

# Mishpachah Matters

The Newsletter of Bet Mishpachah, Founded in 1975  
by Members of the Washington, DC, Gay Community

## Rabbi's Column

*Mi sheh'nichnas Adar, marbim b'simcha*—When *Adar* begins, happiness increases. The phrase, which originates in the Talmud, underscores the idea that we should be happy in anticipation of Purim, which occurs on the 14<sup>th</sup> of the month.

This is a leap year on the Jewish calendar, meaning that there are two months of *Adar* instead of just one. The Talmudic phrase above refers to the month in which Purim is celebrated, *Adar II*, which began about ten days ago. Purim is a festive holiday; a celebration of redemption and triumph in the face of almost certain disaster. The anticipatory joy begins when the month begins. It is the Jewish version of America's holiday season, albeit foreshortened—in which we begin celebrating far before the actual holiday.

The sages of the Talmud didn't want our happiness to be confined to one day; they wanted our joy to linger. Who is entitled to this increased joy? Everyone: the Talmudic sages suggest we need do nothing in order to access the joy of *Adar*. We can just sit back and let it wash over us.

In apologizing for their self-perceived Jewish inadequacies (people are always apologizing to rabbis), Jewish adults often confess that they never became *bar* or *bat mitzva*. I tell them that, if they were raised as a Jew, technically, they reached this Jewish milestone on their twelfth or thirteenth birthday. The same is true for *Adar*—whether we usher it in or not, each year the month of *Adar* comes around again (sometimes twice!!), and we find ourselves hurtling toward springtime, celebration and joy.

However, at the time that the Talmud was written, people wouldn't have been passive about the arrival of the new month. They would have, at the very least, recited blessings marking its arrival, and, having taken note of the Jewish calendar, made appropriate preparations for ritual observance.

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### Installation Shabbat, January 28, 2011

This week's *Torah* portion is *Mishpatim*. One commentary calls this *parsha* the Book of the Covenant. It presents us with a list of rules: rules for forming a just society. Another commentary calls this *parsha* rules for living in a covenant community: how do we live so as not to offend G-d? For since the rules here are given to the community by Adonai, each infraction is against Adonai. Rambam wrote that to obey the commandment we need to know what we are entitled to and what belongs to our neighbor; an extension of the 10<sup>th</sup> commandment—"You shall not covet".

Tonight is not *Kol Nidre*, we do not convene a *Bet Din*. The incoming Board members have not yet had a business meeting. Yet at our first meeting, informal as it was, we began to share our vision of the year to come.

The first thing that was decided was to change the time of Board meetings. Most of us spend our days pressured. We finish our work days looking forward to nothing more than a

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Enter the DCJCC building on Friday nights through the Q Street door. You will be buzzed in by our *shammass*. Shabbat worship will be in the DCJCC Kay Community Hall, on the right as you enter. A parking lot is available behind the DCJCC and may be entered from Q Street. It has approximately 20 spaces, including one designated for disabled drivers. Additionally, on Sunday through Thursday nights (but not on Fridays), the DCJCC operates a shuttle between its building and the Q Street entrance to the Dupont Circle Metrorail station.

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## Rabbi's Column

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I find the Talmudic idea that the turn of a calendar page is enough to bring about significant change to be at odds with the way I view Jewish life and practice. I suppose that this idea exists in other places—we turn a calendar page and can drink legally or withdraw from a retirement account without penalty. And though Shabbat comes each week, whether or not we do anything, the celebration of *Shabbat* requires effort. Ours is a religion of action.

We've chosen joy as our congregational value for the year. Though there are times in life when joy increases without our having taken positive steps to encourage it, these instances are few and far between.

As we move toward Purim, I invite you to think not only about how you might reap the joy which surrounds you but to look for opportunities to both create and increase your joy and that of others both inside and outside the Bet Mishpachah community.

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few moments of relaxation. Board meetings are moving to the second Sunday of each month. I hope some of you may find it easier to join us at that time.

The second thing we decided was that Board members will observe *Shabbat*. That is, while you may email or call about congregational business, unless it is about a death or a serious emergency, you can expect to hear back after *Havdala*. We also ask you not raise congregational business questions when you see us at services.

