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# Calah Congregation



May/June 2009 ~ Iyar/Sivan/Tamuz 5769

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

May 1, 7:30 p.m. Friday night Shabbat service.

Lag B'Omer is May 12<sup>th</sup>

May 15, 7:30 p.m. Friday night Shabbat service. Birthdays and anniversaries celebrated.  
Bring cake if you are celebrating a simchah.

Shavout begins Thursday night May 28 – Light candles at 8:06 p.m.

June 12, 7:30 p.m. Friday night Shabbat service. Birthdays and anniversaries celebrated.  
Bring cake if you are celebrating a simchah.

June 26, 7:30 p.m. Friday night Shabbat service.



Shabbat Candle Lighting Times for May and June in Columbia, MD



May 1 – 7:42	May 8 – 7:48	May 15 – 7:55	May 22 – 8:01	May 29 – 8:07
June 5 – 8:12	June 12 – 8:16	June 19 – 8:18	June 26 – 8:20	

## Congregation-Wide Pizza Party at CiCi's Pizza

You're Invited!!!

**Sunday, May 17, 12:30 p.m.**

All-You-Can-Eat Pizza, Pasta, Salad, and Dessert

6473 Baltimore National Pike, Catonsville (Shopping Center with Office Depot)

Free for All Calah Members!

Free for All Sunday School Families!

Free Game Tokens for Children!

Come Socialize, Play, Celebrate Spring, and Enjoy All the Delicious Food You Can Eat

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## **Pastoral Thoughts by Rabbi Herbert Kumin Working Together Makes a Better World!**

In Genesis, we read “And God saw everything that he had made and behold it was very good.” Very Good – but not perfect. That is why each of us is in the world – to partner with God to make the world better. We are each meant to be a “partner to the Holy One” in the work of creation. God cannot build a happy home unless we work with Him by bringing into the Home a spirit of joy, respect, and celebration. God heals the sick but not without the surgeon’s hands, the doctor’s medicine, the nurse’s vigilance and the encouragement of loved ones and friends. God brings forth bread from the earth with the help of the farmer who plants the seed and harvests the crop. God helps the poor with the charity we give, cheers the lonely with the visits we make, and enhances our lives with the mitzvot we perform. That is the reason that you and I are here on this earth. God needs us, each of us. We are joined with Him in a great partnership to make the world a better place. This is the meaning of Tikkun Olam.

Shavuot celebrates not only the Giving of the Torah, but also the receiving and acceptance of the Torah, which must be reaffirmed by every generation.

*~ Rabbi Kumin*

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, Doug Silverman, Anne  
Markson, Wayne Zimmerman and Phyllis Ferris (mother of Ronnie Urbont).



## **Congregational News**

Congratulations to **Abigail Brazinski** who became a Bat Mitzvah in March, to **Eric Kressin** and **Scott Zimmerman** who became a Bar Mitzvah in April, and to **Carrie Bounds** who becomes a Bat Mitzvah in May.

### **Attention Parents!**

If your son or daughter is 11 years old, it is time for you to contact Cantor Markowitz about Bar/Bat Mitzvah. There is information that you need to have and it is time to begin preliminary preparations.

## **Calah MEMBERSHIPS**

Have you sent in your membership dues to Calah yet? Every family is important to us and we hope all of our members will renew their memberships and we welcome any new members who wish to join Calah. You can still receive the 10% discount **if you pay by June 30<sup>th</sup>**.

## **Two Kosher Recipes from Berniece Kumin for Shavout**

It is tradition that on Shavout we eat dairy foods, so Berniece has provided us with 2 wonderful recipes to enjoy at this time of year. Shavout begins on the evening of May 28<sup>th</sup> and continues until sundown on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Chilled Cucumber Soup**

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2 cucumbers or 1 long English cucumber peeled and cut in chunks  
2 cups buttermilk (regular or low fat)  
1 cup plain yogurt (low fat)  
Dill (fresh or dried dill weed)  
Salt and Pepper to taste  
Parsley (optional)

Whisk buttermilk and yogurt together. Add dill, salt and pepper. Grate cucumber chunks (or use chopper, food processor or blender). I chop until liquid. Add pureed cucumber to the buttermilk and yogurt mixture. Stir together. Chill in refrigerator. Serve cold. You may top with a sprig of parsley or dill.

