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# The Current

“The VOICE over many waters ...” Psalm 29

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## From Inside to Out

While on vacation this summer I saw the animated movie *Inside Out*. I loved the way it depicted the roller coaster of processing emotions. Seeing it with our two teenagers made it even more poignant as we constantly traverse the terrain of their adolescent moods.

As I write this column I am preparing for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. I am struck by how much the High Holidays focus on our internal emotions. We contemplate how we can improve our lives. We review our past relationships and work to continually develop and change ourselves for the better.

Four days after Yom Kippur our mood swings. We begin to celebrate the holiday of Sukkot. We shift to the external – both figuratively and literally. The customs of building a Sukkah, eating meals and even sleeping in it, are the antithesis of the aura of Yom Kippur. We release ourselves from the intense work of self-scrutiny and venture outside to embrace the natural world. Distinctly different from Yom Kippur, Sukkot is referred to (in the festival prayer over the wine) as zman simchateinu, “season of our happiness.” It is a happy holiday.

On Yom Kippur we fast. On Sukkot we feast. On Yom Kippur we stay within the synagogue. On Sukkot we are commanded go beyond the walls of our shul. We go from paying attention to the intricacies of our feelings to noticing the fragility of our planet and connecting to the wider world. Sukkot arrives as a breath of fresh air. It is like the uplift one feels after a challenging workout.

Yom Kippur depicts an aspect of Judaism that is heavy and serious. If one never celebrates Sukkot it is as if one thinks Judaism is all work with no play. We are incomplete if we do not experience the emotions associated with each of these holidays. Rather than a rollercoaster, we are invited to reap the reward of the journey inside by venturing out with eyes of delight after accomplishment.

Please join me outside in our family Sukkah on Sunday, October 4 from 2 – 4 pm. All are welcome! Wishing everyone a joyous Sukkot.

Chag Sameach – Happy Holiday! *Rabbi Sharon Stiefel*



## Ritual and Program Schedule



*All events are held at 4401 York Avenue South  
in Minneapolis (Friends Meeting House)  
unless otherwise specified.*

*The festive holiday of Sukkot begins the evening of Sunday September 27  
and ends after sundown on Sunday October 4. Mayim Rabim will not hold  
services, but please join us for the Sukkah Open House.*

### **Sunday October 4, 2:00 to 4:00 PM Sukkot Celebration**

Open House in St. Paul at the sukkah of Rabbi Sharon Stiefel, Davida Alperin, Michael, and Emi. There will be refreshments and activities and games for children. This event will take place rain or shine.  
(For address, telephone 612-247-5490 or email [office@mayimrabim.org](mailto:office@mayimrabim.org).)

### **Monday evening, October 5**

**Simchat Torah** celebration with Adath Jeshurun Congregation  
**Where:** Adath Jeshurun, 10500 Hillside Lane W, Minnetonka, 55305.  
**When:** 5:45 PM Maariv; 6:00 PM Dinner and Festivities for All Ages!  
Hoagies and Hakafot! Torah Parades and Dancing with the Torah

### **Friday October 9, 6:15 – 7:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

Services led by Rabbi Stiefel and congregants. A dairy vegetarian potluck Shabbat dinner follows services.



## *Ritual and Program Schedule*



### **Saturday October 24, 9:30 AM – Noon Shabbat Morning Service**

Led by Rabbi Stiefel and congregants. Torah Portion: Lech-Lechah  
"Go forth." A dairy vegetarian potluck lunch follows services.  
Childcare is provided.

### **Sunday, October 25, 4:00 – 5:30 PM**

**What:** The Mayim Rabim Book Club

**Where:** home of Elaine Frankowski [telephone 612-247-5490 or email  
[elaine.frankowski@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.frankowski@gmail.com) for address]

**What Book:** **The Golem of Hollywood** by Jonathan and Jesse Kellerman.

*...and coming in November*

### **Friday November 6, 6:15 – 7:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

Services led by Rabbi Stiefel and congregants. A dairy vegetarian potluck  
Shabbat dinner follows services

### **Evening of November 14**

Mayim Rabim's fall FUNdraiser –  
Our second annual Talent Show and Silent Auction

