barry, and big sister, Isabel. Oliver is also the grandson of the late Marvin Fabrikant.

Jacqueline & Robert Fishman, on the birth of their granddaughter, Sadie Max Rush; and to Sadie's parents, Hebra Fishman & Patrick Rush.

Judi & Bill Mogel, on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Matthew, the son of Liz & Larry Mogel.

Rachel Solomon & David Morders, on the naming of their daughter, **Samantha Marie Solomon** (*Shoshana Miriam*); and to Samantha's grandparents, Phyllis & Stephen Solomon and Suzanne & Michael Morders.

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Make Monday nights "Academy Night." Register for our fall Core Course and Mini Courses and explore new ways to deepen your connection to Judaism.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

WHC Academy Core Course:

_____ Introduction to the History of Jewish Civilization (begins 10/6)

Fall 2014 Mini Courses:

_____ HUC-JIR Comes to WHC Academy (10/6–10/27)

_____ Kabbalah: An Introduction (11/3–11/17)

_____ The Torah of Poetry and the Poetry of Torah (11/24–12/15)

Total enclosed (\$25 WHC members/\$54 Nonmembers) \$ _____

Return this form to Temple along with a check payable to WHC to the attention of Rabbi Skloot/WHC Academy. Or fax it to 202-537-1091, and bring your check to the first session.



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Wednesday, September 24

Erev Rosh Hashanah Services
Temple and JBSC
Georgetown University Law Center (2239)

Thursday, September 25

Rosh Hashanah Services
Temple and JBSC

Friday, September 26

Lay-Led Service 5:30 pm
Kaye & Edward Mopsik

Shabbat Service 6:00 pm
Rabbi Miller, Cantor Bortnick

Saturday, September 27

Early Torah Study 9:00 am
Rabbi Lustig

Morning Service 10:30 am
Rabbi Lustig, Cantor Bortnick

✧ Bar Mitzvah of Cyrus Berlinerblau
✧ Bat Mitzvah of Elyssa Seltzer

Afternoon Service & Havdalah 5:30 pm
Rabbi Lustig, Cantor Manevich

✧ Bat Mitzvah of Jordyn Lemer
✧ Bat Mitzvah of Teddy Wasserman

Sunday, September 28

Cemetery Memorial Service 10:00 am
Rabbi Shankman
Garden of Remembrance

Friday, October 3

Kol Nidre Services
Temple
Georgetown University Law Center (2239)

Saturday, October 4

Yom Kippur Services
Temple



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It's on Monday nights at Temple beginning October 6.

For more information, contact Marsha Humphries:
mhumphries@whctemple.org or 202-895-6303.

Study with Scholars (continued from page 1)

October 20: *Hava Shapiro: The First Hebrew Feminist Foremother*, taught by Dr. Wendy Zierler, Ph.D., Professor of Modern Jewish Literature and Feminist Studies.

October 27: *Let Justice Roll Like Water: Prophetic Roots of Modern Day Social Action*, taught by Rabbi Andrea Weiss, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Bible.

To experience firsthand what it is like to study at HUC-JIR please complete and return the form on page 2.

Our B'nei Mitzvah

September 27, 2014

Morning Service



Cyrus O. Berlinerblau

Son of Polly Spadavecchia & Jacques Berlinerblau

Cyrus is an eighth grade student at Washington Latin Public Charter School. He is the brother of Emile, and the grandson of Laure & Rubin Berlinerblau and Patricia & the late Pasquale Spadavecchia.



Elyssa Jill Seltzer

Daughter of Diane Seltzer Torre and David Seltzer

Elyssa is an eighth grade student at Thomas W. Pyle Middle School. She is the sister of Adam, and the granddaughter of Marilyn Zitner, Norman & Sue-Beth Zitner, and Shirley & Ralph Seltzer.

Havdalah Service



Jordyn Alexa Lemer

Daughter of Stephanie & Keith Lemer

Jordyn is an eighth grade student at the Sheridan School. She is the sister of Lauren and Austin, and the granddaughter of Sandi & Harry Kovar and Mickey & Bill Lemer.



Teddy Sarah Wasserman

Daughter of Molly Elkin & Ivan Wasserman

Teddy is a seventh grade student at Georgetown Day School. She is the sister of Sydney Rose and Joey Zelda, and the granddaughter of Joan & the late Stanley Elkin, and Barbara & Horton Wasserman.

Shabbat Acknowledgements

September 26–27, 2014

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

Sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat:

The Berlinerblau family, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Cyrus; Diane Seltzer Torre and David Seltzer, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Elyssa; the Lemer family, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Jordyn; and Molly Elkin & Ivan Wasserman, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Teddy.

Contributing to the Carrie Simon Altar Flower Fund:

The Berlinerblau family, in honor of Cyrus; Diane Seltzer Torre and David Seltzer, in honor of Elyssa; the Lemer family, in honor of Jordyn; and Molly Elkin & Ivan Wasserman, in honor of Teddy.

You've grown up, flown the coop, and we miss you!

RJWECC and WHC
Kindergarten Alumni

Come back to JBSC for "Alumni Day"
Friday, October 17 at 9:30 am

Bring an adult and join us for Shabbat Sing and Shabbat snack, and walk with us to raise money for Carrie Simon House.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Sharron Brooks, sbrooks@whctemple.org or 301-279-7505.

Mah Jongg Tournament — Oct 19!

