

"Do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God" Micah 6:8

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Living a Jewish Life

Conversion Class

Would you like to enter into the covenant and become a Jew? Becoming Jewish is like becoming an American citizen: passion, study and commitment required!

If you are interested in the process of conversion, please join Rabbi Flip for an informational meeting at **6 p.m. on October 14 in the Main Sanctuary.**

This will become a yearly class, so don't miss out! RSVP to the Micah Office at office@congregationmicah.org.

Adult Hebrew Class

Have you always wanted to learn Hebrew? Hebrew 101 for adults teaches the aleph-bet, how to read aloud, and how Hebrew opens the gates of Jewish learning. After completing our Hebrew 101 class, adults are encouraged to complete Hebrew 102 and have the chance to enter an adult b'nai mitzvah class.

If interested, please email Rabbi Laurie at rabbilaurie@congregationmicah.org by October 15.

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Akiva Shabbat
6 p.m.
Friday, October 30

Join us in honoring Akiva School on Friday, October 30. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about the school and hear from Head of School and Micah member, Lynn Heady. Rabbi Nickie Roberts will be joining us for Shabbat Service as well.



Global Day
of Jewish Learning

10 a.m., Sunday, November 15
@ Congregation Micah

Baruchim Ha-baim!

Welcome the following who recently joined our Micah family:

Nancy & Harvey Asher

Morgan "Xander" Darputna

Stacy & John Hartnett
Samuel

Jaqueline & Mark Horowitz
Peyton, Kyle

Lindsay & Gregory Pollack
Emory

Dez & Paul Zamek



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a fun shopping event with 10% off your purchase and 10% of all sales benefiting

**GORDON JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER ECLC
AKIVA SCHOOL
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THE TEMPLE PRESCHOOL**

enjoy sips & sweets while you shop

OCTOBER 29, 2015
6:00 – 8:00 PM

KENDRA SCOTT NASHVILLE – HILL CENTER
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Rabbi Sherre Hirsch
7 p.m.
Wednesday, November 4

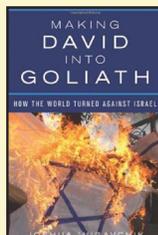
Rabbi Sherre Hirsch will join us for an evening discussion on her book *Thresholds: How to Thrive through Life's Transitions to Live Fearlessly and Regret-Free*. As Rabbi Hirsch says, "I want to help you change the way you respond to these transitional moments in your life. There is no secret formula or pill, but there are skills and techniques to be gleaned from our tradition. If you are willing, with practice you will no longer see these thresholds as obstacles; they will become opportunities." Co-sponsored by the GJCC and Jewish Family Services.

Rabbi Hirsch is an author and spiritual life consultant. She counsels private clients, speaks nationwide, and teaches classes across a variety of themes. She is married to Dr. Jeffrey Hirsch; they have four children.

**MICAH
BOOK CLUB**

Note: Later Date!
**October delayed to join with
Religious School parent group study**

For more information on the Micah Book Club, contact Ron Heady at ron.HEADY@comcast.net or call 615-942-7582.



Making David into Goliath

by Joshua Muravchik
7:15 p.m., October 16

Atonement

by Ian McEwan
7:15 p.m., November 6

Jewish Women's Spirituality Retreat
Rabbi Sherre Hirsch and Rabbi Laurie Rice
February 22 - 26, 2016
Canyon Ranch in Tuscon, AZ

All prices are per person and include a \$600 service allowance (towards spa treatments, products, etc.)

Deluxe Double: \$3480
Executive Double: \$3850
Deluxe Single: \$4230
Executive Single: \$4920

To register, please email Rachael Martin at Rachael@sherrehirsch.com.



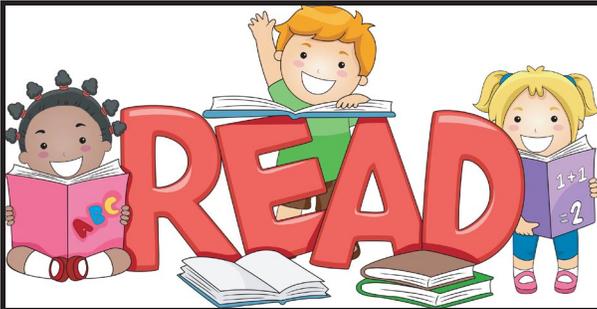
SHARE THE LIGHT

Thistle Farms, a social enterprise led by women survivors of trafficking and addiction, has helped more than 20 cities replicate our residential model of sanctuary. There are also 15 communities around the globe who have partnered together to face the critical need for economic freedom.

