



T H E Menorah

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A Message From Our Rabbi

by Rabbi Debra Orenstein

The Jewish calendar, as you may know, has four new years:



1. Rosh Hashanah, the new year for the planet (falls in September/October). This is the anniversary of Creation and the birthday of the world. It is also the new year with respect to the counting of sabbatical and jubilee years.
2. Rosh Hodesh Nissan, the new year for “Kings and Festivals” (falls in March/April). This is the first of the Hebrew months on the biblical calendar. It marks when the process of leaving Egypt began and, therefore, the birth of the Jewish people.
3. Rosh Hashanah Lma’aer Beheyama, the new year for animals and tithing with respect to animals (falls in August/September). This holiday, which fell on Rosh Hodesh Elul, is mentioned in the Mishnah, but had already ceased to be practiced by the time the Mishnah was edited in the early 3rd century C.E. Nevertheless, we preserve its name and its values: donating from our wealth (which used to be measured largely in livestock) and caring for all living things.
4. Rosh Hashanah La’ilan, a.k.a. Tu Bishvat, the new year for trees (falls in January/February). This is both a “fiscal year” for trees (the cut-off date for annual tithes on produce from trees) and a celebration of trees and nature.

In addition to these, American Jews have other “new year” celebrations as well. We all use the calendar that

declares January 1 a new year. We might also attend parties, watch the ball drop, write resolutions, offer toasts, and/or count down to midnight.

Each of us has not one but two personal birthdays that mark a new year on the planet: our Gregorian calendar birthday and our Jewish calendar birthday. B’nai mitzvah at our synagogue are calculated based on the Hebrew calendar date. When kids enter “double digit territory” or when adults celebrate a birthday with a zero at the end, we pay special attention to the passage of time. When my children were younger, we even marked half-birthdays by serving half a cake. (Recipe: bake a round cake, slice it in half, stack the halves and connect them with sticky, sweet icing).

Many people have “rebirth days,” such as the anniversary of walking away from a car accident, waking up from a coma, or seeking treatment for an addiction. These anniversaries, too, remind us of new beginnings and the passage of time.

The truth is that every day is a birth day. We sing on High Holidays: “Hayom harat olam, today the world was born.” But the daily siddur also says: “You make Creation anew daily.” The blessing for seeing a majestic mountain view or a starry night is: “Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Sovereign of all time and space, who performs [present tense] Creation as ‘in the beginning.’” (The Hebrew conclusion to that blessing is “oseh ma’aseh vereisheet.”)

This month includes two New Years that American Jews celebrate: January 1 and Tu Bishvat, the 15th day of the month of Shevat, which begins this year at sunset on Sunday, January 20 and ends the following day at sunset.

We will celebrate the secular New Year at CBI by considering the power – and limits – of resolutions. Join us on **Shabbat morning, January 5 at 10 am** for *Resolution Shabbat*. Four months after Rosh Hashanah, we will investigate how to strengthen the spiritual intentions we set on the High Holidays and how to connect the secular New Year with our Jewish year. Don’t just revisit the “same old, same old” as you consider resolutions. Come to CBI and make it a truly new year.

Tu Bishvat will be celebrated in our Hebrew School classrooms on **Sunday, January 20** with various projects and fruits. Adults will enjoy an enhanced bagel breakfast, with extra tree fruits.

As our awareness of the climate crisis increases, the holiday that celebrates trees and the environment becomes even more important. On the Friday of Thanksgiving weekend, thirteen U.S. government agencies reported, as summarized by The New York Times, “devastating effects of a changing climate on the economy, health and environment, including record wildfires in California, crop failures in the Midwest, and crumbling

CANTOR'S CORNER

by Cantor Lenny Mandel

It's 2019 and as I look back on the last few months I smile. We had some fabulous moments on our Bimah, schmoozing at the Oneg and (of course) hanging out in the kitchen (ahem, ahem), but the weekend before Thanksgiving was incredible.



No, it wasn't in the same league as watching our grandson, Dylan, leading services, reading from the Torah, or giving his Bar Mitzvah speech, but then again it never could be.

Friday night was Beatle's Solo Shabbat, and Ken Dashow graced our Bimah for the 4th time. For some reason I felt that those songs were the hardest to daven along with, but a bunch of us made it work.

We sang L'Chah Dodi to the melody of "Uncle Albert/Admiral Halsey," Vayechulu to the tune of

"Imagine," and once again Ken dazzled us with his warmth, his smile, his incredible knowledge of The Beatles, and his outrageous paisley sport jacket! I'd be lying if I said that I didn't love coming to shul in a pair of jeans and a tie dye T-shirt.