### **Easy Shavout Blintzes (definitely worth trying!!!)**

12 slices of white bread	Sugar to taste
1 lb pot cheese (or farmer cheese)	Dash of cinnamon
3 large eggs	½ cup milk
	Butter for frying

Take crusts off bread and flatten slices with a rolling pin. Press the cheese through a strainer to smooth out any lumps. Beat one egg and combine with cheese. Add sugar and cinnamon and mix.

#### Version 1 – Fried

Place one tablespoon of cheese filling off-center on each slice of bread. Fold each flattened slice of bread over the filling to form triangles. Pinch the sides together so that each slice stays closed. Beat the remaining eggs well with the milk. Dip each triangle into the egg mixture. Fry in butter in a skillet.

#### Version 2 – Baked

Place some cheese filling in a strip along one side of bread slice. Roll up like a jelly roll. Dip into the egg and milk mixture. Arrange rolls seam-side down in a well buttered pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 -15 minutes.

Serve with sour cream and cinnamon and sugar.



## 2009 Summer Schedule of Calah Friday Night Services at Owen Brown Interfaith Center

July 17 and August 14

### Remaining Sunday School Dates for 2008–2009 School Year

May 3 and 17

**Shavout** is May 28-30. Learn about Shavout on the web at <http://www.holidays.net/shavuot/> or at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shavuot>

### Calah's Adult Education Continues in May!!!

Calah Congregation's Adult Education Series continues on **May 13** at **7:30** at Bob Sacks's Office, 7125 Thomas Edison Drive, Suite 105, Columbia Gateway Office Park. The May lecture is entitled "Messianism". The June lecture will likely be on **June 10** and the topic that evening will be "The Coming World". Sessions are Free and as always, there will be lots of refreshments. For more information, contact Liz at [lizlean@hotmail.com](mailto:lizlean@hotmail.com) or Bob at 410-300-9912 or 410-884-3309 or 410-992-8137.

### Thank You Calah Seder Volunteers

Thanks go out to all who helped out at this years successful Calah Congregation Passover Seder at Kings Contrivance restaurant. **Bob Sacks, Cantors Mike Markowitz, and Berniece Kumin** officiated, and all had an interesting time reading the Haggadah, singing the songs and with poignant commentary in the Calah tradition before part taking in a very nice KC Passover dinner. We also thank **Claire and Jordan Alpert** for the Calah Matzo ball soup, Gefilte fish from **Bob Sacks** who also brought the Matzoh, and to Calah Congregation for donating the wine. Calah Congregation thanks all who attended for participating in this lovely event and those who volunteered their time to make it possible. Oh and congratulations to **Isis Lesko** for finding the Afikomen. We couldn't have concluded the Seder without you!

### 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.

## Community Events in May and June

**A Jewish Perspective on God and Intimacy – Woman to Woman**, a group for Jewish women in Howard County, brings guest speaker Rivkah Slonin to provide a thought provoking presentation on marital intimacy and its place in Jewish law and lore. Join us on **May 20<sup>th</sup>** at **7:00** at Howard Community College's Horowitz Center. This event is open to the public. Suggested donation of \$10 is requested. For more information, please contact Chanie Baron at 410-530-6229 or e-mail [hcwomantowoman@gmail.com](mailto:hcwomantowoman@gmail.com)

**Cultural Connections**, an active senior adult program sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Howard County, meets on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month** at **10:30** am usually at the Bain Center. The **May 17<sup>th</sup>** program is a trip to the Library of Congress. Check the Federation website for more information about the May and June programs.

<http://www.jewishhowardcounty.org/>

**Lunch 'N Learn**, also sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Howard County, meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from **11:30 am to 1:00 pm.** at the Jewish Federation Community Room. The May 20<sup>th</sup> program features Dr. Ann Morrison, Johns Hopkins Medicine, who will speak about the latest research in behavioral problems associated with Alzheimer's disease.