### **Saturday November 21, 9:30 AM – Noon Shabbat Morning Service**

Led by Rabbi Stiefel and congregants.  
Torah Portion: Vayetze "And he went out."  
A dairy vegetarian potluck lunch follows services.  
Childcare is provided



## Mayim Rabim Community Notes



*We gratefully acknowledge these donations to the General Fund —*

- Ilana & Michael Favero - Mazel tov to Ted and Debby Jewett on the wedding of their son David to Sara Libenson
- Barbara Glaser
- Helfand Woodstrom family - congratulations to Deborah Tabert on her special birthday
- Karen Westorff - in honor of Sydne Westorff's new position as a 5th grade teacher

*and these High Holiday donors —*

- Carolyn Belle and Sandra Levine • Marian Broida and Ruth Einstein
- Linda Crawford and Jo Devlin • Elaine Frankowski
- Ina and Larry Gravitz • Gloria and Arthur Leon • Barbara Sarapas

*and dedications of Kol Ha'Noar Children's Prayer Books by —*

- Rabbi Jeffrey and Deborah Schein • Barbara Sarapas

*We express heartfelt wishes —*

- Mazel Tov to Sydne Westorff on her successful career change. She recently accepted a position teaching at Adams Elementary School in Coon Rapids.
- Thanks to David Liss for his fine work with the graphics for the congregational directory and updated brochure.
- The enthusiastic thanks we wish to express for the catered Rosh Hashanah luncheon will appear in the November newsletter along with the other holiday acknowledgments.

*...and we are thanked*

*by our just retiring and sorely missed custodian:*

Good Morning,  
 It was quite the send off on Saturday, a great way to cap my Mayim Rabim career. I am very proud of having been associated with this community - a word so accurately defined: "a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals". My thanks to all of you for the kind words and gifts. I am so glad I was curious enough to answer that ad pinned to the bulletin board at Linden Hills Co-op those umpteen years ago. *Randy Tabum*

If you would like to make a contribution, send it to Mayim Rabim Congregation, 2751 Hennepin Ave S, Suite 236, Minneapolis, MN 55408. You may also donate online through PayPal on our website: [www.mayimrabim.org](http://www.mayimrabim.org)



## MAYIM RABIM BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Mayim Rabim's Board of Directors met on September 2, 2015.

The Board invited committee chairs to the meeting to facilitate communication and help the board understand the needs of the various committees. Committee chairs reviewed their recent activities, plans and goals for the upcoming year. They also discussed any assistance they might need from the Board or the Mayim Rabim community. Additional updates were given by the Administrator, Dana Fox, and by Rabbi Stiefel (in writing).

### Highlights of Committee reports:

- We are still looking for a paid custodian.
- The Ritual Committee has been focusing on the High Holidays and its sub-committee on Shabbat practices. The Shabbat Committee will come to the Board soon for its input and for a discussion on moving forward with the fuller membership.
- Adult Ed has been involved in plans for the music and meditation event, among others.
- Tikkun Olam will be in touch with JCA regarding the Income Inequality initiative.
- Membership held a successful prospective member meeting, with 3 families attending—several more are interested. Isaac and Rabbi Stiefel have been meeting with prospective members one-on-one.
- 21 people attended the rabbi's "Preparing for the High Holidays" study session!
- Finance Committee got Board approval to move some of the checking account funds into an interest-bearing savings account.
- The Fall Fundraiser, to be held on Saturday, November 14, will feature a silent auction (donations from members) and a talent show.
- We discussed committee communication with the Board. The Committee Chairs agreed to report quarterly or as needed, using a written report format or in person.

**High Holidays** – The Board reviewed plans for the High Holidays, including speakers, opening/closing, greeters and security. If there are not at least 4 volunteers for the Yom Kippur breaking the fast by one week ahead, 9/15, we will cancel the event.

**New Members** - Two new member households were recommended and approved for membership: Rabbi Jeffrey & Deborah Schein, and Jo Devlin & Linda Crawford.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wed., Oct. 7 at 6 (5:30 food) at Gershenson's. The meeting is open to all members.



