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This part of our newsletter contains 'News of our Members', details of our new 'Shabbat Dinners' and other features. Part 1 contains photos from our many activities since the last newsletter was published.

News of our Members

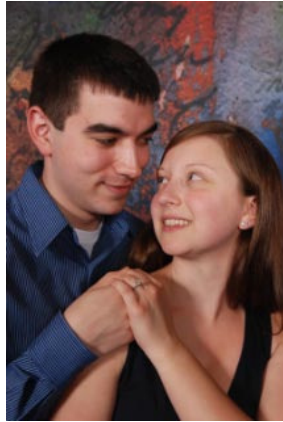
- **Allen Hollander**

Allen Hollander's son Jake started high school this fall at The Winchendon School, where he wears a suit and tie every day. Allen noted that "coming down the stairs every morning, Jake looks like he's headed to a wedding."

Allen will be headed to Sao Paulo soon to train GE Leaders in their energy business in Brazil.

- **Jane Morrissey**

This is not really about Jane, but about her family members and family-to-be members Ben Waters and Emily Moore. They're engaged and may be the first offspring of Havurah members to be engaged to each other. Ben and Emily will be married next September and both are 2005 ConVal graduates. Ben will receive his JD Degree from The University of Pennsylvania Law School in the spring and Emily will continue to pursue her PhD at Bryn Mawr College. Congratulations to Ben, Emily and both families.



- **Liz Halper**

In May, 2011 Liz Halper directed ConVal High School's production of "*Damn Yankees*". The show got rave reviews and was sold out for most of the performances. Liz continues to bring wonderful shows to the Monadnock Region and is well known for co-directing the very powerful production of "*Cabaret*" last year. Look for her production of "*Little Women The Musical*" next spring.

Liz is currently working on and performing in a children's show called "*Tales Told in a Tent*" (Folktales from Central Asia). Performances are at the Mariposa Museum in Peterborough on Saturday, November 12th and November 19th at 10:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

- **August Watters and Nancy Harowitz**

Here's what an enterprising Jew does when there's no Challah on Friday night. Nancy and August hosted an Erev Shabbat on May 27th. Nancy led a very nice service and came up with the virtual Challah shown below. We had a minion if you count the Katz cats family.



- **Jeff and Wendy Boxer**

A great big Mazel Tov to the Boxer's and the Magnifico's. Jeff and Wendy Boxer's granddaughter, Lyla Katerina Magnifico, was born at 1:51 AM on Saturday morning May 21st. Lyla is now the youngest member of the Havurah. Will she be ready to read the four questions next Pesach?

Lyla Katerina Magnifico



May 21st, 2011 @ 1:51am
7lb 4oz 19"

- **Zach Levene and Matt Levene**

Zach is coaching freshman football at ConVal and working at the Bagel Mill to earn money because he is off to Israel on January 31st for several months of work and study!

Matt is planning on doing a birthright trip in January too!

- **John Halper**

Many of you know of John's hobby: large scale model railroading...it's a backyard railroad that you ride on. His 'Monadnock Valley Railroad' was recently featured in a seven minute segment on WMUR's "New Hampshire Chronicle", a nightly program on New Hampshire's ABC TV station. The segment was videotaped at a club meet at John and Liz's house on 7/30/11. There were about 45 people and 10 trains including 4 steam engines in attendance that day. The videographer took over an hour of tape and edited it to fit in their seven minute segment. He included some on-camera interviews and of course lots of railroad action. WMUR aired the story on Friday, 9/30/11 and if you would like to see it, it's on their website and can be accessed from the link below. WMUR may be having some problems with their website, so give the page a few seconds to load. If it doesn't load, try again later.

<http://www.wmur.com/new-hampshire-chronicle-extended-coverage/29386565/video.html>

- **Florence Goldman and Daniella Yitzchak**

Florence and Daniella were honored as the Havurah's nominees to receive this year's Shem Tov award from the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire. They received the award at JFNH's Annual Meeting on June 12, 2011. The award is given to those nominated by the organization and someone who displays *one or more* of the following attributes:

- Has been long-serving, yet unrecognized until now
- Has a significant impact on our Havurah
- Supports the longevity of our Havurah
- Displays leadership

We submitted five attributes for Florence and five for Daniella:

Florence:

- Worked as a volunteer in many organizations throughout her life.
- Is a shining, positive 'face of Judaism' in the Monadnock Region.
- Served in many capacities in Jewish organizations.
- As a drug store owner, never charged those who could not afford their medication.
- Is an active, founding member of the Monadnock Havurah.