Just as *Mishpatim* identifies the rules for living in that time and place, there is interest in reviewing the rules for living in this time and place. With a Vice President of Communications, we will hopefully develop new ways to broaden our visibility outside of this building. But let us not forget, the infrastructure also needs attention. Three years ago when I was first elected President of this congregation, I wrote that we need to engage members in new ways; that our community, this Bet Mishpachah community, needs to find ways for each member to share their skill, their knowledge and their wisdom.

In a year when our congregational value is joy, I hope everyone will find joy in their membership and in their participation as a member. In a time when the nation has been called to civility, I am reminded of the tensions that have been experienced in this congregation. Between men and women, between younger and older members, newer and long-term members as well as those that come here from every walk of Jewish observance.

Each member of this Board that you elected takes their responsibility, and your trust, seriously. Each of them will give of their skills, their strength, their knowledge and their time.

This Board is no clique. While some of us are dear and close friends, there are others who do not know each other beyond perhaps saying "*Shabbat Shalom*". Perhaps over the next year we will all become friends—that would be lovely—but more importantly, we will all work on your behalf to keep this congregation thriving.

In a time and place when fewer than 50% of Jewish adults actually join a congregation, we are blessed. Every member of this congregation joins by choice. None of us are being forced to attend services by our parents. This is our family of choice, not our family of origin. I ask that you consider what you will do to keep this family strong and vibrant.

This congregation has always held to the principle that if we want something done we will find the members vested enough to make something happen.

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## Member Anniversaries

March 1: Eva Freund & Elke Martin

March 5: Maxine Klane & Elaine Raksis

March 7: Batya Hyman & Belinda Cross

March 11: Margy Kohn & Myrna Chasanow

March 23: Stephanie Handel & Madeleine Remez

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I promise—this does not mean every person here has to join a committee! There are certainly tasks, short term tasks requiring little time, that can and need to be done, and are actually better when they are *not* taken on by a committee. That type of engagement does not require every member to become more involved. It does however require every member consider how they can become involved so that volunteering becomes a joyful offer from the heart, not an obligation to be suffered through.

Let me assure those of you whom I do not know that I have been on the Board before; I have been a Board Member at Large, I have been Vice President for Administration, I have been Vice President for Religious Affairs. I have co-chaired High Holy Days more times than I can count.

One year I was actually on the Board, co-chaired High Holy Days, chaired a committee and by the end of that year I thought, I seriously thought I needed to leave the congregation. Obviously I did not do that, but I have learned how to better protect my time and to volunteer to take on tasks in which I find joy. I am hoping that you will share my vision of shared responsibility; of our living in a chosen family in which we live and pray and strive towards a more joyful experience of G-d, who is beyond time and space.

I ask each of you for your prayers, your kindness, and your time and your commitment.

I ask each of you be reasonable in your expectations of what one Board can do in one year.

I ask that each of you join us on the year's journey facing us; facing this house, this family.

And I ask God's blessing upon us, as we embark on the road facing us.

May Adonai bless us and keep us.

May Adonai enlighten us, and be gracious unto us.

May Adonai inspire us and grant us peace. And let us say, Amen.

## It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year—Purim!

From [ritualwell.org](http://ritualwell.org), a brief definition of Purim:

“Celebrated every year a month before Passover, Purim commemorates the triumph of the Jews over Persian enemies who sought their destruction.”

“Purim is celebrated with feasting, drinking, and ribaldry. *Megillat Esther*—the biblical book of Esther—is read publicly. Listeners twirl noisemakers and stamp their feet every time they hear the name of the evil Haman in order to wipe out his memory. Children and many adults dress in costumes and masks, echoing the theme of the hidden and the revealed that is expressed in the Purim story—both through human actions (all the main characters are not what they seem, and Esther's name itself means “hiding”) and on the Divine level (God's name appears nowhere in this tale).”

Don't just read the definition, come join in the fun and frolic of Bet Mishpachah's Purim celebration, Saturday night, March 19, 7:00 pm in the Community Hall at the DCJCC. Rabbi Manewith and Alex Carter will lead us in our festivities. Come in costume and hear *The Megilla*, be prepared to make noise and drown out the evil name of Haman. Share some *hamantashen* and refreshments afterwards. But wait there is more . . .

What good is fun and frolic without a little masquerade and mischief? GLOE's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Masquerade and Mischief Purim Party will begin at 9:00 pm, just as the Bet Mishpachah Purim Celebration is ending. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased through the GLOE website: [washingtondcjjcc.org/gloe](http://washingtondcjjcc.org/gloe). The ticket price includes plenty of delicious food. Come in a costume and enjoy an **OPEN BAR** all night! Purim *schpiel*, DJ jame' foks, and an appearance by the DC Cowboys guaranteed.

