

## Macharniks at the March for Science



*First row: Norm Hall, Miriam Gitler, Harriet Peck, Keith Campbell-Rosen, Marina Broitman, Katie Wittenberg, Holly Campbell-Rosen, and Gary Peck.*

*Second row: Ellen Miles, Nick Schaap, Areya Campbell-Rosen, David Wittenberg, Alberto Grosmark, Pedro Rodriguez, Ester Rozenblum, Neil Greene, and Barry Dancis.*

### *Holly Campbell Rosen*

Macharniks showed up in full rain gear for the March for Science in Washington, DC on Earth Day, April 22. Despite the cold, rainy day, they marched to promote the role that science plays in each of our lives and the need to respect and encourage research that gives us insight into the world.

Machar members were armed with posters designed by Machar's future Rabbi Jeremy Kridel's wife, Raya Kridel.



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Secular Humanistic Judaism embraces a human-centered philosophy that combines rational thinking with a celebration of Jewish culture and identity.

We affirm the power and responsibility of human beings to shape their own lives independent of supernatural authority.

Machar is affiliated with the Society for Humanistic Judaism and the International Federation of Secular Humanistic Jews.

# Machar News/Clubs & Activities

## New Machar Rabbi and Officers

Machar signed a contract with Jeremy Kridel, who will begin serving as our new rabbi on July 1, 2017. Jeremy and his family will be moving to the DC area this summer. We are looking forward to working with Jeremy and welcoming the Kridels into our Machar community.

The following new officers and board members were elected at the Machar Community Meeting on April 23 and will assume their new roles on July 1, 2017. Mazel Tov and thank you for agreeing to lead our congregation in the coming year.

President: Joy Markowitz

Co-Vice-Presidents: Miriam Gitler/Nadine Wettstein

Treasurer: Ester Rozenblum

Secretary: Holly Campbell-Rosen

At-Large members:

David Abramson, Sara Baum, Debby Brennan, Marlene Cohen, Myrna Frank, Norm Hall, Joyce Rosenthal, Jack Schwartz

Past President: Rahel Hanadari

Darlene Basch will be the new Rabbi Committee Chair. Marlene Cohen is the Machar representative to the Society of Humanistic Judaism board of directors and has this year been appointed to the SHJ Executive Board. Areya Campbell-Rosen will be a HuJews (teen) representative to the SHJ board of directors.

## WITs

In April, the wonderful women of WITs met at the home of Vicki Wallshein where we took part in a humanistic Shabbat service before enjoying a delicious meal. In May, we met at the home of Nancy Harris who shared a lovely Mary Oliver poem before we dug in.

On Wednesday, June 21, we will meet at the home of Carole Leblanc. I will send out an email closer to the date to remind everyone of the upcoming event. Our July location is yet to be determined, but I will let everyone know our meeting place as soon as possible.

WITs is open to all female members of Machar, and we are always delighted to welcome new members. If you would like more information about WITs or to have your name added to our email list to keep abreast of our happenings, please contact me, Rose Levine, [jay3026@msn.com](mailto:jay3026@msn.com).

## Macharniks at the Climate March



Joyce Rosenthal

It was a sunny but sweltering day for the April 29 rally to march for action on climate change. Thousands of people showed up in downtown Washington to march, chant, and otherwise make their voices heard. Several Macharniks attended the march with friends or as part of climate-related organizations. The event was notable for its many clever signs — and for the fact that the main speakers didn't appear until the latter half of the event — after many of us had left — rather than at the beginning.

All in all, the march was a powerful reminder that we are not alone in our hopes for the people of our country to work together to find a way to mitigate the effects of climate change and create a greener world.

## Join Machar's High Holidays Choir

The Machar High Holidays Choir needs new members. We will be rehearsing over the summer in preparation for the services this fall.