## Second Annual Talent Show and Fundraiser



## Silent Auction

On Saturday night, November 14, we will all make merry at our second annual Talent Show. Before the show and during intermission there will be a silent auction made up of items donated by our congregants.

We need your donations — things not your taste but too good for Goodwill, or some time or a talent you have that others need. How about that gift from Aunt Sarah that just wasn't for you? Perhaps a free hour or session of a service: —a service you usually sell or a talent that you are willing to share (massage, math lessons, Hebrew, baking, cleaning, etc.)? Do you own a vacation home? A weekend away is a hot item at these auctions. **Use your imagination!!**

These donations are tax deductible and will help our fundraising event succeed. Please reply to [office@mayimrabim.org](mailto:office@mayimrabim.org) or call 612-247-5490 with details, if you are able to donate an item, gift card, or service for the silent auction.

*New Members!*



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**Jeff and Deb Schein** recently moved to Minneapolis from Cleveland, Ohio to be closer to their oldest son and his family. They have two other grown children: a son and daughter-in-law in Washington, D.C. and a daughter in Chicago. Deb grew up in Los Angeles and Jeff in Pittsburgh. Both were raised as Reform Jews. In 1971, Jeff entered rabbinical school at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. He graduated with a rabbinical degree and a doctorate in education. Deb, an early childhood educator, director, and college instructor recently completed her doctorate in early childhood education with a focus on spiritual development and wonderment. Both Deb and Jeff are delighted to become members of Mayim Rabim. They have also joined Beth El Synagogue, the long-time Jewish home of their daughter-in-law and now their son and grandchildren as well.

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*New Members!*



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**Linda Crawford and Jo Devlin** are happy to begin their participation at Mayim Rabim.

Jo writes: This year, I embarked on my 80th decade; I am still surprised to be this old! I retired a year ago after a stimulating and challenging work life that included teaching elementary school, operating a gallery of North American tribal art for 15 years, and working with Linda Crawford in a non-profit venture aimed at bringing excellence and equity to American public education (there is still much, much work to be done). Retirement includes lots of reading; time with our grandchildren, all of whom live in Minneapolis; preparing to tutor homeless children in reading; and editing children's writing.

On our 35th anniversary of togetherness Linda and I "eloped" and married in Iowa soon after it became legal to do so. Last year we celebrated our 40th anniversary. We have five grandchildren, all of whom, astoundingly, are perfect in every way -- don't get me started!

And Linda writes: I was born and raised in Newark, N.J. My parents were first generation American Jews whose parents had emigrated from Roumania and the Ukraine. I received my BS in English and secondary education at the University of Wisconsin and my MA in English at the University of Minnesota. I have taught high school English and been principal of a K-5 independent school. With Jo Devlin I created an art gallery called The Raven at 50th and France that specialized in the art of native peoples. We also co-created a non-profit educational organization, The Origins Program, in 1979. I directed this program until 2014. I also co-founded and am currently board chair of New City School, a charter school in Northeast Minneapolis. I am also the director of another educational non-profit, Collaboration for Achievement Project, which supports struggling, high poverty schools. I have published several books for educators.



**What:** The Mayim Rabim Book Club  
**When:** Sunday, October 25, 2015, 4:00 PM  
**Where:** home of Elaine Frankowski [telephone the Mayim Rabim office at 247-5490 or email [elaine.frankowski@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.frankowski@gmail.com) for address]  
**What Book:** **The Golem of Hollywood** by Jonathan and Jesse Kellerman. There are more than 10 copies in the Hennepin County Library system.

Possible next in line: **My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel** by Ari Shavit.

**Excerpts from a review by the Jewish book Council:** The Kellerman father and son ... have teamed up to write this novel of compelling suspense about religious mysticism and vindication.

LAPD detective Jacob Lev ... is an unhinged, alcoholic, rabbi's son who has recently been unceremoniously demoted to the Traffic Division. He is called in on a highly secretive case being overseen by a clandestine Special Projects team. A severed head has been found in a house in the Hollywood Hills. The word "Tzedek" (justice) has been engraved into the kitchen countertop.

The action follows Jacob through Hollywood, London, and Prague as he tracks down the clues. ... The case provides Jacob with a path to travel through family secrets and find himself.

