



How and Why Secular Humanistic Jews Celebrate Hanukkah

Deb Godden, Madrikha

Please join us this year on Sunday,
December 16—see Machar website

As Humanistic Jews, we keep in mind that the Hanukkah story originated centuries after the time of the Maccabees and their victory. We tell the story of the Maccabees as a reminder of the Jewish people's struggles, courage, and fragile triumphs. We look for rational explanations, acknowledge the oil story as mythology, and seek some modern applications. The flames of the candles on the hanukkiyah or menorah are a link to the past and a tribute to the dignity of Jews everywhere. The lesson for us is: how something that is not enough can be enough when there is great human determination.

A modern example could be the Warsaw ghetto uprising. We look at the history of the time of the Maccabees somewhat differently from other streams of Judaism. We know that our definition of freedom today is not what

it was in those long ago days of the Maccabees, but the story can teach us lessons about the use and misuse of power, religious liberty, and maintaining both group and individual rights.

Judah Maccabee, like his enemy Antiochus, was a religious fanatic who denied freedom of worship to those who opposed him. But he was also a man of integrity who was willing to declare and fight for what he firmly believed. The Maccabees may have been the first to view the Torah as a living document meant to be reinterpreted as circumstances demanded.

As Hanukkah is a winter holiday, at Machar, we celebrate at our community party by creating an atmosphere of warmth through our Humanistic candle blessings, dreidel games, music, plays, and other fun activities. We celebrate the oil miracle with latkes and all the trimmings, and other treats.

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Debby Brennan

We are all looking forward to Hanukkah!! We hope to see everyone at the Hanukkah party for latkes, dreidls, music, arts and crafts, face painting and fun! Our classes have been busy getting ready for the holiday, practicing the secular humanistic songs and “blessings” for the candles and we all look forward to some vacation time. Happy Hanukkah to all of our families both in JCS and in the congregation.. and I wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year - 2013!

TOTS: We want to welcome our new Tots teacher, Alissa Kalinowski. Alissa recently has moved to DC after graduating from UNC. She started at Machar with a day of Hanukkah crafts, stories and getting to know each other. Both parents and students welcome Alissa... and we are all excited to have her aboard.

K/1: Ben says: After some initial games, we watched a video explaining the story of Hanukkah. We learned that Judah Maccabee led the Jews to fight for our religious freedom. Later on, a story arose describing a miracle, whereby oil in the lamp of the reclaimed temple burned for eight days instead of one. To this day, even though the holiday originally marked a military victory, we celebrate the story by lighting candles for eight days. We learned about menorahs (specifically, Hanukkiah) that hold eight candles, plus one extra candle - the shamash - which we use to light the others. Using wood, metal nuts, glue, stickers, markers, glitter, and beads, we set out to create our own menorahs that we can use to celebrate Hanukkah. After a break, we placed candles in one of Machar’s menorahs. We read some secular humanistic “prayers” for Hanukkah and discussed how and why they are slightly different from the traditional prayers that bless God. After finishing up our menorahs, we learned about the dreidel. It was fun to hear that many students were already

familiar with the popular dreidel song! We talked about the Hebrew letters on the dreidel and how they stand for a Hebrew phrase that means “a great miracle happened there,” in line with the story of Hanukkah. I think by then the students may have been more interested in the candy they knew was on its way. After a rousing game of dreidel, complete with heartwarming acts of student-to-student charity for those who kept spinning a nun (and thus getting no Starburst that round), we headed home, with dreidels, and our very own menorahs in hand.

Second grade: From Amanda: Second grade talked about the story of Hanukkah and rituals in celebrating the holiday in their families. We acted out the story of Hanukkah and followed the lead of Judah Maccabee and King Antiochus --the Maccabees won the fight, rebuilt their temple, and had 8 nights of oil while I set out on a camel in search of oil. We made Hanukkah cards/decorations and played dreidel and the second graders are VERY serious about dreidel playing! Students were also sent home with a sheet of Hanukkah blessings.