The night was glorious, and we probably could have hung out even longer just singing Beatle's songs.

That Sunday night CBI hosted the Pascack Valley Clergy Council for the 50th Annual Inter-Faith Thanksgiving Prayer Service. A half dozen Protestant Ministers, a Catholic Priest and Deacon, a crew from Peace Island (a Muslim organization dedicated to mutual respect ... welcoming and accepting varied viewpoints...), three

Rabbis, three Cantors, and about 300 people (of every denomination) attended.

Rabbi Orenstein put together an amazing program, and clergy from every denomination stood on our Bimah leading various sections. It was all so very serious.

Rabbi Orenstein read from the Torah, her back to the congregation, and instead of the Torah lying flat on the table, two of our stalwart members held it upright so that everybody in the congregation could see what a Torah looks like; more than half of the people there weren't Jewish, and had probably never seen an open Torah scroll.

She read as all Torah readers do, and then in her unique and inimitable style,

translated, and spoke about the Parsha still using Torah Trope.

I knew that I had to insert some levity (I know y'all find that hard to believe), so I gave away Rabbi Orenstein's secret; I explained how she does that.

"You see," I began, "Rabbi Orenstein lived

in California for over 20 years, and Steve Jobs fell in love with her work. He had a special pair of contact lenses made for her so that when she reads from the Torah, they project all of the English stuff that she just did onto the scroll, and only she can see it!"

When I tell that story at a Bar or Bat Mitzvah at CBI, there's always a few seconds of silence, and then I say that if you believe that story I have a bridge for sale in Brooklyn.

That night the laughter was immediate and infectious. I had to smile as I said - "well, I guess you're not gonna buy that bridge that I have for sale in Brooklyn."

That comment, of course, changed the



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The President's Pen

by Barry Bluestein, President

Happy 2019 with my sincere wish to every CBI Congregant and their families for a year of good health, peace, and prosperity. As we enter this new year it's incredible to me that I'm beginning the last 6 months of my Temple Presidency! I'm intent on making these final months as productive as possible.



There remains much to accomplish, and to lay the groundwork for, between now and June 30th. To help me prioritize my efforts, I'm asking for your feedback on some of the issues and objectives that are most important to you as congregants.

Last year a number of you hosted, and/or attended, one of the nine Town Hall meetings that I moderated. These resulted in robust discussions, as well as a healthy exchange of ideas and opinions regarding a wide range of CBI related topics. This year I'd like to change the format and hold one large Town Hall at CBI where our members can ask questions of, and voice their opinions to, the entire CBI Board. When I determine an ideal date to hold this meeting, I will send out a notice and hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend. In the interim, please contact me at president@bisrael.com, or call me at 201-638-6470, with your thoughts, suggestions, and feedback (both good and bad) on how we can make CBI an even better environment for every aspect of

your Jewish life - from ritual, to identity, to education, to heritage, to the social connections that bind so many of us to this wonderful and familial Congregation.

And finally, I leave you with my Top Ten New Year resolutions for 2019.

10. I resolve to be more tolerant of the yentas in the back row at Sunday Minyan.
9. I resolve to convert my road rage into road disappointment
8. I resolve to stump the cantor with a new Adon Olam song that he's incapable of doing.
7. I resolve to not throw a golf club before the 8th hole.
6. I resolve to keep Temple announcements under 8 minutes.
5. I resolve to finally see Hamilton and not worry about the ticket price.
4. I resolve to change a light bulb in the Shul before Gary knows about it
3. I resolve to stop misplacing my keys and cellphone.
2. I resolve to not be so ornery when I miss a gym workout
1. I resolve to remember each day how fortunate I am to part of the family that is Congregation B'nai Israel.

What are your New Year's resolutions? Whatever they are, make it a great year everyone!

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infrastructure in the South. Going forward, American exports and supply chains could be disrupted, agricultural yields could fall to 1980s levels by midcentury, and fire season could spread to the Southeast, the report finds." According to the United Nations and the overwhelming majority of scientists, many islands and coastal cities are in danger due to climate change, and the overall health of our planet is in jeopardy if we do not make significant changes in the next dozen years.

Tu Bishvat reminds us that the natural world is a divine gift, not a consumable resource.

Years ago, I was honored to be asked to deliver a lecture at the Chautauqua Institution on "The Future of Religion." I was one of five speakers over the course of a week, representing different faith traditions. Naturally, I represented the Jews. Given the illustrious history

and influence of Chautauqua and the importance of the subject, I felt a great weight and responsibility.