Detailed gritty police work, crime scene violence, supernatural mysteries, strange bugs, disappearing women, and unresolved issues and events are all expertly laid out. Interspersed throughout the riveting detective portion of the book are biblical and mythical chapters easily identified by their grey-colored pages. These chapters chronicle the spiritual and otherworldly journey of Adam and Eve's daughter, Asham, from outside the Garden of Eden to the present day. There are threads and connections between history, the supernatural, and folklore that come full circle to Jacob Lev's life. The questions of what is justice, what is retribution, and what is a righteous life are explored.

The book uses the legend and history of the Golem of Prague, conjured up by Rabbi Judah Loew in the sixteenth century to help and protect Jews in time of need. How and why the Golem was given life ... and the role it played in Jewish folklore is a major element of the book. How does the Old World Golem get to Hollywood and why will no trace of this police case ever surface?





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### TOILETRIES DRIVE CONTINUES!

The Tikkun Olam Committee, working with Jewish Family and Children's Service (JFCS), is collecting toiletries to pass on to families in need. Please bring hotel/airline and full size unopened products to services all month. There will be a collection box at the door. Dave Kopperl will collect and deliver them to JFCS.



### Medicine Bottles For Malawi Landfills Do Not Need Medicine Bottles!



For some months now the empty, label free medicine bottles you've been supplying have stayed out of landfills and made their way to rural hospitals in Malawi where they replace torn pieces of paper as packaging for medicine. They can help families in a third world country keep their medicines clean, out of reach of small children, and safe while they are being used.

Do keep bringing these valuable little bottles to Mayim Rabim for Elaine Frankowski to deliver directly to the Malawi project. There's a white plastic collection container where you can drop them off.

For more information visit <http://malawiproject.org>.



## University of Minnesota Hillel

Are you a U of M alumni and/or interested in supporting Jewish life on campus? Minnesota Hillel is looking for you! Visit the all-new [www.mnhillel.org](http://www.mnhillel.org) today, fill out the quick and simple form on the alumni page, and stay up to date on everything happening on campus!

### October 2015 - May 2016 Twin Cities Jewish Book Series

A series of talks with established and emerging Jewish authors with books hot off the press at locations around the Twin Cities. From mystery to identity, from conflict to rock n' roll, this year's Twin Cities Jewish Book Series has it all, featuring novels, biographies, memoirs, and a collection of short stories. Here is this year's lineup —

**October 12:** Journalist Curt Brown on *The William Marvy Company of St. Paul*

**October 18:** Israeli writer Assaf Gavron on *The Hilltop*

**November 11:** Rabbi Charles Sherman on *The Broken and the Whole*

**November 19:** Nationally-acclaimed Walter Mosley on *And Sometimes I Wonder About You*

**December 3:** Sheyna Galyan on *Strength to Stand*

**February 11:** Anthony David on *An Improbable Friendship*

**March 20:** Alina Bliumis on *From Selfie to Groupie*

**March 22:** Rebecca Kanner on *Esther*

**April 14:** Steve Katz of Blood, Sweat and Tears on *Blood, Sweat, and My Rock 'n' Roll Years*

**May 5:** Local author Rowan Pope on *Six Chairs: A Holocaust Survivor's Story*

**Jewish Community Action** is holding a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on October 7th. For details see:

<https://jewishcommunityaction.org/events>

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The **Twin Cities Jewish Film Festival** runs from October 22 through November 1, 2015. For details and tickets see: <http://tcjfilmfest.org>

### **Through October 31, 2015**

Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis (JFCS) is sponsoring its 23rd Annual Hag Sameach (Happy Holidays) Program, providing Chanukah gifts and ritual items for those in need. Chanukah begins December 6; the deadline for Hag Sameach donations is October 31.

Gifts for all age children and adults are needed, but gifts for teens and men are needed most. Suggested gifts: gift cards, movie theater tickets, small electronics, jewelry boxes, sports equipment, puzzles and games, tool sets and practical kitchen/household items. Monetary donations are appreciated as well.

Gifts can be dropped off at local synagogues or the Sabes JCC (4330 Cedar Lake Road S., Minneapolis) drop box. Gifts are also accepted throughout the year at JFCS (13100 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 400, Minnetonka).

