

# קול דור חדש

THE VOICE OF CONGREGATION DOR HADASH  
An Affiliate of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation



## A Letter from Our School Principal

**Grinspoon Award** On June 6th, a beautiful awards ceremony was held at the Jewish Association on Aging Auditorium to honor of our teacher, Sharon Serbin. As I said in the last KOL, Sharon won the prestigious, city-wide Grinspoon Award for Excellence in Jewish Teaching this year. A Committee of the Jewish Federation of Pittsburgh made the selection. Sharon has taught Kindergarten, First and Second Grade for Dor Hadash over the past 3 years. And she will be back again next year. We are very excited about this Award, which Sharon well deserves.

At the ceremony, we had a strong turnout of Dor Hadash families, especially of Sharon's present and former students and their parents. Altogether there were 20 people from Dor Hadash there to honor Sharon. Below is a photo of those students and parents who attended the Grinspoon Award ceremony. Sharon is well loved by all her students.

A video was made of interviews with Sharon's students, parents and colleagues at Dor Hadash and at Adat Shalom Religious School, where she also teaches. It was shown at the ceremony, and you can view the video at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G26lloSyUI&feature=youtu.be>

**ENROLLMENT** As of this writing, we have two new families joining the congregation and enrolling their children in our School: the family of Kim Saft and Andrew Rentschler and the family of Emily Rook-Koepsel and Gil DeBenedetti. We look forward to getting to know these new families. Also, Tree of Life is closing its Religious School this year because of low enrollment, and their students will be attending our School. That adds another 8 students. We are looking forward to having some larger class sizes this year. We will have around 30 students.

**JEWISH PICNICS** On the last Saturday in May, we had beautiful weather for our end-of-the-year outdoor Havdalah picnic in Frick Park. Brian Primack led the singing. Candles were lit, blessings were sung, a potluck dinner was enjoyed, and we talked about our summer plans.

As is our custom, we will kick off the new school year with an outdoor picnic and Shabbat service on Friday, August 24th. All congregants and friends of congregants are invited. Watch the congregation emails for more details. The first day of school is September 5th.

**HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES** This year, we will again have High Holiday services for young Families: Rosh Hashanah on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> & Yom Kippur on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, both from 10:30 to Noon. Following the Rosh Hashanah service, we will walk to the pond on the Chatham campus for a Tashlich service: to breathe the fresh air of creation, and to discuss as well as perform the symbolic casting away of our sins. Please invite your friends with young children to these services; all our services are open to everyone.

**RECRUITMENT FOR NEXT YEAR** Excuse me for saying this again. I repeat it as I always do this time of year—it is a kind of mantra with me—that the main way we recruit new students for our religious school is by having our families talk to friends, family, colleagues and neighbors about our school and congregation, and about Reconstructionist Judaism. Whenever you can do that, it is much appreciated. We have classes from kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Encourage any family that shows interest to contact me, and I will tell them more: 412-779-9691 or [halgrin1111@gmail.com](mailto:halgrin1111@gmail.com) and have them check out our website: <http://dorhadash.net/>

**July / August 2018**  
**Tamuz/Av/Elul 5778**

**Friday, July 13/ 1<sup>st</sup> of Av**  
**Rosh Chodesh Av**

**Saturday, July 14 / 2<sup>ND</sup> OF Av**  
**Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study**

10:00 – noon, The Study  
Parsha: Matot-Masei, Numbers 30:2 – 36:13  
Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4 -28; 3:4  
Kiddush luncheon following the service

**Friday, July 20/8<sup>th</sup> of Av**  
**Erev Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm**  
Service leaders: Jon Pushinsky and Miri Rabinowitz  
Oneg Sponsor: ???

**Saturday, July 21/ 9<sup>th</sup> of Av**  
**Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study**  
**Shabbat Chazon**

**Erev Tish'a B'Av**  
10:00 – noon, The Study  
Parsha: Devarim, Deuteronomy 1:1 – 3:22  
Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1 – 1:27  
Kiddush luncheon following the service

**Sunday, July 22/ 10<sup>th</sup> of Av**  
**Tish'a B'Av**  
Join TOL OLS for a community service  
9:45pm, Bring flashlights

**Saturday, July 28/ 16<sup>th</sup> of Av**  
**Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study**  
**Shabbat Nachamu**

10:00 – noon, The Study  
Parsha: Vaetchanan, Deuteronomy 3:23 – 7:11  
Haftarah: Isaiah 40:1 – 40:26  
Kiddush luncheon following the service

