

# THE SHOFAR

## FORT BELVOIR JEWISH CONGREGATION

### Words from Rabbi Brown

As a Floridian, I am still amazed at the damage and havoc the winter wreaks. At last the snow has melted from the ground and soon nature will rebirth our lives with sweet fragrances of blooming flowers. Construction workers busily repair potholes to protect our cars and precious cargo. This is also a pivotal season as we reflect on the Exodus narrative celebrated during the festival of Passover. Are we truly free or are we slaves to our emotional potholes we mask with smiles and pleasantries? Let us come together as united community to share in each other's celebrations as well

as support members in need.

Please join us on Friday, April 3rd for our Community Seder as we gather to celebrate tradition and community. Speaking of community, we are thrilled to call two lovely b'not mitzvah to our Fort Belvoir bimah—Jessica Kligman (daughter of Jeff and Julie Kligman) will be called to the Torah on Saturday, May 9th and Ella Adams (daughter of Beth Autrey and Michael Adams) will also accept the mitzvah as a Jewish adult on Saturday, June 13th.

I also want to give a special shout out of appreciation to Shoshana and Branden Good who will relo-

cate to Oregon on April 13th. Shoshana has brought tremendous energy and fantastic knowledge to our community. She has helped us grow our Hebrew School and has shared her beautiful voice during countless Shabbat services. We will greatly miss their warm presence and willingness to help.

I want to wish all our families a successful end of the academic year. In order to have a most meaningful spring, I invite everyone to heed the advice my colleague Rabbi Bob Frazin suggests—Read a good book, take a long walk and make a new friend.

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Randy Brown

## Shavuot—Saturday, May 23—7:30 PM

Please join us for an evening of study on Saturday, May 23rd at 7:30 PM at Belvoir Chapel. We will study together, have some dairy treats and perform the mitzvah of study.



## Yom HaShoah

The Northern Virginia Jewish Community will commemorate Yom HaShoah on Sunday, April 27 at the JCCNV in Fairfax. The program will be from 6 -7:00 PM with a presentation by Allan Lichtman, noted author. From 7-8:30 PM there will be a community candle lighting and program. Flyers

will be available at the office if you are interested.



## Community News

Get well wishes to Ron Markewicz,

A special thank you to Leah Choper from Sara Astrow, for always helping out and being such a mensch!

A fond farewell to Shoshana and Brendan Good—

who will be going to Oregon. We will miss them! Welcome to Adrienne Casebeer—who will be teaching Hebrew School until Hebrew school is over at the end of May.

## Armed Forces Day—May 15

Friday, May 23rd will be our Armed Forces Day program. Deli dinner begins at 5:30 PM followed by Services at 7 PM. We will be having a speaker from the new program called “Project Welcome Home” which is partnering

with the JCCNV in welcoming home and supporting service-members and their families.



## Meet our B'nai Mitzvot!

Jessica Kligman will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 9th. We wish her father, Col. Jeffrey, mother, Julie; sister—Jacqueline and their family to include grandpar-

ents—Andrew and Jill Morrison; Linda Kligman and David and Lynn Weiss a hearty Mazel Tov. Jessica is a 7th grader at Lake Braddock Secondary School in Fairfax. She enjoys travel soccer, piano,

Girl Scouts and basketball. She invites you to celebrate this joyous occasion with her!



Ella Madeline Adams is an Air Force brat and has lived in Italy, Oklahoma and Japan before being stationed in the D.C. area. Ella is a 7th grader at Carl Sandburg Middle School.

Besides studying for her Bat Mitzvah, Ella enjoys reading, competitive swim, and music. Ella's community service has included volunteering at the library, assisting in

Wreaths Across America and cleaning up the Potomac. Ella's parents, Major Michael Adams and Elizabeth Autrey, are looking forward to celebrating Ella's Bat Mitzvah with the Fort Belvoir Jewish Community and Ella's family from New Jersey, Connecticut and Texas.

**Chaim Tovim - Life is Good!**

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**FBJC Mission Statement**

We will create and sustain a learning and participatory congregation that will enhance the congregants' appreciation of liturgy, Torah and holidays. We will enhance congregational fellowship and a sense of community, and project our Jewish presence to the surrounding communities. Our congregation will effectively plan and conduct religious services as well as cultural, social, and other activities that encourage the participation and fulfill the broad spectrum of needs of our DoD congregants.

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