To donate online, go to [www.jfcsmpls.org](http://www.jfcsmpls.org) and click on "Donate Now" at the top, and then "Hag Sameach." For more information and other gift ideas, contact Mindy Teele, Hag Sameach Coordinator, at 952-542-4870 or [mteele@jfcsmpls.org](mailto:mteele@jfcsmpls.org).

### **Thursday, October 8, 8:00 PM**

**Who: The Klezmatics**

**Where: Orchestra Hall**

The Minnesota Orchestra is extending a **50% discount** to our congregants for this concert by one of the top klezmer groups in the world. It can be redeemed online at [www.minnesotaorchestra.org](http://www.minnesotaorchestra.org), by phone at 612.371.5656, or in person.

Use the code **KLEZMER50** when prompted during the online purchase. Offer is subject to availability; limit of 6 seats per household.

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## **October 11, 4:00 – 5:30 PM and subsequent second Sundays**

Hineni offers **Yoga and Torah for Your Body and Soul** the second Sunday of the month starting October 11, 4:00 – 5:30 PM at the St. Paul JCC.

## **Mondays October 19, 26 & November 2, 9, & 16, 7:00–8:00 PM**

Hineni offers **Faith and Reason – Four Formative Jewish Thinkers Confront Modernity** taught by Earl Schwartz at the St. Paul JCC.

For details on Hineni see: [http://ttsp.org/hineni/our\\_program](http://ttsp.org/hineni/our_program)

## **Wednesday October 14, 7:00 PM**

Lihi Lapid will speak at the Sabes JCC on her book, **Writing Feminism: A Feminist Perspective on Journalistic and literary writing in contemporary Israel.**



The loving wife. The perfect mother. The successful career woman. You can be all three—all while smiling and looking great. Sound familiar? The woman who “has it all” isn’t just an American phenomenon. Lihi Lapid, longtime Israeli newspaper columnist and best-selling novelist, shares her experiences as a feminist living and working in Israel out of the shadow of her husband, politician Yair Lapid. General admission \$12; same day admission \$14.

## **October 17 through November 8**

The Minnesota Jewish Theater Company’s upcoming show *The Twenty-Seventh Man*, written by Nathan Englander is based on his story of the same name. 27 Yiddish writers have been imprisoned in Russia. Their search to understand why becomes an exploration of free speech, politics, and fate in this powerful piece of theater that examines “an attempt to eradicate a civilization” (*New York Post*). For more information, see [www.mnjewishtheatre.org](http://www.mnjewishtheatre.org).

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**Sunday, October 18, 20 15, 2:00 PM**

**Amanda (Miryem-Khaye) Seigel performs at the Sabes JCC**



Amanda (Miryem-Khaye) Seigel is a Yiddish singer, songwriter, actor, and researcher in the field of Yiddish culture. A fluent Yiddish speaker, she has performed, lectured and taught at Klez Kamp (Kerhonkson, NY), Klez Kanada (Lantier, QC), Yiddish Australia (Melbourne, Victoria) and the Seminarium języka i kultury jidys (Sródborów/Warsaw, Poland). She's appeared frequently with the Folksbiene (National Yiddish Theater) and Hankus Netsky's Hebrew National Salvage, and shared the stage with many other luminaries of the Yiddish and klezmer scene. *Toyznt Tamen A Thousand Flavors* is her first solo album, released in early 2015.

TICKETS AT THE DOOR ONLY: \$5 General Public; FREE for current Yiddish Vinkl members

**Sunday October 25, 3:00 PM**

There will be a **Service of Comfort for those who have experienced Pregnancy Loss, Stillbirth or Newborn Death** at the Adath Chesed Shel Emes Cemetery, Crystal MN.

In Jewish life and imagination, the birth of every child represents unlimited hope for the Jewish community. But if the expected baby dies, too often the family suffers this profound loss in isolation without the usual support from Jewish tradition and the Jewish community. In response, the Minnesota Rabbinical Association (MRA) and the Minnesota Cantor's Association (MCA) invite families and individuals to come together for a Service of Comfort for those who have suffered a miscarriage, stillbirth, or neonatal death. These losses are worthy of ritual and we want to bring comfort from the Jewish community to parents and families.