**Friday, August 3**  
**Erev Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm**  
Service leader: Lisa and Jonathan Budd  
Oneg Sponsor: Bruce Herschlag and  
Mary Korytkowski

**Saturday, August 4 / 33<sup>th</sup> of Av**  
**Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study**

10:00 – noon, The Study  
Parsha: Eikev, Deuteronomy 7:12 – 11:25  
Haftarah: Isaiah 49:14 – 51:3  
Kiddush luncheon following the service

**Saturday, August 11 / 30<sup>th</sup> of Av**  
**Shabbat Rosh Chodesh**  
**Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study**

10:00 – noon, The Study  
Parsha: Re'eh, Deuteronomy 11:26 – 16:17  
Maftir: Numbers 28:9 - 15  
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:11 – 55:5  
Service Leader:  
Kiddush luncheon following the service

**Sunday, August 12/ 1<sup>st</sup> of Elul**  
**Rosh Chodesh Elul**

**Friday, August 17**  
**Ever Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm**  
Service leader: TBA  
Oneg Sponsor: ??

**Saturday, August 18 / 7<sup>th</sup> of Elul**  
**Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study**

10:00 – noon, The Study  
Parsha: Shoftim, Deuteronomy 16:18 – 21:9  
Haftarah: Isaiah 51:12 – 52:12  
Kiddush luncheon following the service

**Saturday, August 25/ 14<sup>th</sup> of Elul**  
**Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study**

10:00 – noon, The Study  
Parsha: Ki Teitzei, Deuteronomy 21:20 -25:19  
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1 – 54:10  
Kiddush luncheon following the service

