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**The Three-part  
 Israel Engagement  
 Class will Take  
 Place on Sunday,  
 December 4, 11, & 18  
 at 11:30.  
 All are welcome.**

## From Rabbi Josh



This past Rosh ha-Shanah I gave a sermon about Israel – not normally headline news since rabbis talk about Israel all the time. Except that in my sermon I spoke not only about my heartfelt love for Israel – a love that was only deepened by the blessing of being able to spend a year living there as a family – but also about the pain and difficulty I experienced seeing firsthand the damage that Israel's policies toward the Palestinians are causing both to the Palestinians and to Israel itself. From the heartfelt comments many of you made following the sermon I could see that the sermon touched a chord in the congregation and that you appreciated these issues being addressed. And yet it is increasingly challenging to have open and honest conversations about Israel when voices become ever more shrill on both the left and right, condemning Israel as a brutal occupier on the one hand and branding any who question Israel's policies as disloyal and naive on the other.

The arguing, the entrenched positions, the seemingly endless cycles of violence and recrimination can easily make those of us who care about Israel feel discouraged or, worse yet, wish to disengage from Israel altogether. This would be a tragic mistake because I believe Israel needs our commitment and dedication more than ever if it is to find a way out of the seemingly intractable situation in which it finds itself. The support that we can offer comes not by automatically backing Israel's policies but by questioning and critiquing from a place of love and concern, guided by our values as progressive American Jews. In fact, this hypothesis forms the cornerstone of a major new initiative created by the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, a leading Israeli think tank that strives to address major challenges facing the Jewish people from an ideas-oriented perspective. The initiative, called the Engaging Israel Project, calls for American Jews to re-envision their relationship with Israel on a basis of values and Jewish peoplehood and to create a new covenantal model for the Israel-Diaspora relationship.

We are going to be taking up this challenge over the course of the year with a variety of Israel programming designed to engender honest and open debate and to expose us to new perspectives on Israel and the Israel-Diaspora relationship. To kick off our conversation, I will be offering a three-part class in December that will encourage us to take up the Hartman Institute's challenge to reexamine the basis of our own personal attitudes and feelings toward Israel and to consider what we can bring to the table as progressive American Jews and why these values and principles are indispensable for Israel to remain true to its founding mission and democratic ideals. Through a combination of text study, reflection, and discussion, we will explore assumptions about the Israel-Diaspora dynamic that have remained largely unexamined since Israel's founding more than 60 years ago and consider alternative models to move forward with a strong, engaged partnership.

These conversations will lay the groundwork for other upcoming congregational Israel programming, including our Scholar-in-Residence weekend in April with noted writer and commentator Peter Beinart. I hope you will choose to join us *precisely because* this is a conversation many American Jews might sooner prefer to sit out, and the consequences for both Israel and Jews around the world will be lasting and profound if we do not engage.

B'shalom,

*Rabbi Josh*

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## President's Message

### *Listen!*

*By Janet Karp*

Or Hadash is a member of the First Suburbs Organization. I have decided to utilize a program offered by First Suburbs (see <http://sepaftp.org/about/>) to take the pulse of Or Hadash. I participated in a modeling of such a program sponsored by First Suburbs last June. Some fellow Or Hadashniks and I are contacting other Or Hadashniks to create an opportunity to sit down face-to-face, one-to-one, just to talk.

Our goal is to get to know you better. We are participating in a Listening Campaign, also known as a Leadership Campaign. We, as leaders of the community, are going to listen to you to learn what is on your mind. It is a simple concept, and I am comfortable saying that these will be enjoyable conversations for us to have.

Initially we will contact particular cohorts within our community. As time goes on we will reach out to more people. When you are contacted, please agree to sit down with a fellow congregant. Tell your story over a cup of tea or coffee. As a member of this participatory community, you have the

## MAZEL TOV

- To new members, **Jason Dickenson and Debra Langer**, on the birth of their daughter, Ayala Rebecca Langerson.

right to be heard. Or Hadash is made up of long- time members, members of a few years, and really new members. We are all Or Hadash. Just as we believe that Judaism is an evolving religious civilization, so do we believe that who

## CONDOLENCES

- To **Steve Fischer** on the passing of his father, Robert A. Fischer, father-in-law of Tobi Mackler and grandfather of Lauren.

we are and what we are thinking needs to be said. Or Hadash, I want to listen to what you have to say.