Daniella:

- Worked as a volunteer to combat homelessness.
- Volunteered and worked in an end-stage AIDS-related hospice.
- Hosts many Havurah activities and leads many Havurah Erev Shabbats.
- Coordinates a Tot Shabbat group and 'tot play group' for the next generation.
- Actively participates on committees in the Monadnock Havurah.



Florence



Daniella

- **Fred Slavic**

Fred sent in this story about one of his experiences during WWII. He said “it certainly didn’t occur this year”, but wanted to share his anecdote with you:

“During WW2 I was a merchant seaman. Once in Oran, a port city in Algeria, I stopped at a bar and met a shipmate coming out. He pointed out two men sitting at the end of the bar and told me they were Jews. I went over to them and in my best high school French introduced myself as a Jew. They looked at me curiously and in the halting conversation that followed (they knew less English than I knew French), I learned that they had both been officers in the French Army and had been expelled (“kicked out” were the words they used) after the French surrender. They made their way to Algeria which was still a French possession, to get away from the Germans.

They seemed suspicious of me and I had the feeling that they thought I might be a spy pretending to be a Jew. One of them repeated the word Sh'ma to me several times. At first I didn't know what he meant, thinking it was a French word. Then I realized what he meant. I recited the Sh'ma in Hebrew. They looked at each other and nodded. They were no longer suspicious of me.

By chance I later ran into two other Jews in Oran and one in Marseilles who was a member of the French underground and had helped blow up a bridge just before we invaded the southern French coast. The Sh'ma was a rallying cry; a password by which Jews could identify each other.”

Shabbat Dinners

The Monadnock Havurah’s first Shabbat Dinner was held on July 9th to rave reviews. Our thanks to Bill Seidman and Harriet Robbins for being wonderful hosts, to Nancy Harrowitz for leading the informal D’var Torah discussion and to Allen Hollander for suggesting the order of the songs/prayers/meal for the evening. On September 9th James Moon and Daniella Yitzchak hosted our second Shabbat Dinner also to rave reviews...wow...we’re getting really good at this! James gave a fine D’var Torah and led us through the order of the evening. The next Shabbat Dinner is scheduled for November 11th at Allen Hollander’s home.

The Havurah’s Shabbat Dinner will evolve over time and here are some of the issues discussed at the last Havurah Steering Committee meeting.

- The 6:30 PM starting time for the dinner seems fine.
- To avoid confusion about who’s attending, all attendees must RSVP to the host and the host will then send a confirmation to the attendee.

- It was decided that there should be no donation made to the host. Instead the host will assign each attendee a side dish, Challah, dessert or wine as an item to bring to the Shabbat Dinner.
- The committee felt the structure of the evening (the order of the songs/prayers/meal) was good and that a copy of the song/prayer sheet should be sent to the entire Havurah Email list.
- It was decided that Kaddish should be recited only for deceased having a personal connection to an attendee and only during the period of mourning or Yahrzeit. Whether or not someone wants to stand or sit is a personal choice.
- If a home is not baby-proofed to an extent that would make the host comfortable, the host may elect to exclude toddlers from attending.

Again, the Shabbat Dinner's we've had to date were great and we're eagerly looking forward to more Havurah Shabbat dinners. In addition, we hope that this will motivate some of you to have your own non-Havurah sponsored Shabbat Dinners and invite family and friends. Let's make this a tradition.

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, October 15th - 3:30 PM**

Havurah's annual Succot Celebration. This year it will be at the home of Carol Kraus in Peterborough's 'Nubanusit Neighborhood'. Carol will lead the celebration and will be followed by a pot luck dinner.

- **Friday, November 11th - 6:30 PM**

Shabbat Dinner at Allen Hollander's home in Peterborough. RSVP required! Contact Allen at hollandera@earthlink.net.

- **Saturday, November 19th - 6:00 PM**

Havurah gathering...we'll have a pot luck dinner, Havdalah and the discussion topic of the evening is a book review led by David Levene. Location to be announced.

- **(Date and location to be announced)**

Havurah's annual Chanukah party!

Upcoming Jewish Holidays

(Note that the holiday begins at sundown of the previous day)

- **Chanukah - first day is December 21, 2011**

Monadnock Havurah Website

The address of our web site is www.monadnockhavurah.org. The User Name is 'havurah' and the password is 'livefree' (one word, lower-case letters). All pages of the site except the first page are password-protected.

To keep the website interesting, we need articles and other tidbits of information from you! Please get in touch with me at jhal@jdassoc.com if you'd like to contribute something to the web site.

Shalom,

John

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First <u>and</u> Last Names <u>and</u> Birthdates of Children	
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