With some notes for a draft in hand, I called my rabbi, Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, זלמן, who has since died. He was renowned around the world as a leader among religious leaders for spiritual depth and interfaith dialogue. Without hesitation, Reb Zalman said to me, "If religion is not now or very soon in the forefront of protecting the planet, then religion will become irrelevant."

I quoted him in my speech. I quote him often to others – and to myself.

Reb Zalman's warning is a major motivation for our nascent Greening Group, a task force that will examine and improve CBI's environmental impact and relationship with the earth. If you are interested in participating, please contact me or Barry Bluestein (rabbi@bisrael.com

or president@bisrael.com).

Happy new year! Happy new day! "This is the day Adonai has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Today, the world was again born, thanks be to God. Whether and how it will live on will be influenced – for good or for ill – by us. We are the only species ever in danger of rendering itself extinct, and the only species capable of partnering with one another and God to save Creation. In Genesis, God charges the first human being:

You have dominion over the fish of the sea, the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that creeps on the earth. Behold, I have given you every herb yielding seed, which is upon the earth, and every tree, which is the fruit of a tree-yielding seed.... [I] placed you here to tend and to guard this Garden.

The mission is still in progress. Number and mark the years as you see fit.

Rabbi Debra Orenstein and CBI Sisterhood
invite you to join us for a special

YOGA SHABBAT

Saturday morning, February 2, 2019
10:00 am



Yoga Shabbat incorporates Yoga poses and Jewish mindfulness into a traditional Shabbat morning service. The weekly Torah portion is Mishpatim, which provides many laws following the Ten Commandments, to support good intentions and right actions. We will explore, physically and spiritually, how boundaries, frames, and strictures can provide flexibility, freedom, and creative engagement.

Please arrive in comfortable clothing.
Bring a yoga mat, if you have one, or a big towel.
No experience necessary. All ages welcome.
Come stretch yourself and enjoy!

RSVP: **201-265-2272** or Sisterhood.chair@bisrael.com

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sober nature of the service, but I wanted to end the evening, an evening of giving profound thanks for all we have, by telling my favorite Thanksgiving story.

My dad was an observant Jew, and reveled in our holidays, but because he was arrested by the Nazis, escaped, fled to America, and was free again, Thanksgiving was his favorite holiday.

Just like Pesach, my parents hosted Thanksgiving dinner for about 30 people in our 4½ room apartment in Brooklyn, but after a while that became too much for them and I suggested we go out for dinner.

The Wilshire Grand Hotel in West Orange was serving a glatt kosher Thanksgiving dinner, and 7 of us went.

The waiter, an older Jewish man, was taking our orders, and when he came to my mom (this is a bit of a visual, so...) he began pulling the seat of his pants as if they were stuck to his tuchas (I told you it was a bit of a visual).

My mother looked up at him and asked "Excuse me, but do you have hemorrhoids?"

The waiter lifted his head, looked at her and replied "just vats on da menu, lady!!"

I hope that 2019 is filled with joy and laughter for all.

Sisterhood Is Getting Ready To Cook Up Another Mitzvah!

Once again, we are going to prepare a meal for
The Center for Hope and Safety (Shelter Our Sisters)
Join us at Congregation B'nai Israel, **Sunday February 10, 2019, 10:30am - 12:30pm**

Or help in another way (see below)
RSVP, responses, and questions to : **201-265-2272** or Sisterhood.chair@bisrael.com



Name _____ Phone _____

e-mail (important) _____

I can (check all that apply)

_____ Shop for ingredients, and deliver to CBI on Friday morning, February 8th

_____ Prepare a salad, side dish or desert at home and bring to CBI on February 10th

_____ Stir, cook, and kibitz from 10:30am-12:30pm on February 10th

_____ Help deliver to Hope and Safety in Teaneck between 1pm-2pm on Feb. 10th

_____ Help pay for the meal write a check to Sisterhood, Congregation B'nai Israel, \$ _____

Send this form c/o **Sisterhood, Congregation B'nai Israel, P.O. Box 345, Emerson, NJ 07630**

THANK YOU!

FACILITIES NEWS

Facility Co-Chairs: Renee & Warren Kuperinsky



We know you all enjoy your Sunday morning bagels, coffee, lox, and other goodies, but **WE NEED YOU!!**

Please help us

out by joining the Facilities Team to share in some of the shopping, setting up, and cleaning up, that makes our CBI Sunday mornings so special.