Thanks in advance for letting the listening happen.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, November 4th and Friday, December 2 - Three Part Harmony** with Tot Shabbat at 6 pm, a dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner at 6:30, and Intergenerational service at 7 pm. This month we will celebrate all October and November birthdays, welcome our new members, and observe Social Action Shabbat. December service will celebrate December birthdays.

**Friday, November 11th - Interfaithways Shabbat**

**Sunday, November 13, beginning at 9:00am** – Or Hadash will participate in the Global Day of Jewish Learning. Jews from around the world will study together. This year's topic is Shema.

**Friday, November 18th** - The Or Hadash choir will sing.

**Saturday evening November 19th, beginning at 7:30: ISRAELI MOVIE NIGHT**

Sponsored by the Israel Committee. Please join us for a social and educational evening, including desserts and discussion. The evening is free and open to the public.

**Sundays, December 4, 11, and 18, at 11 am - Rabbi Josh's Adult Education Program**

**Friday, December 9th - RRC Shabbat** and our choir will sing.

**Friday, December 16th - Human Rights Shabbat**

**Friday, December 23 at 8 pm - Or Hadash Hanukkah service**

## Or Hadash in the Community – First Suburbs Project

The Southeast Pennsylvania First Suburbs Project emerged from discussions by leaders from the older, developed suburbs of Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery Counties, who came together to address the common challenges of our communities.

First Suburbs members are not individuals, but are actually institutions, such as churches, Or Hadash, municipalities, school boards, and public policy organizations in the four counties. Or Hadash is entering its second year as a member, and has been represented at regional, statewide, and national meetings, such as a White House Conference in July.

Membership in First Suburbs demonstrates Or Hadash as a leader in important public issues facing our communities, builds important relationships beyond our walls, and provides training opportunities, such as the Listening Campaign Or Hadash is launching this fall.

First Suburbs members have chosen four primary issues for its current focus as it builds an organization capable of changing policy locally, as well as in Harrisburg and Washington. These issues are:

- Reducing our local property tax burden
- Investing in our schools
- Creating more balanced housing
- Redeveloping infrastructure while providing local jobs

For more information, contact Michael Golden at [magolden1@aol.com](mailto:magolden1@aol.com).

## From the Administrator

By Laurie Albert

November brings Thanksgiving and is a good time to realize all the things we should be grateful for in our lives.

PennDot anticipates the completion of the Camp Hill Road construction around Thanksgiving. I know we will ALL be so thankful!

High Holidays were held at Or Hadash for the first time this year. Much thanks are due to Beth Alper and Jeff Chebot for co-chairing our holidays; to Lani Moss and her committee (Donna Brian, Beth Alper, Amy Grossman, Lori Rubin, Laurie Albert, Janet Karp, Marty Jacobs, and Marty Savitzky) for the work done to facilitate the change of location this year; to Matt Ross for designing our efficient seating plan; to Barry and Donna Brian for developing our Google spreadsheet for the tracking of honors and volunteers; to the choir, musicians, and all the discussion leaders and readers who added so much to our observances; to Lori Rubin and her helpers (Vivian Lichtman, Lita Weinstein, Ruth Mermelstein and Cheryl Berson) for organizing Family services and activities for children; to Michelle Smithman and the kitchen committee for the onegs and break-the-fast; to Elley Rosenberg, Julie Jacobson, Rhoda Gansler, Barbara Glicksman, and Pat Steinberg for

helping with the holiday mailing; to our wonderful schleppers, Jeff Alper, Doug Smithman, Brian Smithman, Dan Schwarz, Ken Rosenberg, Hal and Lani Moss; to our parking volunteers, ushers and greeters, to our congregational leaders (Janet Karp, the board and committee chairs), to bookkeeper, Loretta Fogel for making order out of chaos, to Rabbi Josh for guiding our congregation, and to our wonderful congregants for their understanding and patience as we settled into a new routine for the holidays.

