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Calah Congregation



November/December 2008 ≈ Chesvan/Kislev/Tevet 5769

Services Held at Owen Brown Interfaith Center, 7246 Cradlerock Way, Columbia

November 7, 7:30 p.m. Friday night Shabbat service.

November 21, 7:30 p.m. Friday night Shabbat service. Book Shabbat (see page 4) and November birthdays and anniversaries celebrated. Bring cake if you are celebrating a simchah.

December 5, 7:30 p.m. Friday night Shabbat service. December birthdays and anniversaries celebrated. Bring cake if you are celebrating a simchah.

December 19, 7:30 p.m. Chanukah Shabbat service at 7:30. Followed by latkes and gifts. Bring your menorahs.



The first night of Chanukah is December 21st



Shabbat Candle Lighting Times for November and December in Columbia, MD



Nov 7 – 4:42 pm	Nov 14 – 4:35 pm	Nov 21 – 4:31pm	Nov 28 – 4:28 pm
Dec 5 – 4:26 pm	Dec 12 – 4:27 pm	Dec 19– 4:29 pm	Dec 26 - 4:33 pm



*Calah services will not be held when Howard County Schools are closed due to inclement weather.
Check local stations for updates, or visit www.calahcongregation.com*

A Note of Thanks from the President



Now that the High Holidays are over, I am sitting here thinking of how fortunate we are to have wonderful volunteers. Calah is made up of so many hardworking and caring members. I want to thank Bob Sacks and Mike Markowitz for the excellent and meaningful Yom Tov services. And thanks to Berniece Kumin and the Choir, to Bart Kershbaum for assisting Bob with the Torah readings, and to Alex Estrin for his talk on Kol Nidre night. Thanks also to Sara Markowitz for her hard work in making the new white table coverings, to Robert Markowitz and Jonathan Lazar for the Children’s Services, again to Sara Markowitz and Marilyn Singer for coordinating the Break-The-Fast dinner, and to my fellow Board members for all their hard work to put together our holiday services. And thanks to everyone who took part in the services. Thank you all!

--Rich

We welcome new members to Calah Congregation. Welcome to the Myers family, the James family, and the Roby-Lynn family.

The congregation sends caring thoughts and prayers of healing to all our members who are ill, including Helen Alpert, Rebbetzin Berniece Kumin, Rabbi Herbert Kumin, Andrea Paskin, Rachel and David McCracken and Kathy Jaller



To Everything There Is a Season

Need to send a card to someone to convey sympathy, a get well message or share the joy of a Simchah? Why not purchase a packet of 6 “caring cards” from Calah Congregation? You can see a sample of the cards at services and arrange to purchase them from Lynn Green. Give Lynn a call at 410-792-8029 and she will arrange to get you the cards.



Remember the Tzedakah Box

Calah’s *tzedakah* recipients once again are Camp Sunshine, a camp in Maine for critically ill children and their families, and Magen David Adom, the Israeli emergency medical service. Remember to add your donations when you attend a service. The tzedakah box can be found on the Oneg Shabbat table.

Chanukah and Humor by Rabbi Herbert Kumin

Chanukah is called “the Festival of Freedom” for it memorialized the victorious rebellion of the Jews under the leadership of the Maccabees against Greek and Syrian despots. The story is recounted in the Apocrypha; Maccabees I and II. The revolt began in 168 B.C.E. The Jews rededicated the Temple. Judah Maccabee, son of Mattathias was the military hero who led the revolt. Judah and his brothers assigned eight days of Chanukah celebration to the Lord after their army recaptured the Temple.