## A Look Ahead

Mark your calendar for these events in April

Sunday, April 3, Trip to Philadelphia Jewish Museum

Wednesday, April 6, Rabbi Manewith's Class - Gender & Sexual Ethics

Sunday, April 10, Jews United For Justice Labor Seder

Sunday, April 10, GLOE Rainbow Seder

Wednesday, April 13, Rabbi Manewith's Class - Gender & Sexual Ethics

Saturday, April 16, PFLAG DC Gala

Monday, April 18, 1st Seder

## Mazel Tov!

To Robb Mapou and Mike Zufall, who were married on January 14, the 33rd anniversary of their meeting.

# March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Shabbat Services, 8:30 pm, DC JCC, Service Leader: Rabbi Manewith	<b>5</b> Mautner Dinner, Omni Shoreham Hotel
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Dining Out for Life, DC Area Restaurants	<b>11</b> Shabbat Services, 8:30 pm, DC JCC, Service Leaders: Jesse Rubenstein & Vinny Prell with <i>Zayn Adar</i> Guest Speaker	<b>12</b> Shabbat Morning Service, 10:00 am, DC JCC, Service Leader: Rabbi Manewith, <i>Parashat Vayikra</i>
<b>13</b> , Board Meeting, 11:00 am, DC JCC	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Ed Committee Meeting, 6:45 pm, Location TBA	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Shabbat Services - Jewish Music Celebration, 8:30 pm, DC JCC, Service Leader: <i>Tach'shitim</i>	<b>19</b> Erev Purim Service, 7:00 pm, DC JCC, Service Leaders: Rabbi Manewith & Alex Carter GLOE Purim Party, 9:00 pm, DC JCC
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Rabbi Manewith's Class - Gender & Sexual Ethics, 7:00 pm, DC JCC	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Shabbat Services, 8:30 pm, DC JCC, Service Leader: Rabbi Manewith	<b>26</b> Shabbat Morning Services, 10:00 am, DC JCC, Service Leaders: Sarajane Garten & Scott Reiter, <i>Parashat Shmini</i>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Class - Gender & Sexual Ethics, 7:00 pm, DC JCC	<b>31</b>		For the most up to date calendar information and community events, go to <a href="http://www.betmish.org/Calendar">www.betmish.org/Calendar</a>

## Spring Evening Class with Rabbi Manewith

Join us for a four-week class on "Sexual Ethics and Gender in Judaism".

Description: Much of what the traditional Jewish sources have to say about sexual ethics relates to heterosexual relationships (or forbidden heterosexual relationships, as the case may be).

Much of what is written about homosexuality is negative at best. This class will attempt to answer the following question: Is it possible to develop mores for same gender relationships from material written for mixed gender audiences? Additionally, we will look at contemporary reinterpretations of some of the texts that have been so hurtful to members of the GLBT community, asking if the modern readings satisfy our modern spiritual and theological sensibilities. Finally, we will spend some time looking at some of the original writing of the last 25 years, addressing sexual ethics in the GLBT community from a Jewish perspective.

We'll meet at the Washington DC JCC on March 23, March 30, April 6 and April 13, 7-8:30 pm.

## Northern Virginia *Chavura* Needs You!

In 2010, NOVA *Chavura* hosted a variety of events, including a pool party in Alexandria, a bagel brunch in McLean, and a fireplace chat in Vienna. In other years we have played miniature golf, watched Israeli movies, toured art exhibits, shared a catered dinner, learned about Jewish philosophy, and enjoyed a wine tasting event.

Sometimes we have six people attending, and sometimes we have in excess of 30 people. We never know. We do know that people enjoy getting together and meeting and talking with people they have seen only at services.

Some activities we would like to undertake in the coming year include casual kayaking, an afternoon at the pool, a film festival movie combined with lunch or dinner, and a picnic in the park.

In order to continue scheduling approximately one event in each calendar quarter, we need a special volunteer who enjoys talking on the phone. This person will be responsible for identifying people interested in hosting a *chavura* and for following up with them to identify two or three optional dates. This might take as much as two hours a month. The chair of the Northern Virginia *chavura* will be responsible for the actual scheduling, coordination, and walking the host (if a first time host) through the process.