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## THE CAMPAIGN TO RENEW AND SUSTAIN OR HADASH

By Lani Moss, Chair  
 Development Committee

On Yom Kippur, I spoke to the congregation about our Annual Appeal. Our synagogue's economic reality is such that to continue to achieve the fiscal balance that enables us to share our beautiful home and create a dynamic Jewish community, we need a new approach. The Campaign to Renew and Sustain Or Hadash will fill the gap that exists between our membership dues and our financial obligations. The Campaign will provide the security needed to continue to enjoy the long history of excellent rabbinic leadership and our thriving school in which to educate the younger members of our community. Because of your support, the congregation will be able to offer its members a rich and varied array of spiritual, educational, and enjoyable ways to connect with each other. You have already or will very soon receive a letter from me asking you to give to The Campaign to Renew and Sustain Or Hadash. Thank you to those members who have already sent in their donations. For those who have not, of course, I am asking you to give generously; but I am also asking you to give at a sustainable level for your family. We are asking each of you to place Or Hadash on your tzedakah list and include this campaign in your family's



giving plan – whether that is at the \$36 level, or the \$100 level, or the \$1000 level or even more – part of our goal is for 100% participation. If you have any questions about the campaign or development at Or Hadash, please feel free to contact me.

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*Thanks to the members of the committee:* Jay Cohen, Amy Grossman, Shelley Rosenberg, and Rick Dzubow, and to those who provided guidance: Karen Freedman, Richard Malkin, Barry Brian and Janet Karp. Thank you to Gail Morrison-Hall for her design skills and to Guy Homer for printing the letter and accompanying pieces.

## From the Education Director

*By Lori Rubin*

As I write this article, we have just finished celebrating Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. This morning, during Sunday school services, I commented that as Jews, we are lucky to have the opportunity to create New Year's resolutions not once, but twice over the course of the year. I enjoy making New Year's resolutions, and am really good at creating new ideas on how to make family dinners more easily, keep the kitchen clean, and spend more time with my family. However, the follow-through to those ideas isn't always what I anticipate. So, it is with pleasure, that on January 1st, I get to revisit those thoughts and try new ways to reach those goals.

Now it is November and the air is cool. We are between our High Holidays and the beginning of the secular New Year. This is right around the time when the New Year's resolutions aren't working and January 1st isn't here yet. So what do we do to remind ourselves of our goals, our dreams, and our hopes? On Rosh Hashanah, I spoke briefly about tangible objects that help us to remember. I carry around rocks to remind me to stop my busy schedule, remember those who are important to me, spend time enjoying the outdoors, and connect to that which is larger than me. Take a moment and stop to think about what you wish to remember in the midst of your busy, rushed lives.

Every week, at religious school, our students have the opportunity to stop and enjoy a prayer service catered to their learning styles. This gives our kids a chance to think about connecting to something larger than them. It might remind them to help others, to appreciate what they have, or to enjoy the company of those around them. Parents have the opportunity to stop by and share that experience.

Another chance to have experiences with the larger Jewish community will be on November 13th, when Jews around the world will be celebrating, once again, the Global Day of Jewish Learning. At Or Hadash, we invite parents to join us for the morning as we explore the Shema by looking at Tallit, Tzitzit, and Tefillin in an experiential manner. The culminating activity will be a ceremony in which we hang the hamsot that Rabbi Josh brought back from Israel for each classroom. Please plan on joining us for this family education opportunity. This is a chance for us to stop and ponder our relationship to God for a moment.

We have many occasions to take a break from our everyday lives and think about those who are dear to us, to spend time doing things we wish we could do all week. We don't always rise to those occasions. At Or Hadash, we offer a plethora of experiences for families of all ages and stages in which to take these breaks and appreciate our community. Often, those occasions take place on Shabbat. Come join the community on

## REFLECTIONS ON MY BAR MITZVAH PROJECT

*By Jacob Fields*

For my Bar Mitzvah project, I made and delivered meals through Or Hadash's Hesed Committee for people in times of stress and need. I helped these people by eliminating the stress of cooking dinner. I made and delivered meals to multiple families who needed them. This was *Hesed*, or caring for the families in need, thus contributing to the Hesed committee's name and purpose.

I learned several things from this project. I learned how to cook Indian food and improved my overall cooking skills. This included learning several recipes, such as fajitas and three different soups. I also learned that the relief and support others get from the food is better than the food itself, especially when they would have trouble cooking it themselves. The people who I cooked for were so grateful, and that made me feel good about myself.

