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Scholar~in~Residence Rabbi Arthur Green

Rabbi Novak

Israel Congregation of Manchester and Congregation Beth El Bennington are excited to bring Rabbi Arthur Green to the Northshire for Shabbat *Chayei Sara*, November 18 and 19. As joint scholar-in-residence, Rabbi Green will be delivering his presentations at both congregations. Entitled *Mining the Hasidic Tradition for Contemporary Meanings*, Rabbi Green, a founder of the *Havurah* Movement in the late 1960s, is on a journey of Jewish experimenting. His talks will bring us into his experiences from his ordination at the Jewish Theological Seminary in the 1960s to today. Rabbi Green is a widely admired scholar who will open up for us new meanings into old traditions.

On Friday night, Rabbi Green will speak at ICM during services and at our potluck dinner. Saturday morning, he will speak during services at Beth El and during a kiddush luncheon. On Saturday evening at 7 pm, Rabbi Green will speak at a combined ICM & Beth El dinner in Bennington.

Rabbi Green, who is rector of the post-denominational Rabbinical School of Hebrew College, is a widely respected and deeply accomplished scholar whose work has led him to his current religious outlook of neo-Hasidism. Most recently, Rabbi Green is author of *Radical Judaism: Rethinking God and Tradition*, which is available in our ICM library. He is an educator and scholar of Jewish mysticism and Hasidism who continues to play an influential role in bringing the language of spirituality into mainstream Jewish life. A former dean of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Rabbi Green is widely credited with being a major influence in Jew-

ish Renewal and *Havurah* movements.

In honor of Rabbi Green, the ICM Board of Directors will be sponsoring our Shabbat dinner Friday evening, November 18.

Special thanks go to all of the sponsors of this weekend who are making Rabbi Green's appearance at ICM possible.

Please mark your calendar for what promises to be an exciting weekend of learning and community building. Beth El Bennington is located at 107 Adams Street in Bennington.

President's Column

I am both pleased and proud to report that the High Holy Days services were extremely well received, meaningful, and inclusive. I especially want to thank both Rabbi Novak and Cantor Waldman for creating the warmth and good feelings among all those present.

The High Holy Days allowed me the chance to contemplate who we are as a Jewish community, what we value, the meaning Israel Congregation gives to our lives, and the depth of our commitment to our synagogue.

The generosity of our congregants has created a dynamic synagogue, a home that welcomes all of us in this beautiful part of Vermont, a center where we have forged lifelong friendships.

Everyone here has a story about why they are part of our congregation. The stories often begin with how people felt drawn in and welcomed by the warm and friendly atmosphere here. When asked what they value about ICM, congregants mention the words *family* or *community*—a perfect metaphor for synagogue life here at Israel Congregation.

We also have been the center for countless activities, celebrations, and events. Many more events are planned in the coming

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Israel Congregation Calendar of Events

November

11/2	4:00 pm	Religious School
11/4	6:30 pm	Family Shabbat followed by our Community Potluck Dinner
11/5	9:30 am	Shabbat Worship, <i>Parashat Lech-lecha</i>
11/9	4:00 pm	Religious School
11/11		Office Closed – Veteran's Day
	6:30 pm	Friday Evening Shabbat Worship Followed by Community <i>Oneg</i>
11/12	9:30 am	Shabbat Worship, <i>Parashat Vayera</i>
11/13	10:00 am	Crafts & Art Fair
11/15	10:30 am	Adult Education: Talmud Study
11/16	4:00 pm	Religious School
11/17	7:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
11/18	6:30 pm	Friday Evening Shabbat Worship with special guest Rabbi A. Green Followed by Potluck Dinner Sponsored by the Board of Directors
11/19	6:30 pm	Family Shabbat , <i>Parashat Chayei Sara</i>
11/22	10:30 am	Adult Education: Talmud Study
11/23	3:00 pm	Early Close; No Religious School
11/25	6:30 pm	Friday Evening Shabbat Worship Followed by Community <i>Oneg</i>
11/26	9:30 am	Shabbat Worship, <i>Parashat Toldot</i>
11/29	10:30 am	Adult Education: Talmud Study
11/30	4:00 pm	Religious School

December

12/2	6:30 pm	Family Shabbat followed by our Community Potluck Dinner
12/3	9:30 am	Shabbat Worship, <i>Parashat Vayetzei</i>
	7:00 pm	ICM Reads with Dr. Leyla Rouhi
12/6	10:30 am	Adult Education: Talmud Study
12/7	4:00 pm	Religious School
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
12/13	10:30 am	Adult Education: Talmud Study
12/14	4:00 pm	Religious School
12/15	7:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
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	Religious School
12/30	6:30 pm	Friday Evening Shabbat Worship Followed by Community <i>Oneg</i>
12/31	9:30 am	Shabbat Worship, <i>Parashat Vayigash</i>

NOTE: Rabbi Matt Durbin will provide rabbinic coverage November 1-3 and may be reached at 518-792-4364 or 518-792-4336.