We are looking forward to 1/13 when we will talk about the TuBishvat holiday (celebrating trees) and Bal Tashchit (protecting the environment) -- which we will tie into Tikkun Olam (repairing the world).

Third grade: From Jessica: The third grade talked about what the children already knew about Hanukkah, and read about the history of the relationship between Jews and Greeks about 2000 years ago. We connected the story to the value of tolerance and pluralism: the Greeks and Jews coexisted with different cultures and religions, and some did so peacefully while for others it led to conflict. We read the Secular Humanist Hanukkah blessings for each night, and we made our own shamash candles out

of beeswax. Some children put a lot of work into making these beautiful, and may wish to add them to your family menorah. And finally, we had a chance to play dreidel in small groups, and the children really enjoyed that. I hope to see many of you at the Machar Hanukkah party in two weeks, and back at regular Sunday JCS after the new year.

Fourth/Fifth Grade: As part of our Hanukkah celebration, we reviewed the traditional Hanukkah story of the Maccabees and then learned about the civil war at the heart of the Hanukkah story and the different groups of Jews involved.

We lit a virtual menorah and dedicated each night to a different Secular Humanist value.

We reviewed key vocabulary from the fall semester and played a dreidl tournament.

Sixth Grade: During our last class, we considered the Roma (Gypsy) people and their experience as a major target of the Holocaust. (This was prompted by the students high level of interest, and by the normative goal of indicating that Jews were not the only victims of Nazi crime.) We watched two short videos, by France24 (on the 2009 expulsion of Roma from France) and ITV (about a British Roma woman who is documenting the Roma holocaust); these can be found at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogLo2g_ECxU (11 minutes) and <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIXIECQ5jU4> (5 minutes). We read a short article by the BBC on the history of the Roma, available at <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/8136812.stm>, and the US Holocaust Museum’s work on genocide of the Roma during WWII, available at <http://www.ushmm.org/wlc/en/article.php?ModuleId=10005219>. We also listened to and discussed two songs

by Roma artists: Zavaidoc's Cantec de dragoste si joc ("Song of Love and Games"), and Mahala Rai Banda's "Mahalageasca". These are available at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VsuWS_r4IEY and <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuAxDGTtsw8>, respectively.

We took a break from the Holocaust curriculum and examined the history of the upcoming Hanukkah holiday, especially as it relates to the question of Jewish participation in the wider world—that is, as it relates to the tension between assimilation and orthodoxy.

We listened to two pieces of music, Handel's "Judas Maccabeas Overture" and Adam Sandler's Chanukah Song, available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HLeElDK-8Sk&list=LPv6WgQWHFKhw&index=1&feature=plcp> and http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rd1Pyu9_rxo, respectively.

We discussed the history of Maccabee revolt, touching on Alexander the Great,

the Seleucid successor kingdom, and the revolt itself. We'll review a passage from "Celebrating Jewish Holidays" on the topic and a selection from a Wikipedia article on the Maccabees. Both passages suggest that the revolt was not only a response to Antiochus' heavy-handedness, but also a civil war within the Jewish community, ignited by the tensions between those who had Hellenized and those interested in preserving more traditional ways. But because it is, in fact a fun holiday, we ended up with a class-wide game of Dreidel—not forgetting to chat about how we respond to the phrase "nes gadol haya shem"—a great miracle happened there—and its meaning for us today.

REMINDER TO SIXTH GRADE CLASS: Holocaust Memorial Museum Field Trip is still on for 12/9 – Bill Young

Post B'Nei Mitzvah class: From Norm Hall: We started Sunday's meeting by celebrating the activities of the year so far, with the establishment of group

values and interests; participation in the Rock Creek cleanup; and the organization of the school's miniwalk to educate about homelessness and raise donations to support a program to assist those with unmet housing needs. At the meeting we resolved to communicate between class sessions through Emodo, a web program, so that creative ideas about our major project can be shared among members between meetings. We discussed why it is important to leverage the efforts of others when trying to make a difference through our efforts. We concluded by viewing and discussing a videotape showing how social change was promoted in a project that Win Morgan undertook in Ghana. Some of us have volunteered to help with the Hanukkah party. Look for upcoming news about our project and plans to journey to the SHJ Conclave in April.