## **Contributions**

### **In Memory of Karen Abelson**

Allen & Linda Selig

### **In Memory of Hugo Selig**

Allen & Linda Selig

### **Chai Fund**

Andrew & Kimberly Saft Rentschler

### **In Honor of the High Holidays**

David Greenberg

### **In Honor of Dan Leger**

Nancy Levine

### **In Celebration of the birth of our granddaughter, Eliza Faye Krohner to Matt & Hannah Krohner**

Jon & Libba Spiegel

### **In Honor of Rabbi Cheryl & Mark Klein's new grandson**

Rita Tauberg

Nancy & Joel Merenstein

### **In honor of Cheryl Klein for all of the wonderful things she does for our congregation**

Jon & Libba Spiegel

### **In celebration of the Marriage of Nancy Levine and Jon Nelson**

The Coufal Family

## **PRAYER BOOKS**

### **In honor of Ray Engel & Lisa Levinson's B'Nai Mitzvoth anniversary**

Sandra Budd & Rafael Engel

### **In celebration of 51 years as members of Congregation Dor Hadash**

Sarah & Stan Angrist

## Yahrzeit

Name	Date of Death	Hebrew Date	This Year	Name	Date of Death	Hebrew Date	This Year
Eddie Kroser	7/12/1998	18 Tammuz	1-Jul-18	Sherwood N. Fox	8/5/2007	21 Av	2-Aug-18
Lillian Freedman	7/3/1988	18 Tammuz	1-Jul-18	Stephen Clauss	8/27/2005	22 Av	3-Aug-18
Samuel Chelemer	7/13/1998	19 Tammuz	2-Jul-18	Saul Hineck	8/20/1984	22 Av	3-Aug-18
Lew Cohen	7/24/1989	21 Tammuz	4-Jul-18	Richard Bonime	8/18/2014	22 Av	3-Aug-18
Melvin Reder	7/28/2016	22 Tammuz	5-Jul-18	Clara Kuntz	8/1/1975	24 Av	5-Aug-18
Kathy Goldring	7/19/2006	23 Tammuz	6-Jul-18	Albert Schubert	8/4/2010	24 Av	5-Aug-18
Daniel Klein	7/21/2014	23 Tammuz	6-Jul-18	Harriet Rosenberg Victor Julius Mizel	8/28/1978	25 Av	6-Aug-18
Jerome Seiner	7/21/1998	27 Tammuz	10-Jul-18	Mizel	8/30/2005	25 Av	6-Aug-18
Maurice Meyer Brothman	7/31/1973	2 Av	14-Jul-18	Paula Ben David	8/1/2013	25 Av	6-Aug-18
Shirley Greenstein	7/28/1987	2 Av	14-Jul-18	Stan Arnold	8/25/2011	25 Av	6-Aug-18
Milton Sackin	7/13/2010	2 Av	14-Jul-18	Rose Sucov	8/17/1971	26 Av	7-Aug-18
Beatrice SultanikBrothman	7/31/1973	2 Av	14-Jul-18	Lewis Leavitt	8/25/1976	29 Av	10-Aug-18
Alexander Zabusky	8/5/2008	4 Av	16-Jul-18	Harriet L. Cohen	8/18/2012	30 Av	11-Aug-18
Pauline Heinz	8/2/1965	4 Av	16-Jul-18	Harry Steger	8/11/1953	30 Av	11-Aug-18
Harry Gershfeld	7/31/1987	5 Av	17-Jul-18	Irving Lovit	8/19/2001	30 Av	11-Aug-18
Lorna Margolis	8/2/1995	6 Av	18-Jul-18	Elizabeth Grodin	9/5/2005	1 Elul	12-Aug-18
Dolores Murock	8/6/2011	6 Av	18-Jul-18	Henry Recht	8/14/1988	1 Elul	12-Aug-18
Mary Leger	7/25/1993	7 Av	19-Jul-18	Stephen M Delano	8/14/2010	4 Elul	15-Aug-18
Leo Kraftowitz	8/1/1979	8 Av	20-Jul-18	Phyllis Woltschock	8/30/2014	4 Elul	15-Aug-18
David Murray Heinz	7/22/1980	9 Av	21-Jul-18	Saul Roth	9/3/1935	5 Elul	16-Aug-18
Irwin Diamond	7/31/1990	9 Av	21-Jul-18	Cecile Herschlag	9/1/1995	6 Elul	17-Aug-18
Eileen Hochheiser	7/23/1999	10 Av	22-Jul-18	David Feinstein	9/10/2005	6 Elul	17-Aug-18
Edith Brenner Dyen	8/6/1976	10 Av	22-Jul-18	Alexander Shulman	8/18/1983	9 Elul	20-Aug-18
Emil Friedman	7/22/1991	11 Av	23-Jul-18	Ethel Begler	9/13/1970	12 Elul	23-Aug-18
Sidney Drescher	7/26/1999	13 Av	25-Jul-18	Jenny Chelemer	9/10/1984	13 Elul	24-Aug-18
Irving Rubinstein	8/18/1986	13 Av	25-Jul-18	Mathew Bartholomew	9/4/1998	13 Elul	24-Aug-18
Ida Abelson	8/12/1954	13 Av	25-Jul-18	Irving Fertman	9/12/1973	15 Elul	26-Aug-18
William Budd	8/14/2003	16 Av	28-Jul-18	Sadie Saroff	9/15/1981	16 Elul	27-Aug-18
Ann Reder	8/14/1984	16 Av	28-Jul-18	Melvin Balsom	9/11/2014	16 Elul	27-Aug-18
Betty Lichtblau	8/5/1993	18 Av	30-Jul-18	Janet Schlesinger	9/3/2004	17 Elul	28-Aug-18
Janice Colker	8/9/2009	19 Av	31-Jul-18	Harry McKibben	9/11/1968	18 Elul	29-Aug-18
Norbert Engler	8/1/1961	19 Av	31-Jul-18	Mildred Schutzman	9/4/2004	18 Elul	29-Aug-18
Phyllis S. Mizel	8/21/2011	21 Av	2-Aug-18	Fred Kraftowitz	8/29/2010	19 Elul	30-Aug-18
Eric Smith	8/11/2009	21 Av	2-Aug-18				

# Things You Should Know

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## **About Shabbat Morning Services**

Congregants should assume there will always be a Saturday morning Torah study and service unless otherwise specified in the Friday congregation email.

## **A Note from Ruth and Sy Drescher**

Ruth and Sy would like to express their gratitude and appreciation to the many members of the congregation who attended the Shiva service for Ruth's sister, Margo Lieberman, who died recently in Philadelphia. Their presence provided much comfort for their loss. They are also very grateful to Dan Leger who led the service. Ruth added, "We are so fortunate to be members of such a caring congregation."

## **Innovations to Strengthen Community**

On November 18, 2018 before a live audience selected participants will pitch innovative ideas on how to reach and cultivate new community members, steward and engage long-term members and/or raise their communities' profiles.