If you are interested in being the special volunteer, contact [chavurot@betmish.org](mailto:chavurot@betmish.org).

And if you think only Virginia members can participate . . . you need to fact-check that.

## Community News? Let Us Know!

Did you get a promotion? Has a new niece or nephew arrived lately? Did you solve the entire Sunday *New York Times* crossword, in ink? Send any cause for a *mazel tov* to [news-editor@betmish.org](mailto:news-editor@betmish.org).

## Board *Shabbat* Observance

In contrast to past years, when individual board members have observed or not observed *Shabbat* individually, this year the Board as a whole will be observing *Shabbat* when it comes to congregational business. You are welcome to contact Board members at your convenience, but except for death notices, Board members will likely not reply until after *Shabbat* has concluded.

## This Month in Jewish History

The current Congress has forty Jewish members: 13 Senators and 27 members of the House of Representatives. The first Jewish person to serve in the US House of Representatives was Lewis Charles Levin. (His time in office was concurrent with the first term of the first Jewish Senator, David Levy Yulee.)

Levin was elected in 1844 and served three consecutive terms, from 1845 to 1851. During one of these terms, he served with Abraham Lincoln, during Lincoln's one term in Congress.

Levin was born and educated in South Carolina, but moved to Philadelphia when he was thirty years old to practice law. It was there that he would become one of the founders of the Native American Party, whose platform was anti-immigration and naturalization. The party later changed its name to the American Party, and it was under this banner that Levin was elected.

After failing to be elected for a fourth term, Levin returned to Philadelphia where he resumed practicing law. He died on March 14, 1860.

## Highlights From the Archives By Joel Wind, Archivist

Since this is our 36<sup>th</sup> year, I am going through the congregation's archives and pulling together some interesting events and activities in the life of Bet Mishpachah. This month's column is devoted to the years 1975 - 1979. I hope to have a similar column each month during 2011, with a recap in December. There were many other activities over the past 36 years; these are just a few highlights that show how far we have traveled.

Note: Given privacy concerns, last names weren't always used in the 1970s.

1975: The congregation was formed as the Metropolitan Community Temple (MCT)-Mishpocheh. The Steering Committee was chaired by Lyle. In **November**, a dance was held at Temple Sinai.

1976: In **June**, Ed Blacher was elected as President of the Steering Committee, and incorporation papers were filed with the District of Columbia. The *Chanuka Oneg* in **December** was a great success.

1977: In **April**, a pot-luck was held in Joel Martin's home. Aaron Exler was elected President in **June**. But that same month, Aaron resigned and Joel Martin was chosen to replace him. Rabbi Max Ticktin from the Hillel Foundation spoke at Shabbat Service on "Judaism and Homosexuality". In **July**, MCT began holding Shabbat services on first and third Friday nights. Esther Ticktin led a discussion on "Jewish Feminism" in **November**.

1978: The Purim party in **March** was successful. In **May**, MCT received notice from the First Congregational Church, where the congregation had been meeting, that the rent was going to be doubled. The congregation decided to find new quarters. MCT was declared tax-exempt by the IRS. In **June**, the congregation elected Michael Greenwald as President and the synagogue moved to Christ United Methodist Church (CUMC). The dues were raised to \$18 (from \$10) in **July**. In **September**, MCT began lesbian outreach and in **October**, Shabbat services were increased to weekly.

1979: In **January**, the first Friday of each month was designated as Women's Outreach. In **March**, the board decided to elect board members in June, but not have them take office until September. The congregation elected Jerry Friedman as President in **June**. In **August**, \$450 was sent to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations as a deposit for a Torah scroll from England. In **October**, the congregation's name was changed to Congregation Bet Mishpachah. The Family and Friends Shabbat in **November** was well attended.