Machar's 6th grade class met at the home of David Abramson and Kelly Hand for a post-JCS potluck and b'nei mitzvah information session on Sunday, November 18. Dan DeMocker was kind enough to escort 6th graders and their siblings to the nearby zoo, where he took this great photo, while the adults talked logistics.



Teen & College Conclave

April 12–14, 2013
Suburban Detroit, MI

Registration Deadline:
February 14, 2013

Questions, contact
info@shj.org or aj@hujews.org

<http://www.hujews.org>



Highlights from the Fall 2012 SHJ Board of Directors meeting, October 25–28, 2012

Marlene Cohen, Machar Representative to SHJ Board

First, thank you for allowing me to represent Machar at the SHJ Board. It is a great group of committed members, working to keep humanistic Judaism thriving in North America!

1. To keep pace with new technology, a suggestion was made to transform *Humanistic Judaism*, the SHJ journal, from a printed document to an electronic or e-book format. Communities are asked to provide feedback by January 28 on a proposal for the journal to evolve from a printed to an electronic publication that you will receive soon.

*Macharniks – Would you support receiving your Humanistic Judaism journal on-line, as a cost-saving effort? You can email me at MarleneCCohen at Comcast.net

2. The board approved a proposal for the Humanorah to become an on-line publication after the next issue. Those members who want to continue

receiving a print version should send a request to info@shj.org.

3. The Education Committee, chaired by Deb Godden and Marlene Cohen of Machar, is organizing a weekend curriculum conference with a small number of school directors (including Debby Brennan, Machar's school director), to be held in summer 2013. A restricted grant to the Society will be secured to provide funding. The grant for this initial project should be considered as Phase I of a long-range project that will culminate in accumulating and/or creating lesson plans to help create some commonality among our Sunday schools' curricula.

4. Plans are underway for the April 12–14, 2013, Teen and Young Adult Conclave, to be held at Butzel

Conference Center in suburban Detroit. The registration deadline is February 14, 2013. Scholarship

applications are due January 31. Costs are \$235 for teens and \$220 for young adults. Registration will be online.

5. How Ethical Concerns are brought to the SHJ Board for decisions on making public statements; the following guidelines were adopted at the October meeting:

Are we advocating evidence-based policy solutions that promote the core ethical values of freedom, dignity and self-esteem for every human being? This is a prerequisite.

If so, then the resolution must relate to at least one of the below criteria:

1. Separation of church and state, OR
2. Jewish identity/culture, OR
3. A position with which an overwhelming majority of the SHJ are likely to agree.

What can you share about raising children as secular humanistic Jews?

The next issue of the SHJ journal, *Humanistic Judaism*, will focus on humanistic parenting. Please share your wisdom! In 100–300 words, tell about a way you've taught your child about being a Humanistic Jew or an experience that showed you that your child is beginning to understand his/her Humanistic Jewish identity. **Deadline: December 15.** We will print as many submissions as space permits. E-mail vignettes to SHJ at info@shj.org—please use the subject line of Humanistic parenting. Thank you!

M. Bonnie Cousens
Executive Director
Society for Humanistic Judaism

Ruth Duskin Feldman
Creative Editor
Humanistic Judaism

International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism presents **Matzah without Dogma: Four Centuries of Secular and Humanistic Judaism**

Presented by Rabbi Adam Chalom, Dean of the North American Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism and Rabbi, Kol Hadash Humanistic Congregation, suburban Chicago IL

February 8–10, 2013

Silver Spring Civic Building at Veterans Plaza

Friday, February 8, 7:00 – 9:30 pm – No charge; All are welcome

- Shabbat Celebration AND
- I. Secular Humanistic Judaism and Jewish Tradition
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Saturday, February 9 – Seminar

- II. 9:00 am – 12:30 pm – Judaisms – Enlightenment, Emancipation & Modern Judaisms
- III. 1:00 – 4:30 pm – Jewishness: Socialism, Yiddishist Zionism & Modern Culture

