



SHIR HADASH

A MEMBER-LED RECONSTRUCTIONIST HAVURAH

# Newsletter

April 2010 / Nisan-Iyar 5770

## April Calendar

Date	Event
Apr 3	9:45 Shabbat Hol HaMoed (Lutheran Church)
9	6:30pm Potluck/Service with Rabbi Audrey (call for location)
10	No morning service
17	9:45, Shabbat Tazria-Mtzora (Lutheran Church)
24	9:30, Shabbat Acharei Mot-Kedoshim Breakfast study & service with Rabbi Audrey (Lutheran Church)

## Setup & Kiddush Schedule

Date	Setup/Cleanup	Kiddush
Apr 3	Hurwitz	Myrvaagnes (Friday night service)
10	No service	
17	Barrer/Huberman	Forman/Platt Allen/Remmer
24	Tabb/Feldstein	Riesman (breakfast)
May 1	Gordon/Krigman	Auslander (coord)
8	Lazarus	Rich/Sidner

## From the Rabbi

### Local Reconstructionist Events, April 17 and 18

Our havurah, along with several other Reconstructionist communities from our area, is co-sponsoring these wonderful events: a concert and one-day men's study retreat. I hope many Shir Hadash members will attend. See you at the concert!

#### A CONCERT FOR PEACE WITH RABBI SHAWN ZEVIT--APRIL 17 8PM TEMPLE BETH ZION, BROOKLINE

Temple Beth Zion, 1566 Beacon St. Brookline near Washington Square in Brookline, is presenting a benefit Concert for Peace with Rabbi Shawn Zevit of the Reconstructionist Federation on Saturday April 17 at 8PM. Rabbi Zevit will be the scholar in residence at Temple Beth Zion April 16-18 focusing on the theme: 'Jewish Men: Walking A Sacred Path.' The concert is co-sponsored by five local Reconstructionist synagogues: Ahavat Shalom, Agudas Achim, Dorshei Tzedek, Temple Hillel B'nai Torah, and Shir Hadash. Part of the concert proceeds will be donated equally to the Massachusetts Food Pantry and the American Jewish World Service in honor of their work to combat world hunger.

The concert will feature a mix of traditional and modern Jewish and international music and will include several musicians from the Beth Zion community accompanying Rabbi Zevit. Rabbi Zevit is an accomplished musician who has recorded several CDs including the award winning 'Generations: Music Across the Ages' with music of Kabbalat Shabbat and New Morning I Will Seek You: Awakening to the Beauty of the Day ([www.rabbizevit.com](http://www.rabbizevit.com))

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### Kabbalat Shabbat Service/Potluck Supper April 9 with Rabbi Audrey

Please join in to welcome Shabbat at Aaron and Ruth Seidman's, 359 Tappan Street, Brookline, April 9, 6:30pm. Candle-lighting and Kiddush will be followed by supper, and then Rabbi Audrey Marcus-Berkman will lead the service.

We will end the evening with dessert and more socializing.

Potluck assignments:

- A - J Main course
- K - R Side dishes, salads
- S - Z Dessert

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## Torah/Haftarah portions for the month 0

Apr 3	Hol HaMoed Pesach	Ex 33:12- 34:26; Num 28:19-25	Ezekiel	37:1- 14.
10	Shemini	Lev 9:1-11:47	2 Samuel	6:1- 7:17
17	Tazria- Metzora	Lev 12:1- 15:33	2 Kings	7:3- 20
24	Acharei Mot- Kedoshim	Lev 16:1- 20:27	Amos	9:7- 15



Teacher and class

## Local Reconstructionist Events (Continued from page 3)

Tickets are: \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, and \$10 for children under twelve. Advance reservations are requested by calling the Temple Beth Zion office at 617-566-8171x14.

### **MEN'S STUDY RETREAT WITH RABBI SHAWN ZEVI ON SUNDAY APRIL 18 AT 10:00am ON 'JEWISH MEN: WALKING A SACRED PATH'**

Temple Beth Zion of Brookline, 1566 Beacon St. near Washington Square in Brookline, is hosting a weekend shabbaton April 16-18 with Rabbi Shawn Zevit, Director of Outreach for the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation on the theme: 'Jewish Men: Walking A Sacred Path.' On Sunday the 18th from 10:00 --3:00 there will be a men's study retreat on this theme using text from Rabbi Zevit's and Professor Harry Brod's new book: 'Brother Keepers: New Essays on Jewish Masculinity.'

Rabbi Zevit has served for several years as the spiritual advisor for the annual Jewish Men's Retreat at Elat Chayim and has consulted widely with congregations and community groups on issues of spirituality, leadership and personal and organizational growth. The study retreat will bring together for the first time several men's study and support groups from many area congregations: it is hoped that this might facilitate ongoing contacts and joint programs in the future.

A light brunch will be served at 10:00 and the program will begin promptly at 10:30. It is suggested that you bring your own lunch; beverages and refreshments will be provided throughout the day. The fee for the program is \$35 in advance/ \$42 at the door. Reservations can be made by calling the Temple Beth Zion office at 617 566-8171 x14. We look forward to your participation at this groundbreaking program.

For more information on Rabbi

Shawn Zevit, see [www.rabbizevit.com](http://www.rabbizevit.com)

## HEBREW READING CLASS

Four members of the Havurah are learning to read Hebrew under the guidance of Aaron Seidman. The class meets in students' homes once a week and will continue for four weeks. In addition to practice in reading, the sessions have included discussions of Ashkenazic vs. Sephardic pronunciation and how Torah readers cope with the absence of vowels in the Scroll.

The students vary in their prior exposure to Hebrew. All of them find that the camaraderie of the class helps motivate them to practice. After 2 sessions, they are pleased about mastering a new alphabet as adults, and already feel more comfortable with the prayerbook.