I learned many things about *myself* while doing this project. I learned that I like to cook, except for the part when I had to stick my hand into a dead chicken. I also learned that providing others with support and caring makes me proud, especially when I put time and effort into bringing this relief to them.

I would recommend a similar project to another student for several reasons. First of all, I enjoyed cooking and preparing the meals for the families, because I enjoy cooking, and cooking provides a good learning experience. I learned about the structure of a meal: that each meal needs a protein, a starch, and a vegetable. Secondly, directly providing support to people in need feels satisfying and gratifying, because I could tell that the people I helped really needed the meals and they were very grateful. Finally, by doing the project, I have forged relationships with families in my community. By doing a big good deed for these people at an important time in their lives, we will share a bond that will last a lifetime.

Friday night or Saturday morning. Take a break from your everyday life — enjoy a bagel and some great company, learn something new. What a way to celebrate Shabbat! Check out our calendar at [www.orhadash.com](http://www.orhadash.com) or like us on Facebook. You can find us on twitter at CongOrHadash. We'll be sending out information about our Shabbat Schmooze scheduled for this winter. But when January 1st rolls around, don't think to yourself, "I need to make New Year's resolutions." Instead, think, "I am following my dreams. My resolutions have been met." Take that challenge - rise to the occasion.

Make this year the best ever!



## Mitzvah Circle Foundation

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September 20, 2011

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Dear Lori, Faculty, Staff, Students & Congregants,

I am writing to express our gratitude for your generosity to Mitzvah Circle Foundation throughout the year. Most recently, your contribution tzedakah and school supplies makes it possible for Mitzvah Circle Foundation to continue to provide support for children and their families during difficult times.

With your help we are making a difference in the lives of people in our own community as well as in neighborhoods across America. The school supplies provided by Or Hadash have been given to local children as well as to children living in twenty-three different states. Without your active participation this would not be possible.

Your donations help us to provide meaningful support to individuals and families during times of crisis, poverty, homelessness, and serious illness. We are very appreciative of your kindness.

Wishing all of you a New Year filled with much sweetness and good health,

Fran P. Held  
Founder  
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## LA'ASOT

["To Do"]

### Leadership And Advanced Service Organizational Training

- **Increase your knowledge about the genesis and growth of Or Hadash: Who are we, What we stand for, How our past affects our present and our future.**

Session 1: Tues., Nov. 8, 2011

Facilitator: Shelley Rosenberg

- **Learn how Reconstructionist values affect you as a congregational leader at Or Hadash.**

Session 2: Tues., Dec. 6, 2011

Scholar: Rabbi Josh Waxman

- **Enhance your leadership potential through "Values-Based Decision Making." Take it out of the boardroom and into your life.**

Session 3: Tues., Jan. 3, 2012

Guest Facilitator: Debra Brosan, ACAJE/JOP

- **Expand your practical leadership skills: Leading so people will follow, Chairing a successful committee, Delegating work responsibly, Preparing an achievable agenda, Running an effective meeting.**

Session 4: Tues., Mar. 6, 2012

Guest Facilitator: Roz Spigel, ACAJE/JOP

- **Develop an understanding of the organizational budgeting process: Making and living with responsible financial decisions**

Session 5: Tues., April 10, 2012

Facilitators: Jules Mermelstein and Karen Freedman

**Session 6: Graduation and Celebration: Friday, May 18, 2012  
Shabbat service following Congregation Meeting**

**Who?** Current Board members, current committee members and chairpersons, congregants who would like to serve on committees or the Board....**YOU**, if you would like to know more about how Or Hadash works!

**When?** 7:30 – 9:00 pm. Tuesdays **Where?** Or Hadash Board Room

**Cost?** \$18/person (to cover the cost of materials)

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## Or Hadash Hosts Families

By Jennifer Hoagland  
IHN Coordinator

In November, Or Hadash hosts guests from Interfaith Hospitality Network. Our classrooms become homes for one or more families.

Thank you to Lori Rubin and the school students and teachers who were so very cooperative and understanding with the transition between bedrooms to classrooms and back again. Thank you to Rabbi Josh, Laurie Albert, and all of the office people who worked around air mattresses and keys and answered volunteers' questions.