I remember a young man who made us all laugh. He said, “A Reform Rabbi loved sports. One Saturday, after morning prayers, he put on his sunglasses and drove to his favorite golf course miles away from his Temple. He then prayed to the Lord to forgive him for playing golf on the Sabbath. The Lord said, “I’ll fix him.” And just as the Rabbi hit the ball, the Lord let out a swoosh. The Lord’s wind caught the Rabbi’s ball, lifted it hundreds of yards. It swerved between two trees and bounced into the cup. Moses happened to see this and spoke to God. “Dear God, a hole in one! God, what kind of punishment is that?” And God said to Moses, “Tell me Moses, who can he tell?” ☺

One of my best stories that I must tell goes as following:

Mrs. Cohen dialed her daughter. “Hello Darling. How are you?”

“Terrible Momma. My back is killing me. The children are going crazy. The house is a mess,” the daughter said. “Stop Darling, I’m coming right over. I’ll feed the children and then clean the house,” the mother said. “Oh Momma, you’re an angel! How’s Papa? Driving you crazy?”

There was a pause and the mother said, “Your Papa died nine years ago. What number is this?”

The daughter said “730-2212”. And the mother said “Oy, I dialed the wrong number! I meant to dial 730-2213”. “Wait please”, the younger voice wailed. “Does this mean you’re not coming over???” ☺

Happy Holidays, everyone.

~ *Rabbi Kumin*

Kosher Recipe from Berniece Kumin

The Ultimate Tayglach

9 eggs	4 Cups corn syrup (Lyle’s Golden syrup preferred)
3 tablespoons oil	8 Cups sugar
3 ½ Cups flour	5 Cups water
4 teaspoons ground ginger	

Use 5 whole eggs plus 4 more egg yolks. Beat lightly and add oil and then enough flour to form a soft, but pliable dough. Form into small balls and place on baking sheets. Put in a 250 degree oven for 5 minutes.

Boil the rest of the ingredients in a large pot. Drop in tayglach and boil quickly for 10 minutes with a lid on the pot.

Decrease heat low and boil 45 minutes with the lid partly on. Stir every 5 minutes. Turn off heat and add 1 ½ cups of boiling water. Take out the tayglach and place on cookie racks to dry.

Schedule of Future Calah Friday Night Services at Owen Brown Interfaith Center

January 9	April 17
January 23	May 1
February 6 (Tu B'shvat)	May 15
February 20	June 12
March 6	June 26
March 20	July 17
April 3	August 14

Sunday School Schedule for 2008–2009 School Year

November 9 and 23	February 8 and 22
December 7 and 21	March 8 and 22
January 11 and 25	April 5 and 19
	May 3 and 17

Our Sunday School teachers this year are Michael Markowitz (Principal),
Debra Eyring, Robert Markowitz, Nora Goldstein, and Rocky Baker



Calah's New Adult Education Begins in November!!!

The first in Calah Congregation's new Adult Education Series begins on **November 12** at 7:30 at Bob Sacks's Office, 7125 Thomas Edison Drive, Suite 105, Columbia Gateway Office Park. The focus of the first session is "Torah, Old Testament, and the Hebrew Bible". The second session will be held on **December 10**. The topic has not been set but may be based on the recorded lecture "From Israelite to Jew".

Our new monthly series will offer a variety speakers, field trips, lectures, and discussions, and of course refreshments will be served. Reserve your place by e-mailing Liz Lean by *November 9* at lizlean@hotmail.com

Did you know...

Did you know that there are thirty-nine books in the Hebrew Bible? We all know the Torah includes the 5 Books of Moses. But in addition that that, the Prophets or Nevi'im has 21 books and the Holy Writings or Ketuvim includes 13 books. The three parts of the Bible is sometimes called the **Tanach** (for **T**orah, **N**evi'im, and **K**etuvim). Can you name any of the books that make up The Prophets or the Holy Writings??? Check out the Word Search puzzle on page 7!



Mark Your Calendar for the Book Swap

Calah Congregation will celebrate Jewish Book Month with a special **Book Shabbat** on **November 21**. Our format this year will be a Jewish-themed book swap. Bring all your books with Jewish themes--fiction and nonfiction--that you're willing to loan or give away to another Calah member. We'll have separate tables for loans and giveaways, along with a way to track the loans. We'll even have a children's table. Don't miss it!