**Visionary Event!** On **June 2<sup>nd</sup>**, the Jewish Federation of Howard County is honoring Jewish Visionaries in Howard County including our own **Bob Sacks**. This event will be held in the Horowitz Visual and Performing Arts Center at Howard Community College. See the flier in this newsletter or visit <http://www.jewishhowardcounty.org/>

This coupon worth **10% off** your purchases at Great Harvest

Calah Congregation thanks Great Harvest for donating a most delicious Challah for our 'Ha Motzee' portion of our Sabbath services. Please patronize them!



## Next Board Meeting

The next Calah board meeting will be held Sunday, **May 17th, at 7:30 p.m.** at Bob Sack's office, 7125 Thomas Edison Drive, Suite 105, 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 May and June are:

### May Birthdays

Jordan Alpert  
Michael Baker  
Rebecca Bers  
Michael Brazinski  
Anna Jaller  
Bobbi James  
Sara Markowitz  
Anne Markson  
Rachel McCracken  
Sarah McCracken  
Rita Morris  
Madelin Weisfeld

### May Anniversaries

Jordan and Claire Alpert  
Richard and Karen Armon  
Alex and Judith Estrin  
David and Rachel McCracken

### June Birthdays

Carrie Bounds  
Eileen Bemstein  
Harris Chaiklin  
Jerome Fleg  
Rosemarie Fleg  
Jonathan Freedman  
Ulrike Jaller  
Sarah Lamiano  
Byron Marcus  
Leah Weisfeld

### June Anniversaries

Larry and Diane Adler  
David and Kimberly Caplan  
Harris and Sharon Chaiklin  
Debra and John (Russ) Eyring  
Herbert and Berniece Kumin  
Tom and Kira Lis  
Katherine Lynn and Peter Lesko  
Michael and Sara Markowitz

Join us at the **May 15** service as we celebrate May birthdays and anniversaries and

**June 12** for June birthdays!

If we inadvertently missed yours, please e-mail Kira at [openflower@verizon.net](mailto:openflower@verizon.net)

You are cordially invited to  
**The Visionary Event**  
**A Gala Concert & Culinary Evening**  
*A Grand Celebration Honoring Community Visionaries*

**VISIONARY HONOREES**  
**Harry Adler, Jacques Fein, Neil Gordon,**  
**David & Ruth Naftaly, Richard Talkin,**  
**Bruce & Irving Taylor**

**SYNAGOGUE HONOREES**  
**Michael Becker, David Cohen, Chaya Kaplan,**  
**Morris Levine, Gary Perolman,**  
**Rachael Shapiro Demb,**  
**Robert Sacks, Rabbi Martin Siegel**

*Please join us for Mediterranean fare & wine,*  
*musical performance & luxury auction*  
*Dietary Laws observed*

**Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Horowitz Visual and Performing Arts Center at HCC**

*With a special musical performance by*  
**Daniel Heifetz, violinist and Amit Peled, cellist**

TICKETS ARE LIMITED - PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 25<sup>th</sup>

Proceeds to benefit our Jewish families in need and scholarships for our youth

- VISIONARY \$5000 Four reserved VIP tickets, full page ad & listing in program & included in publicity
- PATRON \$2500 Four reserved VIP tickets, half page ad & listing in program & included in publicity
- LEADER \$1000 Two reserved VIP tickets, half page ad & listing in the program & publicity
- BENEFACTOR \$540 Two reserved VIP tickets, quarter page ad & listing in program
- SUPPORTER \$360 One reserved VIP ticket, quarter page ad & listing in program
- FRIEND \$180 One reserved ticket & program listing
- \$90 One general seating ticket
- I cannot attend but would like to support this worthy endeavor

**Tribute Book COPY IS DUE BY MAY 20<sup>th</sup>**

- \$360 full page  \$180 half page  \$90 quarter page  \$18 one line Message & sender

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