



Approval by Congregation

In October, the ICM Board of Directors voted by an overwhelming majority to enter into negotiations to renew our rabbi's contract. A special congregational meeting was held on November 20 to affirm the board's decision. **We are very pleased to report that the congregation voted by a vast majority to approve the board's decision.** We look forward to working together with each and every one of you to make the congregation stronger and more vibrant than ever before.

ICM Reads By Fire, By Water

by Mitchell James Kaplan

December 3 at 7:00 pm

Iberian music and a delectable Tapas table to satisfy all appetites. Enjoy a program filled with fascinating information about medieval Spain, Sephardic Jews, Converses, and Moors presented by Dr. Leyla Rouhi of Williams College ...and a finale bound to send you home in a happy mood. Books are available in our lobby for \$10 each. Please RSVP to Karen at 362-4578.

Beat the Winter Blahs!

ICM's Jewish Film Series is back

Sundays at 4:00 pm

December 11; January 8, 22; February 5, 26; March 11

We kick off the series with the well-reviewed comedy *Keeping the Faith*, starring Ben Stiller, Ed Norton, Anne Bancroft, and Eli Wallach.

Best friends, a priest and a rabbi, fall in love with the same girl. However, neither of the men can pursue the relationship due to their religious beliefs: the priest cannot break his vow of celibacy and the rabbi cannot marry a non-Jew. *Keeping the Faith* is Ed Norton's directorial debut and works on several levels, including a loving look at relationships and the common ground that Judaism and Catholicism share in showing

Dec. Calendar of Events

12/2	6:30 pm	Family Shabbat followed by our Community Potluck Dinner
12/3	9:30 am	Shabbat Worship, <i>Parashat Vayetztei</i>
	7:00 pm	ICM Reads with Dr. Leyla Rouhi
12/7	4:00 pm	Religious School
12/8	7:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
12/9	6:30 pm	Friday Evening Shabbat Worship Followed by Community <i>Oneg</i>
12/10	9:30 am	Shabbat Worship, <i>Vayishlach</i>
12/11	4:00 pm	Film Festival: <i>Keeping the Faith</i>
12/13	10:30 am	Adult Education: Talmud Study
12/14	4:00 pm	Religious School
12/16	6:30 pm	Friday Evening Shabbat Worship Followed by Community <i>Oneg</i>
12/17	9:30 am	Family Shabbat , <i>Parashat Vayeshev</i>
12/20	10:30 am	Adult Education: Talmud Study
12/21	4:00 pm	Religious School
12/23	6:30 pm	Friday Evening Shabbat Worship and Chanukah Celebration Followed by Potluck Dinner
12/24	9:30 am	Shabbat Worship, <i>Parashat Miketz</i>
12/28	4:00 pm	No Religious School
12/30	6:30 pm	Friday Evening Shabbat Worship <i>D'var Torah</i> by Carol Goldsmith Community Potluck Dinner Sponsored by Carol & Phil Goldsmith
12/31	9:30 am	Shabbat Worship, <i>Parashat Vayigash</i>

compassion toward people.

As in the past, our Jewish Film Series will present a broad range of subjects and treatments, so join us for these popular programs! Free-will donations accepted.

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The women who led our Shabbat service and sponsored our dinner on October 28: **Libby Harris, Bev Rokes, Ellen Lipshutz, Margaret Conner, Susan Leader, Karen Dreiblatt, Doris Bass, Jackie Borella, Alison Hill, Elinor Katz, Merrily Lewis, Micki Lisman, Loretta Reisman, Dina Bronson, Loree Zeif, Jen Weinstein**
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Evening of Israeli Dance

Join us for *Havdalah* followed by a fun-filled evening of Israeli dance on Saturday, January 7, from 7 to 9 pm at Israel Congregation. Eve Cameron, professional Israeli dance instructor from the Hebrew Academy of the Capital District, will guide us through a variety of traditional and modern Israeli dances. All ages are welcome and absolutely no experience is necessary. If you don't want to dance you can come and just listen to the music, have a nosh, and socialize. If you have any questions, please contact Bev Rokes at 875-1371 or Alison Hill at 362-7220. Please RSVP to Karen at 362-4578.

Celebrate Chanukah at Israel Congregation

On Friday, December 23, we will celebrate Chanukah and Shabbat with an ICM tradition— the lighting of family menorahs. Each family is encouraged to bring their family menorah(s) and join in the community recitation of prayers, lighting of the candles, food and fun.

Northshire Interfaith Council Holiday Project

It's holiday time and that means it's time to reach out and help the needy. In past years, ICM members have provided clothing and toys for children to fit under their Christmas trees and we will be doing it again this year. Micki Lisman will be in touch with you to help. You can reach Micki at 802-362-4332 or msloane.esq@mindspring.com.

Moonlight Cross-Country Ski/Snowshoe Evening

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6:30 pm, Friday

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9:30 am, Saturday

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4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Wednesday

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