Contact Warren or Renee at facilities.bisrael.com, or simply tap us on the shoulder on a Sunday morning!

HIAS - Past and Future

CBI joined HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) in celebrating National Refugee Shabbat on Friday night, October 19. On Friday night November 2, and Saturday morning November 3, we held special Shabbat services honoring the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, including their work on behalf of refugees.

On Sunday evening, November 18, CBI hosted the Upper Pascack Valley Clergy Council's 50th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, during which we passed baskets and asked people to make a donation to HIAS. We raised \$971 that evening. This spring, we will again connect with HIAS when the Executive Director, Rabbi Rachel Grant Meyer, will address us at CBI as part of our One People, One Book event. (This year's book, *Among the Living*, is a gripping story of WWII refugees in the American South.) Save the date for our conversation with Rabbi Meyer about refugees on Sunday, March 24.

A Shabbat Experience: Resolution Shabbat

Saturday, January 5 • 10:00am - 11:40am

During the course of the service, we will explore Jewish attitudes toward goal-setting and resolutions. Four months after Rosh Hashanah, we will investigate how to strengthen the spiritual intentions we set on High Holidays and how to connect the secular New Year with our Jewish year. Another tack to take, let's review and apply a six-word sermon: "Before beginning again, complete last year." Join us for interactive discussion and a "spiritual reboot." Stay for Kiddush, Oneg, and socializing after the service.

Freedom Shabbat

Friday, January 18 • 7:30pm

Please join CBI and all our Interfaith guests for our 9th annual Freedom Shabbat, celebrating the lives and legacies of Rabbi Dr. Abraham Joshua Heschel and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Would you like to do a reading or sing songs of freedom with other CBI and interfaith singers? Please contact rabi@bisrael.com. Please attend that evening and bring friends, neighbors, and lovers of freedom of every background.

Torah Town Hall -

What Would MLK and AJH Do?

Saturday, January 19 • 10:00am - 11:40am

During our Shabbat morning interactive Torah discussion, we will consider today's news in light of the legacies of Rabbi Dr. Abraham Joshua Heschel and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. If they were alive today, what issues would be most pressing to them: criminal justice Reform, the environment, voting rights? Where would they stand on such issues as the American response to Jamal Khashoggi's murder or the Mueller Investigation? Come to pray, imagine, share, debate, and join together for the Oneg afterwards.



UNIT 8200

Have you heard of it? Do you know what they do? Well, even if the answer to the first question is yes, details of the second question would be sketchy at best.

Unit 8200 is Israel's elite cyber security and intelligence unit of the IDF. Think Mission Impossible with a high-tech twist. The members of the unit have been screened, tested, chosen and trained. Picture a boot camp for the mind. Besides innate intelligence, 8200 is looking for people who can learn quickly, adapt to changes, be a team player and solve problems with little resources.

It is the alumni of this unit that has produced the amazing number of successful start-ups in Israel. These companies have led the global tech world into a new era and have gone on to be sold to larger companies for hundreds of millions of dollars.

Not long ago, The 8200 Social Program was founded by 8200 alumni. Their purpose is to solve social problems through technology in order to benefit society. They are a non-profit that offers a five month cycle of workshops, events, mentors, shared space, and access to investors, in order to accelerate ventures in areas that will help solve issues with disabilities, gender equality, education, the elderly, and parenthood, to name a few. They are looking for early stage entrepreneurs to become part of the social technological start-up world in Israel. One such company has developed a way for people with impaired speech to talk through a device that translates what they say. Though this program is run by 8200 alum, one need not have been a member to apply to the program.



AED-CPR CLASS AT CBI

Sunday January 6th, 2019 at 11 AM

A New Year's Resolution: Learn to Save a Life!

NEED A MINIMUM OF 10 TO HOLD CLASS

Please contact Meryl Kutzin to sign up. Space is limited - do it now!

EMAIL: MERYL.KUTZIN@BISRAEL.COM

COST \$54.00/ PP

Class open to all 11 years and older.

Class held at: CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

CBI warmly welcomes the following new members. Please introduce yourself to them when you see them:

Diana Smartenko and her son Matthew from Hillsdale. Matthew is a 5th grader and will be joining the Gimmel class.

Ellen and Stuart Zlotolow of Hillsdale. Ellen and Stuart have two grown children, Paige (23) and Roger (21).

We also offer our condolences to the Zlotolow family on the recent loss of Ellen's mother, Phyllis Kornhauser. May her memory be for a blessing.