If you have a question about the Book Shabbat, contact Liz Lean at lizlean@hotmail.com.

Congregational News

Eileen in Concert

Our own Eileen Bernstein will be singing, playing her guitar and keyboard on Friday, **Nov 7th from 8-9:30pm** at Historic Oakland Mansion in Columbia's Town Center, 5430 Vantage Point Road, Columbia, MD 21044; 410-730-4744. It is a FREE concert.

Another Bernstein Musician!

Matthew Bernstein was accepted into the Jazz Band at Oakland Mills Middle School and has been appointed 1st trumpet. Great going Matthew!

Please send your news to **Kira at openflower@verizon.net!!**



Entertainment 2009 Books Are Available

Chanukah is getting close. Once again, Calah is selling the 2009 Entertainment Books. The price is \$25 for either a Baltimore or Washington Book. They make super gifts. Calah makes \$5 per book (if we sell 10 or more) or \$2.50 (if we sell less than 10) which can be used as a donation. To order a book, call **Lynn Green, 410 792-8029**. She will bring them to services for you.

Community Events in November and December

In December **Cultural Connections**, an active senior adult program sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Howard County, will have their annual Chanukah party, a brunch and traditional music, on **December 9th**.

Then on **December 23rd**, Bob Clark will entertainer with music and song from Broadway show tunes to country music. Cultural Connections meets twice a month on second and fourth Tuesdays from 10:30 to noon at the **Bain Center**.

Lunch'n Learn program sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Howard County, **Nov 19th**, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Federation Community Room. Our program will feature Harvey Schwartz, a volunteer guide at Ft. McHenry National Park. Harvey will delight us with a historic presentation about Jews at Ft. McHenry. Bring a bagged lunch, coffee and dessert will be provided.

On **December 24**, the Lunch 'n' Learn program will feature Mark Carp, a local author, who will talk about his book "Abraham The Last Jew". For more information, please contact: Sophie Novinsky at the Jewish Federation of Howard County 410-730-4976 x 103



Columbia Chanukah Festival

The annual Chanukah Festival sponsored by the villages of Columbia will be held on Sunday **December 14th** from 2:30pm - 4:00pm, at The Hawthorn Center, 6175 Sunny Spring. Crafts, entertainment, and refreshments will be provided. This is a FREE event. Please call 410-730-7327 to reserve your place.

Next Board Meeting

The next Calah board meeting will be held Sunday, November 16th at 7 p.m. at Bob Sacks's office, 7125 Thomas Edison Drive, Suite 105, in the Columbia Gateway Office Park. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.



Happy Birthday!
Happy Anniversary!

Calah Congregation members who are celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries in November and December are:

November Birthdays

Nicole Alpert
Rocky Baker
Joel Bernstein
Beth Bounds
Gillian Brazinski
George Fidel
Mark Freedman
Daniel Jaller
Joel James
Dean Lamiano
Libby Kumin Lazar
Eric Paskin (Silverman)
Charles Rishell
Jacqueline Robertson
James Robertson
Victoria Robertson
Ellen Sosinski
Bill Wallace
Jeffrey Weisfeld

November Anniversaries

Richard and Eileen Bernstein
Ron and Marilyn Singer

December Birthdays

Louis Green
Lynn Green
Neal Green
John Jones
Kim Kershbaum
Robert Markowitz
Ben McCracken
Irina Myers
Robert Sacks
Marilyn Singer
Jenn Sosinski

December Anniversaries

Bill and Susan Fidel
Allen and Anne Markson
Robert and Andrea Sacks
Peter and Kate Silverberg

Join us at the **November 21st** service as we celebrate November birthdays and anniversaries and **December 5th** for December birthdays and anniversaries!
If we inadvertently missed yours, please e-mail Kira at openflower@verizon.net



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