The Rosh Hashana service will be on September 21, the Kol Nidre service will be on the evening of September 29, and the Yom Kippur service will be on September 30. We will try to be accommodating to everyone's schedule. At the Machar coffeehouse last winter, many people showed their talents, and I am sure that some of them would be great additions to the choir. However, any one who can carry a tune would be welcome.

Please contact Peter Wolfe, Joanna Pratt or Joy Markowitz if you are interested.

# The Machar Family

## Birthdays

June 4: Everett Tobocman  
June 4: Piper Tobocman  
June 5: Ann Argaman  
June 6: Emmett Zamore  
June 7: Norman Hall  
June 8: Ariana Rodriguez-Gitler  
June 10: Grace Morrow  
June 11: Jasper Tobocman  
June 11: Barry Dancis  
June 15: Hildie Block  
June 18: Jeremy Liberman  
June 20: Rahel Hanadari  
June 20: Alyssa Lahn  
June 22: Sharyn Rosenberg  
June 24: Rebecca Desenberg  
June 24: Patricia Meeks Schnell  
June 25: Jack Schwartz  
June 26: Heather DeMocker  
June 28: Alexandra Walker  
June 28: Anita Willens  
June 29: Kenneth Lederman  
June 30: Stephen Cohen  
June: Matthew Miller

July 2: Margot Bloch  
July 3: Larry Lawrence  
July 4: Sebastian Goldberg  
July 4: Mildred Goodman  
July 4: Rafi Lyons  
July 5: Carol Abramson  
July 6: Daisy Hand  
July 7: Anna Gelpert  
July 7: Richard Gold  
July 8: Nadine Bloch  
July 8: John Cooper  
July 8: Daniel Rosenberg  
July 11: Jonas Siegel  
July 14: Katie Wittenberg  
July 18: Anika Gonzalez  
July 22: Joseph Priniotakis  
July 25: David Abramson  
July 28: Ellen Miles  
July 30: Marc Mauer

## Anniversaries

June 1: Bridget Ehart & Joshua Rogin  
June 6: Alexandra & Ken Walker  
June 9: Amy & André Williamson  
June 12: Sue Popkin & Norman Hall  
June 19: Harriet & Gary Peck  
June 20: Elaine & Barry Dancis  
June 20: Ester Rozenblum & Alberto Grosmark  
June 24: Katie & David Wittenberg  
June 29: Bouchra Chati & Richard Gold  
June 29: Susan Warshauer Kahn & Peter Kahn  
June 30: Carla Kopell & Guiseppe Topa  
  
July 11: Jennifer & Zach Arney  
July 27: Sharyn & Daniel Rosenberg

## Yarheits: We remember...

June 1: Arthur Freedman, relative of Michal Freedman  
June 4: Howard Blank, father of Kara Blank-Gonzalez  
June 5: Joe Zamore, father of Michael Zamore  
June 7: Harry Dinerman, relative of Helena Dinerman  
June 10: Bryan Medwed, son of Mary Perica  
June 12: David Goldwain, uncle of Miriam Gitler  
June 13: Robert Tebelman, father of Linda Tebelman  
  
July 2: Laura Schwab Blemenfeld, sister of Dick Schwab  
July 3: Morton Seidenstein, father of Roslynn Seidenstein  
July 4: Arthur Zwicker, father of Sue Zwicker  
July 17: Kenneth Hall, father of Norm Hall  
July 26: Ann Weisberg, sister of Jill Grant  
July: Howard Campbell, brother of Holly Campbell  
July: Judith Desenberg, mother of Jon Desenberg  
July: Naomi Gardner, cousin of Keith Campbell-Rosen  
July: Fred Martinez, step-father of Holly Campbell