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March 12: Thomas A. Sachs  
March 12: Charles S. Stewart  
March 14: Richard Gondelman  
March 21: Robert Niemic  
March 21: Sarah Schultz  
March 28: P. Michael Greenwald  
March 28: Batya Hyman  
March 28: Dov Kliger  
March 29: Jocelyn Bramble  
March 31: Mark David Agrast

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- ✧ Devra Floyd
- ✧ Barry I. Friedman, in memory of Morris and Ann Friedman; in memory of Sarah Friedman
- ✧ Jerald Goldberg
- ✧ Denise Leish & Suzanne Wandersman, in honor of Mindy Gasthalter's 50th birthday; in memory of Leon Cohen, father of Marlene Cohen

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- ✧ Alexandra G. Carter, in appreciation of Mindy Gasthalter; for the Board Installation *Oneg Shabbat*
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- ✧ Mindy Gasthalter, for the Board Installation *Oneg Shabbat*
- ✧ Barbara Goldberg and LySandra Brady, in honor of the incoming Board of Directors
- ✧ Jerald Goldberg, for the Board Installation *Oneg Shabbat*
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- ✧ Scott L. Reiter and David Vos, in honor of the incoming Board of Directors; for the Board Installation *Oneg Shabbat*

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## Member Yartzeits

### Announced on Friday, March 4

Esther Topkis Potts	Adar I 29	Aunt of Ruth Potts
Murray Eneman	Adar I 30	Grandfather of Jeffrey Berns
Ruth Seidman	March 6	Aunt of Gail Tannenbaum
Dorothy Noretsky	March 7	Mother of Martin Noretsky
Miriam Cohen Schwartz	March 7	Grandmother of Karl Schwartz
Tom Chase	March 7	Friend of Ruth Potts
Charles Most	March 8	Grandfather of Morris Umansky
Clara P. Manheim	March 8	Mother of Carol Manheim
Mary Capeloto	Adar II 2	Grandmother of Scott Mezistrano
Dora Rodbell Silber	March 9	Grandmother of Fran Sneider
Arnold Stern	March 10	Father of Milton Stern
Emilio Ruffini	March 10	Father-in-law of Barrett Brick
Abraham Most	March 10	Cousin of Morris Umansky
Joseph Gottesman	March 10	Grandfather of Andi Kasarsky

### Announced on Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12

Dora Reiter	March 12	Grandmother of Scott Reiter
Angela Carter	March 14	Aunt of Alex Carter
Martin Gross	March 15	Uncle of Mark
Beatrice Blank	March 16	Grandmother of Louis Blank
Beulah Shippen	March 16	Aunt of Theodore Xakellis
Donald Haines	March 16	Friend of Eryca Kasse
Lillian Pasichow	March 16	Grandmother of Heidi Pasichow

### Announced on Friday, March 18

Leon Smelo	March 18	Uncle of Betty
Ben Barlas	March 18	Uncle of Judy Barlas
Harriet Behrens	March 18	Cousin of Mindy Gasthalter
David Bodenstein	March 18	Member of Bet Mishpachah
Roy Strassman	March 19	Friend of Larry Neff
Jack David Neff	March 20	Father of Larry Neff
David Snaider	Adar II 15	Uncle of Warren Snaider
Norman Nusinov	March 21	Member of Bet Mishpachah
Jack Sherman	March 21	Grandfather of Joan Sherman
Meyer Jacobson	March 21	Grandfather of Andrew Abrams
Mohr Weber	March 21	Grandfather of Denise Leish
Augusta Verdin	March 22	Grandmother of Catherine Tarabochia
Gary R. Fuson	March 22	Partner of Karl Schwartz
Seymour Pasichow	March 22	Uncle of Heidi Pasichow
Blanche Baar Stern	March 24	Grandmother of Seymour Stern

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### Announced on Friday, March 25 and Saturday, March 26

Stan Schwartz	March 25	Friend of Larry Neff
Menachem Moriel	March 25	Father of Liora Moriel
B.A. Spencer	March 27	Father of Ted Spencer
Gustave Stern	March 28	Grandfather of Seymour Stern
Murray Dennis	March 28	Cousin of Morris Umansky
Seymour Schechter	March 28	Father of Roger Schechter
David Grossman	Adar II 22	Grandfather of Joseph Pomper
Abraham Singer	March 29	Grandfather of Michael Singer
Harry Selbin	March 29	Grandfather of Denise Leish
Joseph Rheingold	March 29	Grandfather of Mindy Gasthalter
Marie Martin	March 29	Grandmother of Elke Martin
Shelly Lomberg	Adar II 23	Niece of Allan Armus
Henrietta W. Goldberg	March 30	Mother of Jerald Goldberg
Zach Allen	March 31	Friend of Daniel Brenner
Jan Welch	March 31	Dear Friend of Maxine Klane
Samuel Spatz	Adar II 26	Grandfather of Carl Spatz

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Rabbi Toby Manewith

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Rabbi Toby Manewith

Friday, February 25:  
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