Jewish Primary Day School, 6045 16th Street NW, Washington DC 20011
Sunday, February 10

Seminar free to all Machar members

- IV. 10:00 am – 12:30 pm – Darwin Day Talk – Still Jewish: Secular and Humanist Philosophy for Secular Humanistic Jews

General Public:

\$30/Session, \$60 Seminar Weekend

Machar Members and 25 years old & under:

\$15/Session, \$25 Seminar Weekend

Register by February 1, 2013 or you may extend registration during the weekend



Machar gathered for a group photo on Sunday, November 4 after JCS and Adult Ed. The photo on the left is our "official" photo for the new website. For the photo on the right, Marlene Cohen asked everyone to make "silly" faces.

Clubs and Activities

Havurot/Social Events

Laurie Miller

Machar's social calendar is always filled with special events. November was no exception. Darlene Basch hosted a Shabbat and potluck on November 9th. (See attached photo) Katie and David Wittenberg hosted an Ice Cream Social for several Arlington families. It was great to mingle with fellow members new and old while eating ice cream sundaes on a Saturday afternoon!

December and January are very busy months with Hanukkah and several interesting Community Sunday activities. We hope to re-energize a DC Havurah in early 2013. Do mark your calendars for our next Family Games Night scheduled for **Saturday, February 2nd from 5-9 p.m.** at the Schweinhaut Center.

We are always searching for volunteers to host events. Hosting is fun and easy.

Select your preferred date and event type then sit back and let others bring the food to you. OK, there is a little more to it than that - but not much. If you are interested in hosting or helping to coordinate a Shabbat, potluck, or any other style of event, please contact me at [LAURIE.MILJAZI at gmail.com](mailto:LAURIE.MILJAZI@gmail.com) (note new address).

Evening Study Group

Michael Prival

The Machar Study Group on Jewish religious texts continues to meet every other Monday evening at my home. We are reading and discussing texts from the Bible, the Talmud, and other rabbinic sources. In this way we are learning not only about the Hebrew Bible but also many fascinating and surprising things about traditional Judaism as it existed before the Jewish Enlightenment began in the 18th century. All Machar members, at any level of prior knowledge, are invited to join us. If you'd

like more information about this study group, please send me a note: [mprival at aol.com](mailto:mprival@aol.com).

WITs

Renée Weitzner

The women of WITs have enjoyed many meetings this year with terrific food and conversation. For the month of November we had the privilege of meeting at the home of Judith Wiesberg where we enjoyed lively discussions and a variety of foods.

For our last meeting for 2012 we will be meeting at the home of Harriet Peck at 7 pm on **December 19, 2012 at 7 pm** for our annual Chanukkah party. We will each bring a dish to share (including latkes!!) as well as a wrapped gift for the pot. We will exchange our small presents (costing no more than \$5 each) during the course of the evening. This party is a lot of fun for all of us, and we hope you will be able to join us for the festivities.

WITs is open to all women members of Machar. We meet in each other's homes or in restaurants once a month to celebrate life's joys and sorrows, to draw strength from each other and to partake of each other's wisdom and experience. We hope you will be able to join us at Harriet's. I ask that you let me know that you are coming by December 17, 2012 and what dish you are bringing. That way, I will be better able to give a head count to our host. I hope to see you soon!



Book Club

Darlene Basch and Renée Weitzner

The Book Club of Machar is please to announce its next meeting. We will meet on **Jan. 13, 2013 at 3 pm** at the home of Phyllis Hodes. We will be discussing the book, *Half the Sky* by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. This book explores how oppressive people in third world countries are triumphing over incredible odds to increase power and opportunities for women and girls. The book was turned into a documentary that was shown earlier this year on PBS.

If you would like to join us, please contact Renee Weitzner at [rwcats at aol.com](mailto:rwcats@aol.com) or Darlene Basch at [dab0507 at verizon.net](mailto:dab0507@verizon.net). We really hope you will join us for what should be a most fascinating and exciting discussion.