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## ...and in November

### Sunday November 8, 10:30 AM – 4:00 PM

The 15th Annual Twin Cities Jewish Community Conference on Mental Health, “Embracing Hope, Erasing Stigma,” will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, November 8, at the St. Paul Jewish Community Center (1375 St. Paul Ave., St. Paul).

The event, which is free and open to all, will feature a keynote address from Honeydogs lead singer Adam Levy, whose new solo record, *Naubinway*, responds to the tragic suicide of his son, Daniel, in 2012. The conference will offer two sessions of workshops with 20 topics to choose from, covering mental health issues affecting youth to people in the later stages of life.

More information about conference content is available at [www.jfcsmpls.org](http://www.jfcsmpls.org). Registration can be completed online or by mail starting Sept. 1. To register online, go to [www.jfcsmpls.org](http://www.jfcsmpls.org). To register by mail, call JFS at 651-698-0767 to request a conference brochure and registration form. **Everyone who registers by October 23** will receive a box lunch at no charge. Dietary laws will be observed. Free transportation from Temple Israel to the St. Paul JCC will be offered with advance request.

### **Jewish Family Service of St. Paul offers two support groups**

“Parents of Young Adult Children Who Struggle” is for parents of a young adult (ages 18-29) whose path to independence and self-reliance is hampered by struggles with depression, anxiety, eating disorders, substance abuse or other mental health issues. The group meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the JFS office, 1633 7th St. W., St Paul from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. There is no charge but donations are appreciated. For more information contact JFS at 651-698-0767.

“Caregivers Support Group,” co-sponsored with Sholom, is targeted to individuals who are caring for a loved one at home or in the community. The group meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, 3:00 - 4:00 PM at Shaller Family Sholom East Campus, 740 Kay Ave. • St. Paul, MN 55102. RSVP or questions to: Jenna Burns, Sholom Adult Day Care Director: 651-328-2063

## From Your Editor

the week we  
a few years in  
including, canoe  
out to the dock  
get warm on the dock  
- splash me why

With your donations the **Toiletries for Families in Need** is ongoing and succeeding. We bring hotel/airline and full size unopened products to the collection bin at services. Dave Kopperl delivers them to Jewish Family and Children's Service (JFCS); they pass them on to families in need. And with your participation, the **medicine bottles for Malawi** project is going great guns. I've already given about 200 bottles to another mailer and mailed about 150 myself. There's another box ready to go after Yom Kippur. Here are a few answers to FAQ [frequently asked questions] that the group sends out:

**Question: Is this an ongoing program?**

**Answer:** Yes, as long as funding comes in to ship the pill containers, this will be an ongoing program.

**Question: Do you have paid employees?**

**Answer:** No. This is an all volunteer effort.

**Question: Where do you distribute the pill containers?**

**Answer:** Our distribution network extends throughout the government hospital system of Malawi, over 700 facilities in all three regions of Malawi. Malawi has a population of 16 million people so the need is great.

**Question: Can you use the larger vitamin and aspirin containers; i.e. those that contain 500 or 1,000 capsules?**

**Answer:** In Malawi medical personnel seldom give out more than a week to ten days of medicine at a time. The large containers take up too much shipping room and do not have a value that matches the smaller 1-month to 3-month prescription containers.



**MAYIM RABIM CONGREGATION** is affiliated with the Jewish Reconstructionist movement ([www.jewishrecon.org](http://www.jewishrecon.org)). We are an urban Jewish community that comprises people of diverse ages, abilities, sexual orientations, cultural backgrounds, and financial resources. It is our mission to create and sustain spaces that enhance the practice of Judaism in the contemporary world; to that end, we are a house of prayer, of study, and tikkun olam (the repair of the world). As Reconstructionists, we view Judaism as an evolving religious civilization and claim a shared heritage with all Jews. Our synagogue is governed by an elected board of directors:

Marc Lamm, President  
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Celia Gershenson, Member At-Large  
Larry Gravitz, Member At-Large  
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Dana Fox, Finance Co-Chair  
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Want to know times and places of events?**

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