Chanukah is just 8 weeks away! It's time to start buying gifts for family and friends, and what better way than to support a local non-profit and Congregation Micah! The holiday Hope candle will be for sale on Friday evenings and Sunday mornings.

\$25/candle

(Profit split between Micah and Thistle Farms!)



Volunteer Opportunity - Informational Meeting!

We have the opportunity to partner with Forest Hills Baptist Church to work as volunteers at Norman Binkley Elementary. The school needs volunteers to help students read English; this is a once a week commitment for 30 minutes (during school hours). If you are interested, come learn more about what is involved at our informational meeting at **5 p.m. on Friday, October 16.**



Enough with the December Dilemma!!

6 p.m., December 4

Throughout history the "strangers within our gates" have been a secret source of our Jewish community's vibrancy. Here at Micah it is no longer a secret: we learn from other faiths all of the time.

In preparation for this holy time of year, please join us as we welcome Dr. Gary Holloway* to Shabbat Service on December 4 for a lesson in *Lectio Divina* (Latin for "Divine Reading"). Experience an ancient practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to help us better understand how Christians study *Torah*.

**Dr. Holloway is Executive Director of the World Convention, an author, and Rabbi Flip's professor at Lipscomb University.*



Save the Date for these Amazing Trips

Israel Community Trip with Lisa Silver
Sponsored by the Jewish Federation
March 27 - April 7, 2016

Jewish Buenos Aires and Rio De Janeiro
with the Rabbis Rice (*adults only*)
January 2017

Family Trip to Israel
May 28 - June 6, 2017



Emma Rudy Srebnik – October 3

Emma Rudy was born on October 7, 2002 in Hermosa Beach, CA. She is the daughter of Lynne and Kenny Srebnik and granddaughter of Alan and Aissa Newman of Marina Del Rey, CA, Judy Newman of Oxnard, CA, and the late Dave and Sooky Srebnik.

Emma Rudy is in the eighth grade at The Harpeth Hall School. She participates on the MathCounts, LEGO League Robotics, cross country, swimming, and track and field teams. She also loves traveling, horseback riding, stand-up paddle boarding, collecting PEZ, playing with her dog, Keshet, taking pictures, cooking, and going to our lake house in her free time. Emma Rudy is also a Girl Scout who loves to sell cookies. She wants to be a marine biologist when she grows up.

Emma Rudy chose a collection of *mitzvah* projects. She will be donating school supplies to a school in Kenya, which she traveled to over the summer, and supporting the girls as they go to high school. She also visited an elephant orphanage in Kenya, where she is adopting elephants. Next, through the "Remember Us" program, she will be remembering Raize Merele Sharfman, a 12-year-old girl who perished in the Holocaust. She was able to contact Raize's first cousin in Canada and learn more about Raize and her family. She published a book on her studies and donated a copy to her library. Emma Rudy has also created a *B'nai Tzedek* fund with the Jewish Foundation of Nashville.



Alana Megan Rothenstein – October 10

Alana is the daughter of Bonnie and Steve Rothenstein, younger sister of Melissa and granddaughter of Diane and Arthur Fishman of Pomona, NY, Marlene Feinstein of Westbury, NY and the late Stuart Rothenstein of New York, NY.

Alana is an eighth grader at Heritage Middle School. She is currently playing the first bass drum as part of the Independence High School Marching Band.

For her *mitzvah* project, Alana has been raising money and awareness for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This organization is important to Alana as it has affected her late grandfather, Stuart.



Lily Virginia Greenberg – October 24

Lily is the daughter of Clay and Julie Greenberg, sister of Jake Greenberg, and granddaughter of Robert & Ginny Greenberg of Oklahoma City, OK; John & Virginia Wolfarth of Garden Valley, TX; and Dr. William & Alice West of Dallas, TX.

Lily is a 7th grader at Linden Waldorf School where she enjoys the company of her creative classmates while singing in the choir, running cross country and pursuing her love of drawing. Lily plays the viola and piano, and she has always been an avid reader. A serious animal and nature lover, Lily has never met a lizard, snake, dog, fish or flower that she didn't love. Special favorites include her rescue cats, Milo and Stella. No surprise, Lily is also an enthusiastic and discerning diner who can't wait to travel and savor the world's cuisines.

For her *mitzvah* project, Lily is collecting new and gently-used children's books to donate to Book'Em, a local literacy non-profit that does wonderful work through Nashville's public elementary schools including her alma mater, Sylvan Park Paideia Design Center. In the spirit of her *Torah* portion, which offers the prospect of "going forth" into an unknown land, Lily enjoys a great sense of adventure that she wants all children to share through the gift of reading.