Social Action Committee

Rick Gold

[Building on our Achievements: Next Steps for Social Action](#)

Machar joined the progressive, GLBT, immigrant and Jewish communities in successful campaigns for approval of Maryland referenda for the DREAM Act and gay marriage. Because of our work, young undocumented immigrants without papers who have spent much of their life in the US will now pay in-state tuition to attend Maryland universities. Gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transsexuals will now be able to have a civil marriage in Maryland. In partnership with the organizations **Marylanders for Marriage Equality, Equality Maryland, Jews United for Justice and Action in Montgomery**, we attended advocacy trainings, participated in rallies, marches and phone banks, and undertook door-to-door canvassing.

Our work on these campaigns empowered our partner organizations as well as Machar and its members. It is time to build on these achievements. As Chair of Machar's Social Action Committee, I am inviting all interested Machar members to the second Committee meeting of the year on **Sunday December 16 at 7 pm** at my home. We will select other campaigns and actions to support this year. As a special treat, we will watch and discussing recordings of some of the speakers at the Reason Rally held in March 2012. The Society for Humanistic Judaism was one of the rally's sponsors, which was called "the largest gathering of the secular movement in world history."

You may RSVP at [rickgold at mind-spring.com](mailto:rickgold@mind-spring.com) and I will provide you with directions to my home. Thanks very much.

Young Adult Havurah

Liz Pomper

Join our listserve at groups.google.com/group/macharyah or join our group on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/macharyah to get the details. YAH events are open to all regardless of membership status in Machar, and participants are encouraged to bring friends who may be curious about our movement.

Machar November Board of Directors Highlights

Joyce Rosenthal

- Board members heard an update of what was happening with Sunday Celebrations, now known as Community Sundays. There are planning groups for food, music, and events. Those who would like to get involved with any aspect of planning Community Sundays should contact Harriet Peck at harriet-peck@verizon.net; your input and assistance are welcome!
- To accommodate board members who have conflicts on the Wednesdays that the board is scheduled to meet, the board will be switching its meetings to the second Thursday of every month. A revised meeting schedule will be available soon.
- The board heard more about plans for the colloquium that Machar will be hosting here February 8–10 on behalf of the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism. There will be four parts to the weekend: a Shabbat service and discussion on Friday evening, Feb. 8, morning and afternoon lectures on Saturday, Feb. 9, and a talk during Adult Ed on Sunday morning, Feb. 10, by colloquium presenter Rabbi Adam Chalom in connection with Darwin Day. Details, including pricing for the Saturday lectures, are still being set, so watch your inbox for more information and mark your calendars for a great weekend!

Machar Adult Education and Community Sundays

10:00–11:45 a.m. promptly, followed by **12:00 p.m.** bagels and Community Sundays for all ages!

Programs conclude at **12:30 p.m.**

The intent of the adult education program is to increase members' access to the best of Jewish and Humanistic practices and perspectives.

Jewish Cultural School for children

10:00–11:45 a.m.

Schedule:

2012

December 16: Hanukkah Party
Schweinhaut Center

2013

January 13: JCS & Adult Ed
Jewish Primary Day School (JPDS)

January 27: JCS & Adult Ed (celebrate Tu B'Shvat)
JPDS

February 10: JCS & Adult Ed/IISHJ Colloquium
JPDS

February 24: Purim Carnival
Schweinhaut Center

March 3: JCS & Adult Ed
JPDS

March 17: JCS & Adult Ed
JPDS

April 14: JCS & Adult Ed
JPDS

April 21: JCS & Adult Ed
JPDS

May 5: JCS & Adult Ed
JPDS

May 19: JCS & Adult Ed; end-of-year picnic
JPDS



Herb Silverman, founder of the Secular Coalition of America, on November 4 in his talk *Candidate without a Prayer: An Autobiography of a Jewish Atheist in the Bible belt*