Mazel Tov!

Doris Bass on her grandson Donald being named to the Wheaton College Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa
Georgette and Albert Levis on their son Oliver being named a Rising Star by the *Battenkill Business Journal*
Cheryl Ullman on the marriage of her son Charles to Nicole Pelaggi-Dyer on October 22, 2011
Betsy & Jim Chase on the marriage of their son David on October 23, 2011

Do You Have Naches? Send your announcements to Karen at office@icmvt.org.

Thank You to High Holy Day Volunteers

Thank you to all those who graciously volunteered their time, energy, and talents to our High Holy Days – those who helped organize, bake, greet, usher, tend the sound system, polish silver, decorate, and countless other tasks....

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The list of our incredibly supportive donors will be in the next *Shofar*, to include those who continue to pledge as this edition goes to press. Warmest thanks to those who have given; and special thanks to donors who increased their initial pledge – and to those who so generously increased their pledge from last year – over 50% of donors thus far!

Religious School

On September 4, the ICM Religious School welcomed returning and new students to the start of another exciting school year. *Keta Aleph* kicked off the year with a lesson introducing the Torah and the five books of Moses, as their Judaic Studies lessons will focus on the wonderfully rich stories in the book of *B'rei-shit* (Genesis). Following their initial Torah lesson the focus was turned to the study of the fall holidays of *Rosh Hashanah*, *Yom Kippur*, *Sukkot*, and *Simchat Torah*. *Keta Aleph* was given the special responsibility of rolling one of the synagogue Torahs back to the beginning, which allowed them to look closely at the paragraphs describing each of the days of creation, as an introduction to their classroom study of the story of Creation.

Alison Hill

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Moonlight Cross-Country Ski/Snowshoe Evening

Join us on Saturday, February 4, for an evening of cross-country skiing/snowshoeing on the 3 km of lit and groomed trails at the Viking Nordic Center in Londonderry, Vermont. Back by popular demand, the evening promises to be one of fun and adventure. If you've never joined us for this event before, come and see how magical it is to ski and snowshoe in the moonlight.

We'll start the evening at 6 pm with a potluck dinner in one of the toasty warming huts and then take to the trails, where we can ski and snowshoe until 9 pm. With trails that range from easy to more advanced, there is terrain that works for all levels and abilities. The warming hut is ours for the evening, so you can join in this fun event even if the great outdoors is not for you.

Rental equipment is available from Viking for \$5 per person. Come to ski/snowshoe or just hang out with friends. The cost will be \$10 per person, \$20 maximum per immediate family. ICM members and nonmembers are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE

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 the prayers and lighting of the candles.

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ICM Reads . . . Spend an Evening in Seville

Join us on December 3 at 7 pm for a journey to medieval Spain. We are fortunate to have Dr. Leyla Rouhi, Professor of Romance Languages at Williams College as our speaker. She is a graduate of Oxford and Harvard, and her research has focused on the presence of Islam in medieval Iberia, the setting of *By Fire, By Water*, by Mitchell James Kaplan. Dr. Rouhi will give us a fascinating overview of the Jewish presence in Iberia, and relate the book's characters to this historical backdrop.

By Fire, By Water explores the time when Columbus was begging King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella for money to begin his journey to the new world, and Torquemada, the church's infamous Chief Inquisitor, was following the trail of conversos in the king's employ. The novel follows Luis de Santangel, a wealthy and powerful converso, who, despite the danger of being caught, was examining the mystery surrounding his background.

With music of the period to set the mood, we will, as on previous ICM Reads evenings, savor the foods that are part and parcel of the book's setting. The tapas table, with its "small plates," which are traditional in southern Spain, is sure to delight.

So bring your appetite for learning more about a fascinating piece of Jewish history, and your hunger for interesting foods—and your friends—to this fun annual event.

The book is available at ICM for \$10. Call Karen to reserve your copy.

EXCEPTIONAL GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

Come to ICM's Crafts & Art Fair November 13

Even though Chanukah is "late" this year, it's never too early to select presents that "wow" the important people in your life. Why not get a jump on your holiday shopping (along with birthday, house warming, and thank you gifts) while supporting our talented congregant artisans and friends in the local economy.