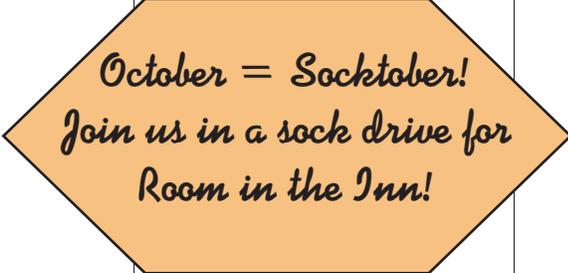
Zoe Rosenblum – October 31

Zoe is the daughter of Jessie and Jay Rosenblum, sister of Simon Rosenblum, and granddaughter of Brenda and Bobby Rosenblum and Mary and Bill Stockard of Nashville, TN.

Zoe is in 7th grade at University School of Nashville. She loves dance and attending Camp Barney in the summer.

For her *bat mitzvah* project, Zoe is forming a team for Hike For The Homeless and she is volunteering at Safe Haven Family Shelter.

October Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p><i>October = Socktober! Join us in a sock drive for Room in the Inn!</i></p>				1 18 Tishri 10:15 AM Schmooze & Views	2 19 Tishri 11:00 AM Tot Shabbat 6:00 PM Shabbat Service with Sukkot & Simchat Torah Celebration and Potluck	3 20 Tishri <i>CHOL HAMO-ED SUKKOT</i> 9:00 AM Bagels, Love, & Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service with the <i>Bat Mitzvah</i> of Emma Rudy Srebnik
4 21 Tishri No Religious School 1:00 - 4:00 PM Mitzvah Expo	5 22 Tishri	6 23 Tishri 12:30 PM Mah Jongg Group	7 24 Tishri	8 25 Tishri 10:15 AM Schmooze & Views 6:30 PM Board Meeting	9 26 Tishri 11:00 AM Tot Shabbat 6:00 PM Shabbat Service With Rabbi Elliot Dorff - Lecture and Potluck following	10 27 Tishri <i>B'REISHIT</i> 9:00 AM BLT with Rabbi Dorff 10:30 AM Shabbat Service with the <i>Bat Mitzvah</i> of Alana Rothenstein 12:30 PM Shabbat Lunch with Rabbi Elliot Dorff 7:15 PM Rabbi Dorff Program
11 28 Tishri 9:30 AM Religious School 11:30 AM Rabbi Dorff Teen Session 12:30 PM Kids Choir	12 29 Tishri	13 30 Tishri 12:30 PM Mah Jongg Group	14 1 Cheshvan California Pizza Kitchen Fundraiser 4:30 PM Micah Midweek 5:20 PM Minchah Service 6:00 PM Conversion Class	15 2 Cheshvan <i>Interest Deadline for Adult Hebrew 101</i> 10:15 AM Schmooze & Views	16 3 Cheshvan CONFIRMATION NYC Trip 11:00 AM Tot Shabbat 5:00 PM Volunteer Meeting 6:00 PM Shabbat Service 7:15 PM Micah Book Club	17 4 Cheshvan <i>NOACH</i> 9:00 AM Bagels, Love, & Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service
18 5 Cheshvan CONFIRMATION NYC Trip No Religious School	19 6 Cheshvan	20 7 Cheshvan 12:30 PM Mah Jongg Group	21 8 Cheshvan 4:30 PM Micah Midweek 5:20 PM Minchah Service	22 9 Cheshvan 10:15 AM Schmooze & Views	23 10 Cheshvan 11:00 AM Tot Shabbat 6:00 PM Shabbat Service	24 11 Cheshvan <i>LECH L'CHA</i> 9:00 AM Bagels, Love, & Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service with <i>Bat Mitzvah</i> of Lily Greenberg
25 12 Cheshvan 9:30 AM Religious School 12:30 PM Kids Choir	26 13 Cheshvan	27 14 Cheshvan 12:30 PM Mah Jongg Group	28 15 Cheshvan 4:30 PM Micah Midweek 5:20 PM Minchah Service	29 16 Cheshvan 10:15 AM Schmooze & Views 6:00 PM Kendra Scott Gives Back Party (MCA)	30 17 Cheshvan 11:00 AM Tot Shabbat 6:00 PM Shabbat Service with Akiva School	31 18 Cheshvan <i>VAYERA</i> 9:00 AM Bagels, Love, & Torah Study 10:30 AM Shabbat Service with <i>Bat Mitzvah</i> of Zoe Rosenblum