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.

Holly Campbell Rosen
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.

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 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 Gelpern
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

Yarhzeits: 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
June 15: Hildie Block
June 18: Jeremy Liberman
June 20: Rahel Hanadari
June 20: Alyssa Lahn
June 22: Sharyn Rosenberg
June 24: Rebecca Desenberg
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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

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
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Rose Levine

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Vacant

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“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. 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.

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Larry Lawrence

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