# Staff, Board of Directors and Leadership

## Staff

### **Rabbi**

### **Congregational Administrator**

Jane Christenson

### **Jewish Cultural School Director**

Shel Lyons

## Board of Directors

### **President**

Rahel Hanadari

### **Vice President**

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### **Treasurer**

Ester Rozenblum

### **Secretary**

Holly Campbell-Rosen

### **Past President**

Darlene Basch

### **At-Large**

Marlene Cohen

Myrna Frank

Norm Hall

Joyce Rosenthal

Jack Schwartz

### **Honorary Directors**

Jules Abrams (*deceased*)

Harold Black (*deceased*)

Ann Black (*deceased*)

Joe Goodman

Millie Goodman

Mary Perica

Michael Prival

Henrietta Wexler

## Board Liaisons

### **B'nei Mitzvah Liaison**

Norm Hall

### **Madrikhim**

Michael Prival

Deb Godden

## Machar Committee Chairs

### **Adult Ed**

David Abramson

### **Communications**

Joyce Rosenthal

### **Community Service**

*Vacant*

### **Education**

Norm Hall

### **Email Lists Manager**

Norm Hall

### **Fundraising**

Donna Bassin

### **High Holidays**

Nadine Wettstein

### **Liturgy**

*Vacant*

### **Membership**

Marlene Cohen

### **Membership Directory**

Miriam Gitler

### **Mishpachah**

Renée Weitzner

### **Newsletter Editor**

*Vacant*

### **Nominating**

Nadine Wettstein

### **Passover Seder**

*Vacant*

### **Play Reading**

Marlene Cohen

### **Rabbi Committee**

Darlene Basch

### **Reduced Fees**

Miriam Gitler

### **Social Action**

Peter Kahn

### **Sunday Refreshments**

Ami Argaman

## Clubs and Havurot Chairs

### **Book Club**

### **Nature Club**

Alberto Grosmark

### **Neighborhood Havurot**

Darlene Basch

### **Volunteer Coordinator**

Marina Broitman

### **Wimmin' In Transition (WITs)**

Rose Levine

### **Young Adult Havurah**

*Vacant*

## SHJ Reps from Machar

### **Machar Rep to SHJ**

Marlene Cohen

### **SHJ Board of Directors Members**

Larry Lawrence (*Immediate Past President*)

Rick Gold

## Machar Trained Leaders

Michael Prival, Madrikh

Deb Godden, Madrikha

Dan Tobocman, Spokesperson

## Directions to Machar

**“Cedar Lane” events are held at Cedar Lane UU Church. 9601 Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD.**

From DC, go north on Wisconsin Ave. (Rt. 355), pass the Naval Hospital, right on Cedar Lane, cross Beach Dr., 2nd entrance on right. From 495, Rockville, etc., take Rockville Pike (Rt. 355) S to left on Cedar to 9601. Metro: Red Line to Medical Center. Walk ½ mile north on 355, right on Cedar, 0.7 miles, or Ride-On Bus #34 (ask the driver).

**“JPDS” is the site of our Jewish Cultural School (JCS). 6045 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC.**

Metro: Red Line to Silver Spring. S-2 or S-4 bus to Federal Triangle to Military Road and cross 16th Street. JCS and Adult Ed begin promptly at 10 a.m.; please arrive early.

**For meetings in private homes, contact hosts for directions.**

## Machar E-mail Lists for Members and Nonmembers

*Norm Hall*

There are two different e-mail lists that Machar members can join. The first, the “Machar” list, enables members to receive the monthly Newsletter, event reminders by email and announcements of program changes that may occur between printed newsletters. Almost all Machar members are already on this list.

The second list is “MacharCommunity.” Members of this list can share information about local, non-Machar cultural, educational, social action or

community service events and activities. Any list member can post a note to the “Machar Community” list at any time.

If you would like to be added to either list, or if we are not using your preferred e-mail addresses for them, please send a note to [Email at machar.org](mailto:Email@machar.org). Of course you can get off these lists at any time. If you would like to be added to either list, removed from either list, or if we are not using your preferred e-mail addresses, please send a note to [administrator at machar.org](mailto:administrator@machar.org).

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*Larry Lawrence*

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