WHC Sisterhood and the Parents Committee of the Rabbi Joseph Weinberg ECC & Kindergarten will hold their semi-annual mah jongg tournament on **Sunday, October 19** at JBSC. It is open to the public—tell your friends and help us spread the word!



Details: \$50 per person, which includes lunch. Doors open at 9:30 am and game play begins at 10:00 am. Door prizes and prize money will be awarded for first, second, and third places. Winners must be present to claim prizes.

Questions? Please contact Cheryl Levine, levineca@gmail.com or Tracy Silverman-Mednik, silvertracy@yahoo.com.

Mah Jongg Tournament Registration

Can you bring a Mah Jongg set? YES / NO

Would you like to be East? YES / NO

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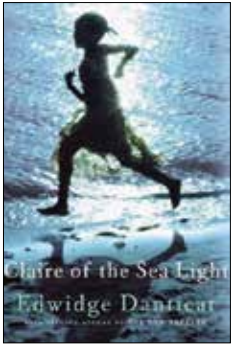
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Return this form along with a check payable to WHC to: WHC/JBSC, Attn: Fran Miller/Mah Jongg, 11810 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854

Sisterhood Literary Group Opens with Stunning Novel About Intertwined Lives



Claire of the Sea Light marks award-winning writer Edwidge Danticat’s much-anticipated return to fiction. Fittingly, it will be the focus of discussion at the much-anticipated return of Sisterhood’s Literary Group when popular facilitator Ellen Elow-Mintz leads our discussion on **Friday, October 24** at 10:00 am at JBSC.

The story takes us through the wrenching decision made by the father of seven-year-old Claire Limyè Lanmè (Claire of the Sea Light) to send his daughter away for a chance at a better life. Then, Claire disappears. As the people in the small fishing village of Ville Rose, Haiti search for her, painful secrets, haunting memories, and startling truths are unearthed.

The discussion is open to all Temple members. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Janice Burne, jbburne@comcast.net or 240-401-8849.

You Don’t Need to Read Hebrew to Speak Hebrew!

You can read the prayers in *Mishkan T’filah*, but can you have a conversation in Hebrew? Now you can — through an innovative method that emphasizes conversation over decoding the *aleph bet*.

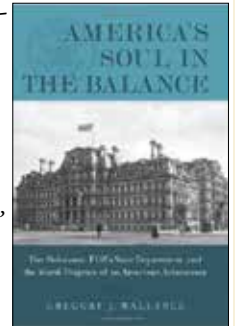
In “Conversational Hebrew” — a new course at JBSC — Washington Hebrew educator Gerdy Trachtman will have you speaking the language of our people faster than you can say, “*Vchayim*.”

Join us on Thursday mornings from 10:00–11:00 am at JBSC beginning **October 23**. The cost is just \$36, and the rewards are immeasurable. Contact Gerdy to register, gerdyt@erols.com or 301-762-6994.



Intrigue, Governmental Cover-up, and Anti-Semitism with WHC Books

They were an underground “movement to let the Jews be killed.” They were “vicious men” who may have been “accomplices of Hitler.” They were “war criminals in every sense of the term.”



These charges were made at the height of World War II. The men who made them were senior officials of the United States Department of the Treasury. But they were not speaking of French collaborationists or the satellite allies of Nazi Germany. They were referring to other Americans—indeed, Americans who happened to be highly placed officials in another governmental department.

So begins *America’s Soul in the Balance: The Holocaust, FDR’s State Department, and the Moral Disgrace of an American Aristocracy*, by Gregory J. Wallace — lawyer, author, human rights activist, and past Amram Scholar Series speaker. Mr. Wallace’s gripping work of nonfiction, will be the focus of discussion at Temple on **Tuesday, October 14** at 7:00 pm when WHC Books opens its 2014-2015 season.

The issues Mr. Wallace presents in his book are a cautionary tale for today’s world leaders weighing the costs of intervention to stop genocide. With exceptional narrative prowess he details how, at the height of World War II, four Treasury Department lawyers discovered the State Department’s cover up of reports of the Nazi extermination scheme and their efforts to block the rescue of 70,000 Romanian Jews.

For further information, or to borrow a copy of this book, please contact Ellen Share, 301-354-3212 or eshare@whctemple.org.

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One of our greatest joys is the large number of congregants we serve, but during the High Holy Day season, it is also one of our greatest challenges. In preparation for the Congregation to come together in worship, we have worked diligently to facilitate your parking and transportation to and from Temple.

We have new off-site parking locations this year, which remain the most convenient and stress-free way to park for High Holy Day services. Safe, comfortable, climate-controlled shuttle buses will run throughout the holidays, bringing you from off-site parking to the Temple's door and back. When using off-site parking, please add 25 minutes to your travel plans for the shuttle to ensure you arrive at Temple in time for your service.

Holiday	Off-site Parking Location	Shuttles Begin
Erev Rosh Hashanah	National Cathedral	5:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah Day	National Presbyterian Church	8:00 am
Kol Nidre	National Cathedral	5:00 pm
Yom Kippur	National Presbyterian Church and Sidwell Friends School	8:00 am

National Cathedral (*Erev Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre*)

3101 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20016

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National Presbyterian Church (*Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur*)

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A Very Special Sunday Night at the Movies

Join the Boomers at Temple on Sunday, October 19 to kickoff WHC's exhibit of "Jewish Life in Germany Today" with German drinks, food, and a screening of *The Harmonists*.

5 pm German beer & wine sampling and savory light fare

6 pm *The Harmonists*

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MORE INFORMATION:

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