Very special thanks go to all of the volunteers from our community, who made phone calls, prepared Or Hadash for our guests, shopped for food and supplies, hosted dinners, stayed overnight, laundered bedclothes and provided transportation!! None of this could have happened without the members of our community who gave of their time, talents, and energy everyday so that our community as a whole could provide an inviting place for our guests.

Again, I want to thank each and every volunteer individually for your kindness and generosity of time and resources. The families will flourish because of our communal work!!

## OR HADASH ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

### OCTOBER

Beginning 10.26.11, Rabbi Josh will offer a biweekly Adult B'nai Mitzvah class together with our RRC Intern Anne Feibelman. The first year of this two-year program focuses on basic Hebrew and fundamental topics in Judaism. There will be a monthly introductory Torah Study class offered in conjunction with this program.

### NOVEMBER

Sunday 11.13.11, from 11:15 am to 2 pm, join hundreds of thousands of Jews worldwide in the second Global Day of Jewish Learning. Workshops and discussions this year will include Jewish music, poetry and the Shema, including non-traditional Jews among Israel, comparing the central prayers of Judaism and Islam, and the meaning of "The Lord is One".

Saturday night 11.19.11 at 7:30 pm, the film "A Family in Captivity" will be shown and discussed. This film shows the plight of the family of Gilad Schalit, an Israeli soldier captured by Hamas over five years ago.

### DECEMBER

Sundays 12.4.11, 12.11.11, and 12.18.11, from 11:30 am to 1 pm, Rabbi Josh will offer a three-part series focusing on building our relationship with Israel as progressive American Jews, based on shared values. Rabbi Josh will be drawing on his sabbatical year experiences in Israel.

### Coming Soon...

An event, date to be determined, exploring this year's One Book One Jewish Community book, *The List* by Martin Fletcher. This book can be ordered through the Or Hadash office.

*All programs are open to the public and free of charge.*  
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## "What is Reconstructionism anyway?"

Perhaps you'd like to delve more deeply into Judaism from a Reconstructionist perspective. Or maybe you've been looking for something that can demonstrate to others what you are so excited about—a place to send that cousin who has challenged you for years with, "What is Reconstructionism, anyway?"

Many in the Reconstructionist community have been asking such questions for years. Now the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC) is proud to respond with a new interactive, online course. *Judaism Through a Reconstructionist Lens* is a self-guided program available to anyone who wants to learn more about the movement. You can try a sample unit by visiting [www.rrc.edu/distancelearning/reconlens/judaism-through-a-reconstructionist-lens-sample-unit](http://www.rrc.edu/distancelearning/reconlens/judaism-through-a-reconstructionist-lens-sample-unit). Rabbi Nancy Fuchs-Kreimer, Ph.D., RRC '82, the director of multi-faith studies and initiatives at the College, guides participants through the online program.

A full year of access to the course costs \$4.95, and registration is available online only. Learn more by visiting <http://www.rrc.edu/node/1225>.

Smartphone users can scan this code to go directly to the website.



## A Surprising Tale

*By Janet Karp*

There is a doctor who lives in Georgia. She loves animals and has a farm with many dogs and a number of horses. One of her dogs was ill with a rare form of cancer. After doing some online research and collaborating with the doctors at the Veterinary School of the University of Knoxville in Tennessee, she discovered a possible imaging agent that could help to better define the dog's disease. The problem is, the imaging drug, is made only in a couple of places in the United States (neither of which is Knoxville, Tennessee). The University of Pennsylvania, however, does make the drug and has been using it in collaboration with Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for about four years. After more searching, she contacted Joel Karp at Penn to find out if she could purchase the drug.

Because the drug is radioactive with a short half-life, the problem is whether to bring the dog to the Vet School at Penn or to ship the drug to Knoxville. Neither option is easy and both are expensive. Rich Freifelder manages the Cyclotron Facility at Penn that makes the drug, Fluoradopa or F-Dopa. Joel and Rich told the physician that the drug could be made in sufficient quantity to have an injectible amount available after a 5-hour trip (via a private, commercial courier) to Knoxville. That way the animal's doctors would remain the same and the trip from Georgia would be less onerous.