Birthdays

December 2: Patti Maslinoff
December 6: David Wittenberg
December 8: Ruth Ferster
December 12: Alberto Grosmark
December 12: Renee Weitzner
December 17: Melissa Bianchi
December 18: Sam Pastreich
December 19: Noah Simon
December 23: Elaine Dancis
December 26: Amy Williamson
December 27: Nick Gleichman
December 28: Jacob Baron
December 28: Miriam Gitler

Anniversaries

December 21: Miriam Gitler and Pedro Rodriguez
December 28: David and Deb Godden

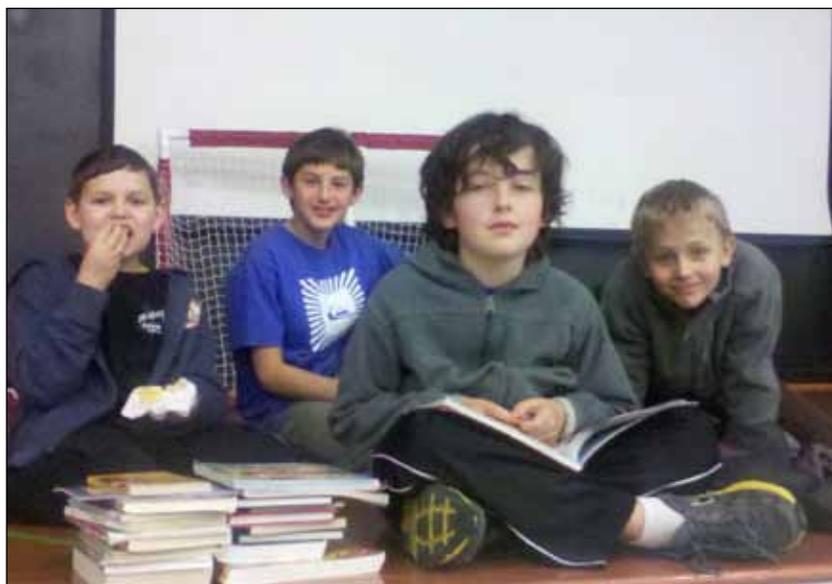
Yarheits: We remember...

December 7: Suzanne Royle, mother of Andy Royle
December 18: Carmen Rodriguez, sister of Pedro Rodriguez
December 18: Edward Frieden father of Joyce Rosenthal
December 23: Robert Baron, father of David Baron
December 23: Radomir Perica, husband of Mary Perica
December 25: Eve Zwicker, sister of Sue Zwicker
December 27: Hal Hartogensis, brother of Deb Godden

Mazel Tov!

Our newest member, Cole Taliesin Kirkell, was born Tuesday, November 27, in Charleston, South Carolina, where his parents, Sarah and Brian Kirkell, and his big sister Mia, were staying over Thanksgiving week. Born at 32 weeks, Cole weighed three pounds, 14 ounces and is in the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit, where he is improving rapidly. The Kirkell family joined Machar in November. We welcome them all to the congregation and wish them a safe return to their home in Virginia once Cole is able to leave the hospital.

Ian, Jacob, Joe, and Alex with their new book sale purchases.
Thanks to everyone for contributing!



Whaddaya Talkin'?

Marlene Cohen

In which Machar's newsletter will provide you with Your Monthly Word in Yiddish—Use it ten times this month and you won't forget it!

One of Yiddish's colorful characters—**The Nebech or Nebbish**

Pronounced “neb ekh” though “neb bish” has become more common in the US

Leo Rosten says this word can be traced back to the 15th century.

It's an adjective or noun to describe someone who is ineffectual, weak, helpless or hapless, unfortunate.

But it's also an interjection, like alas, or poor thing. “His wife, nebech, has to put up with him.”

A nebech is to be pitied but sometimes he/she is treated with contempt. He/She is more than unlucky. One poignant line says, “A man is, nebech, only a man.”

One advertisement read: The perfect gift for a nebbish; the man who has nothing.

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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

Michael Prival

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, plus announcements of program changes that may occur between printed newsletters. Al-

most 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 on the “Machar Community” list at any time.

If you would like to be added to either of these lists, 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.

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Larry Lawrence

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