Clergy, lay leaders, educators, executive directors and members connected to the Reconstructionist Movement can apply to participate. Judges will select three finalists from among all who apply. Finalists will receive grants for \$8,000, \$5,000 and \$3,000 as determined by audience voting on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

The deadline for applying is August 10, 2018. People interested in making a presentation and possibly winning a grant can apply at:

<https://reconstructionistevents.wufoo.com/forms/wr4kusx16lffs4/>

## Social Action Committee

As many of you know, over a year ago the committee set our priorities as criminal justice, especially juvenile justice, and immigration and refugee issues. Unfortunately, both are all too timely. My thanks to all of you who have participated in events such as the vigil in support of family reunification, the faith rally for Antwon Rose, and several other demonstrations and actions. We will continue to share with you upcoming events, and we appreciate your letting us know of events you hear about, either by emailing [cban@pitt.edu](mailto:cban@pitt.edu) or by sending announcements directly to Jean at [admin@dorhadash.net](mailto:admin@dorhadash.net). And we are busy planning new partnerships and activities for the fall and will keep you posted about opportunities to participate.

I want to share with you a part of the recent statement by the leadership of Reconstructing Judaism and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association, which came to me thanks to Pam Goldman:

[We] condemn with horror the travesty that has become our immigration system under the administration of U.S. President Donald J. Trump. The “zero tolerance” policy that first saw young children ripped away from their parents as they attempted to seek asylum and safety in the United States – and now is holding families locked up in detention – is immoral and a disgrace to the American and Jewish values we hold dear. With the fate of thousands of children still separated from their parents in doubt, we are raising our collective voices in protest.

[The recent] Supreme Court ruling upholds President Trump’s ban on immigrants entering the country from six majority Muslim nations – a ban that is racist, cruel and further abandons America’s legacy as a welcoming country, a nation of immigrants and a home to people of all faiths.

As Jews, we recall our history as oppressed and wandering people who have sought refuge in many places over the centuries, including in the United States. We also recall our sacred texts that exhort us...to welcome the stranger and to care for the immigrant in our midst. While we understand the need for safe and secure borders, we do not agree that immigration is by definition a threat to us or to our economy.

We Reconstructionist Jews see the erosion of welcome, the rule of law and due process, and the institution of anti-Muslim, anti-Latino and anti-immigrant policies as evidence of a severe moral decline. We call on Congress to enact real immigration reform, re-opening the doors that this administration is attempting to slam shut. We call for the renewal of a clean Dream Act, allowing permanent immigration status for the hundreds of thousands of young adults brought to this country as children. [Full statement can be found at

<https://mailchi.mp/reconstructingjudaism/joint-statement-on-immigration-437601?e=7abb1f5950> ]

We hope we can live up to this charge and try to shape policy and to reach out to the immigrants and refugees in our community. I am touched to hear how many of you are already taking positive action.

*Carolyn Ban*, chair  
Social Action Committee.

## A Note from Your Editor

I have received a rather sad note from Derek Twombly. In this missive Derek claims he is in a fix has never experienced before—he is guest of Allegheny County in their lockup. He says it is all a terrible mistake. Here is what he wrote.

Derek says he had gone into his favorite kosher restaurant on Murray Avenue with the intent to eat lunch. He placed his order and while waiting he takes out a bag of freshly barbecued pigs knuckles he had picked up at the deli around the corner to nosh on. He says he completely forgot where he was. To add insult to injury he had ordered a large glass of milk to go with his meal.

Five minutes later, he hears the wail of sirens and looks out the window to see two cop cars with flashing red lights. The next thing he knows two of Pittsburgh's finest are slapping the cuffs on him and hauling him off to jail. A few hours later he finds himself before a judge in night court where he is fined \$225 or 15 days in jail for disturbing the peace. The restaurant owner told the judge that when he saw the pigs knuckles and the milk on the table at the same time it was too much for him causing him to dial 911.

Derek in his plaintive letter to me writes, "Look, I forgot where I was. Is that a crime? [Ed. note: Apparently it is in certain places.] I forgot I was in a kosher dairy restaurant where I was eating fleishich—moreover tref fleishich. So, I need you to fork over my fine money as I am temporarily broke—I got to get out of this place. Moreover,they serve tref at every meal."

He is a such a pain in the rear I have a mind to just let him sit there and stuff himself with tref for two weeks. Meanwhile, I have sent him a book to read while waiting to be sprung, "2789 Questions about Kashrut You Forgot to Ask."

Until next time....stan