The story doesn't end here. There was regulatory paperwork. There was coordination of the Cyclotron Facility's production schedule: the production and synthesis of the F-Dopa had to be started at 3 am in order not to interfere with the normal clinical production schedule of the facility. The drug had to be picked up at Penn, driven to the airport, flown to Knoxville airport, picked up by another courier, delivered to the University of Knoxville, transported to the VMD's and then injected into the dog - lots of work by lots of different people. But it all happened. The dog was scanned and rescanned with a second drug the following day. The F-Dopa did change the management of the animal who eventually went to surgery.

Fast forward to Fort Washington. Laurie Albert received a request for jpeg photos of Or Hadash's Sanctuary and our Healing Garden from someone not affiliated with Or Hadash. Laurie located and supplied the photos to an artist who is working on the project. I was copied on the e-mails seeking the photos, since it was an odd request. I inquired as to whether anyone knew who the artist is since it is so unusual. No one knew the artist or why the photos were needed.



Then, the other day, Joel came home and showed me a very lovely watercolor painting of our healing garden at Or Hadash. Huh? I asked him where he got it.

He explained to me that he and Rich had lunch with Susan Grey, M.D., whose dog was scanned. He had told me about her and her dog months ago. She was traveling from Georgia to NYC and made a stop at the University to meet the physicists who helped her dog and to present a gift of thanks to them!

OK. Now it all fit together. Rich had held several conversations with Dr. Grey. Apparently he talked a lot about Or Hadash! There's the spirit! It turned out that Dr. Grey was on her own spiritual journey and knew that Or Hadash is important to Joel and Rich. She had visited our website many times and thought that paintings of the Healing Garden and Sanctuary would make perfect gifts that Joel and Rich would both appreciate.

Copies of the watercolors will be in the display case in the vestibule area outside of the sanctuary. If you like them and are interested in copies of them, they are available from the artist at a modest cost. Please contact Laurie Albert for information on how to obtain a copy of either or both paintings.

## ECO CORNER

*By Doug Smithman, ECO Chairperson*

It's a bit late, but I still wish everybody a happy and healthy new year.

During one of my first High Holidays after converting, I discovered the ritual of Tashlich. As someone weaned of the Christian concepts of either spilling the beans to the man behind the curtain or else suffering some form of physical discomfort to compensate for my sins, the idea of feeding some fish, or birds if my aim was poor, seemed rather pleasant. And it allowed me to have a warm feeling of doing the right thing once I was done.

Of course, the true aim of any sin recognition is not to actually correct the sin or to even compensate for any injury to another party. It is to make us slow down and be aware of the poor choices that we have made in hopes that we will think twice before doing them again.

Regrettably, throwing a soda bottle out of the car window is not forbidden under Talmudic law, nor is having the air conditioner on with the windows open or buying a plastic do-dad wrapped in 10 times its own weight of plastic. So these sorts of activities can't be included in the host of moral shortcomings I do away with once a year. That is probably just as well because the sins that I DO cast away are ones that only happen occasionally. (And to the Purim Spiel crowd, my singing is one of those sins, but I only do it once a year). However, the sin of being thoughtless in how my daily life affects the sustainability of Earth and the survivability of my descendants is one that I can engage in thousands of times a day.



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I am fond of quoting the Chinese proverb 'No single raindrop considers itself responsible for the flood'. I like that because it is very true. The sheet of paper that I threw in the trash instead of recycling doesn't mean much. But when you begin to add up those sheets you find that our little community alone can be responsible for several trees a year.

And I can't just throw that sin away and have everything be right again. Once the forest is gone, it will be gone for a very long time. Once the fish die, we will be hungry for a very long time. Once the air becomes dangerous to breathe, we will suffer for a very long time. It won't happen suddenly; it will happen gradually, over several generations. Our children and our children's children will pay the price for each and every sustainability sin I commit.

But it needn't be that way. I can apply the principals of Tashlich to my daily life. I can remember how I'm casting away a sin every time I throw a piece of paper in the recycle bin. I can picture my children's faces when I decide to combine my errands or to walk to nearby stores. I can see unborn future generations when I turn off a few lights. The ability to practice sustainable Tashlich every day instead of once a year is all around me if I look for it. That same warm feeling is something that I can have throughout the day instead of once a year.

So as you begin to wind your way through 5772, pause and think about what it is that you're doing and how you might do it in a manner that will allow us to sustain this Earth for future generations.

Thank you and have a great new year.

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