Sunday, November 13, brings 18 exceptional artisans to ICM for a Crafts & Art Fair—back by popular demand—which runs from 10 am to 4 pm. Come early for the best selections in exquisite beaded jewelry, elegant handmade shoes, whimsical fabric dolls, sophisticated necklaces and earrings, breathtaking art glass, custom-crafted knitted sweaters, traditional "sponge ware" pottery, hand-turned wood ware, eye-catching fabric quilts, unique "piqué assiette" mosaic pieces, photography, totes/bags/wine carriers, watercolors, and (of course) Chanukah necessities. There are items in all price ranges for people of all ages! For more information, contact **Lynne Abcug** at 802-297-1946.

Join Us for an Evening of Israeli Dance

Once again welcome Israeli dance specialist Eve Cameron to Israel Congregation. Come with your dancing feet and let Eve guide you through a variety of traditional and modern Israeli dances. All levels and ages welcome. No experience necessary. Eve will teach us all we need to know. If you don't want to dance, come and join us for *Havdalah*, and just listen to the music and socialize. *Nosherie* provided. If you have any questions please contact **Bev Rokes** at 875-1371 or **Alison Hill** at 362-7220.

Eve Cameron has been an Israeli dance instructor for 15 years. She is currently the director and teacher in the Israeli Dance Program Hebrew Academy of the Capital District & *B'Yachad* Hebrew School, Albany, NY. She has taught Israeli dance programs throughout the Pittsfield-Bennington-Albany region.

Chanukah Supplies

Look to ICM for your Chanukah supplies!

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Ma'aser Sheni



When the Temple functioned in Jerusalem, the Jewish community supported it and its priests with a system of tithes in the form of food and/or money. Today we feed our communal needs by offering financial gifts that strengthen and enhance Jewish religious and communal life in the Northshire.

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Allan Eisemann for leading services Saturday, October 29

Our *Sukkah* Team: Stan Lisman, Alison Hill, Bev Rokes, Alecia Rokes, Rachel Rokes, Warren Rokes, Lee Fox, Evan Ginsberg, and David Skulnik for putting the *sukkah* up, decorating it, & taking it down to store for next year

October Was Food Cupboard Month for ICM

Lots of members of our congregation pitched in to help! All through October we covered Tuesday mornings and afternoons as well as Wednesday afternoons. Helping others usually helps to make one feel better about oneself, and Food Cupboard days were no exception. We received a lot of messages saying that it was well worthwhile and fun to share with others. Special thanks to the following people who showed up when promised and helped everyone: Loretta Reisman, Irene & Ed Glazer, Ruthie Ellenbogen, Karen Ganz, Sandy Stein, Ed & Marilyn Rice, Alan Bloom, Merrily Lewis, Barbara Friedman, Fran & Mark Aronowitz, Lynn & Les Abcug, Alison Hill, Harvey Flaxman, Carol Gold, Elinor Katz, Cathy Kimmel, Yuval Sela, Margaret Connor, Vicki Greene, Elaine Ross, Stan Lisman, and Jen Weinstein.

Thanks so much,
Micki Lisman & Judy Hirschberg

Food Cupboard November Wish List

This month the Community Food Cupboard is thinking about Thanksgiving. Donations of non-perishables for Turkey Day will be a big help this month! Suggestions include cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, stuffing mix, chicken broth, and canned pumpkin.

The CFC is able to purchase healthy foods at a discount, so monetary donations are always helpful. Please make your check payable to CFC and send it to CFC, PO Box 864, Manchester Center, VT 05255.

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Bikur Cholim

Bikur Cholim, or visiting the sick, is one of the many *mitzvot* we are commanded to perform. Do you know someone who is ill and would appreciate a visit from Rabbi Novak? Please call the office at 802-362-4578 to let Rabbi Novak know so that he may plan a visit. We rely on you to keep us informed and appreciate your help.

President's Column

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months: the Rabbi Arthur Green seminar, our crafts fair, film festivals, ICM Reads, Talmud classes, and the annual Martin Luther King Day commemoration. These programs and many others create informative, timely, stimulating, and life-affirming experiences here at Israel Congregation.

It takes a tremendous amount of energy and financial resources to sustain our vibrant community. Please take a moment to reflect how blessed we are to have this wonderful synagogue, how fortunate we are to enjoy what we have together. Give to this synagogue with your heart and you will receive it back tenfold.

Finally, please allow me to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteers listed on page 3 who helped make this year's High Holy Days a vibrant and inspirational experience.

I hope that the year 5772 brings peace, happiness, and prosperity to your family.

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