A BIG THANK YOU

to the following for sponsoring a Friday Night Oneg, Shabbat Kiddush or a Sunday morning breakfast

Donna & Les Kaufman	SUN	1/6/2019	'Bruce's Breakfast' in memory of Bruce Sonkin
The Pierce family	SUN	1/6/2019	Wishing everyone a Happy & Healthy New Year
Donna & Les Kaufman	SUN	1/13/2019	'Bruce's Breakfast' in memory of Bruce Sonkin
Andrea & Paul Wasserman	FRI	1/18/2019	In honor of Shabbat
Donna & Les Kaufman	SUN	1/20/2019	'Bruce's Breakfast' in memory of Bruce Sonkin
Harvey Meer	SUN	1/20/2019	In honor of Alex's 30th birthday
Donna & Les Kaufman	SUN	1/27/2019	'Bruce's Breakfast' in memory of Bruce Sonkin

LETTERS

To Our CBI Community:

The Reinish, Passow, and Askins families wish to thank you for all of the love, caring, and support we received on the recent passing of husband, father, and grandfather Martin Reinish. Thank you for the meals, the cards, the donations, the trees in Israel, and the visits. Knowing we were surrounded by our CBI family during this sad time helped so much.

Gloria Reinish

Nancy & Mike Passow & family

Julie & Rich Askins & family

Jim & Lisa Reinish & family

Mazel Tov

Kristin and David Colin on the birth of their son, Zachary Lawrence (Zechariah Liron) Colin

HAMAKOM YENACHEM Comfort for Your Loss

Tal Zuckerman and family on the loss of Tal's grandmother, Lillian Ivers

Elana, Jacob, Hazel, and Talia Koesterich, on the loss of their father and grandfather, Mark Steinfeld.

Marilyn and Stan Halperin, on the loss of Marilyn's mother, Clara Sperber

Gary and Idelle Schwinder, Eric, Amanda & Eleanor Schwinder, and Meredith & David Payne, on the loss of their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Rose Kraft Schwinder.

Ellen and Stuart Zlotolow, and their children, Paige and Roger, on the loss of Ellen's mother, Phyllis Kornhauser.



Refuah Sheleyma Prayers for Healing

Phyllis Kirschner

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Bill Lazarus

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The following families contributed to Good and Welfare for Shiva dinners sent to the Reinish & Passow families:

Robyn & Michael Abrams, George & Beth Liepmann, Moshe & Rashella Roznitsky, Craig & Lori Aisenman, Dean & Solange Mansdorf, Bernie & Judy Schoenfeld, Audrey Bida, Debbie & Steve Maron, Joyce & Ed Schreiber, Barry & Marian Bluestein, Harvey Meer, Gary & Idelle Schwinder, Leslie Brunell, Dave & Ellen Michelson, Debbie & Jeremy Shapiro, Lori & Steven Cohen, Rabbi Orenstein & Craig Weisz, Marie Shust, Carolyn & George Ginsberg, Mark Milchman & Lisa Pollack, Sheryl & Dave Silver, Cathy & David Gordon, Allan & Jackie Millstein, Ellen Sonkin, Scott & Jill Hayden, Allen & Sharon Neuhaus, David & Linda Spatz, Steve & Robin Ingram, Scott & Emily Perlman, Karen & Samuel Tenzer, Jamie Kreiman, Robin & Fred Pierce, Eric & Audra Van Gyzen, Renee & Warren Kuperinsky, Peter & Lynn Reiff, Hanna Wechsler, Meryl & Larry Kutzin, Meryl & Joe Rosenthal, Bruce & Naomi Weinberg, Fran & Stu Lieberman, Steve & Joan Zelman

The following families contributed to Good and Welfare for Shiva dinners sent to the Schwinder family, as well as a prayer book dedicated in memory of Gary's mother, Rose Kraft Schwinder:

Lori & Craig Aisenman, Audrey Bida, Barry & Marian Bluestein, Lori & Steve Cohen, Andrea & Jay Collier, Leslie Brunell & Joe Corrado, Don & Arlene Fultonberg, Pete & Tracy Ganbarg, David & Cathy Gordon, Vivian Greenblatt, Jill & Scott Hayden, Robin & Steve Ingram, Amy & Rich Kargauer, Donna & Les Kaufman, Jamie Kreiman, Renee & Warren Kuperinsky, Susan & Evan Kushner, Evan & Lauren Kutzin, Meryl & Larry Kutzin, Bill Lazarus, Beth & George Liepmann, Fran & Stu Lieberman, Dean & Solange Mansdorf, Lee & Barbara Mauriber, Harvey Meer, Ellen & Dave Michelson, Allan & Jackie Millstein, Allen & Sharon Neuhaus, Judy & Howard Newell, Nancy & Michael Passow, Jodie Paulen, Marty & Susan Pelavin, Emily & Scott Perlman, Fred & Robin Pierce, Peter & Lynn Reiff, Meryl & Joe Rosenthal, Rashella & Moshe Roznitsky, Rick & Shirley Samuels, Marc & Shelly Saperstein, Bernie & Judy Schoenfeld, Joyce & Ed Schreiber, Marina Schwartz, Debbie & Jeremy Shapiro, Marie Shust, Jeff & Patty Siegel, Peter & Michele Silver, Sheryl & Dave Silver, Ellen Sonkin, Linda & David Spatz, Michael Stern & Louise Reich, Eric and Audra Van Gyzen, David & Goni Vardi,

Hanna Wechsler, Bruce & Naomi Weinberg, Val & Andy Weinstein, Joan & Steve Zelman

TO: Gary and Idelle Schwinder
Mazel Tov on becoming grandparents with the birth of Eleanor June to Eric and Amanda.
FROM: Shelly and Marc Saperstein

TO: Ellen and Dave Michelson
Mazel Tov on Danny's marriage to Amy Kattan.
FROM: Shelly and Marc Saperstein

TO: Jayden Rosenthal
FABULOUS!
FROM: Harriette Turk

TO: Cathy and Bob Brintz
Mazel Tov on Gary and Lauren's wedding. May their happiness always reflect back on you in the years to come.
FROM: Ellen and Dave Michelson

TO: Meryl and Joe Rosenthal
Well before Jayden's Bat Mitzvah your faces shone with that special glow we parents get! Mazel Tov to Jayden and the whole family.
FROM: Ellen and Dave Michelson

TO: Barry Bluestein
We are so sorry about the loss of your beloved uncle. May his memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Judy and Bernard Schoenfeld

TO: Gillian, Asher, and Mimi Weinberg
Our sincerest condolences on the passing of your dad and grandfather, Barry Howard. May his memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Ellen and Dave Michelson

TO: Andrew, Shiran and Dalia Howard
We were so saddened to hear of your dad and grandfather, Barry's passing. We hope over time memories of good times spent together will sustain you.
FROM: Ellen and Dave Michelson

TO: Glenn and Jenna Howard
Please know that we are thinking of you during these difficult days following the loss of your dad, Barry.
FROM: Ellen and Dave Michelson

TO: Gary & Idelle Schwinder and family
Our sincerest condolences on the passing of your beloved mother, Rose. May memories of her 101 years bring you comfort.
FROM: Ellen and Dave Michelson

TO: Gary Schwinder and Family
We offer our sincere condolences on the passing of your beloved mother, Rose Kraft Schwinder. May her memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Shelly and Marc Saperstein

TO: Gary Schwinder and family
Our sincere condolences on the passing of your beloved mother. May all your wonderful memories help console you and your family.
FROM: Susan and Marty Casper

TO: Gary Schwinder and Family
We are so sorry for the loss of your beloved mother, Rose. May her memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Judy and Howard Newell

TO: Gary Schwinder and family
Our sincere condolences to the entire Schwinder family. May all the memories and love around you provide you with comfort and peace.
FROM: Robin and Fred Pierce and family

TO: Elana Koesterich and family
Our heartfelt condolences on the passing of your beloved father. May his memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Susan and Marty Casper

TO: Marilyn Halprin and family
We are so sorry about the passing of your beloved mother. May her memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Susan and Marty Casper

TO: Marilyn Halprin and Family
MESSAGE: Our sincere sympathy to you and your family on the passing of your mother, Clara Sperber. May her memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Lisa Pollack and Mark Milchman

BERNICE'S KITCHEN

TO: Arlene and Don Fultonberg
Wishing you all the best in your new home!
FROM: Marie Shust

ETERNAL LIGHT:

TO: The Resnikoff Family
My sincere condolences on the passing of you beloved mother.
FROM: Marie Shust

TO: Elysa Resnikoff and family
Our sincere condolences on the sudden passing of your beloved mother and grandmother, Ruth Rosenberg. May her memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Judy and Bernard Schoenfeld

FUNDS

TO: Nancy Passow and Family
Our sincere condolences on the passing of your beloved father, Martin Reinish.
FROM: Renee and Warren Kuperinsky

TO: Nancy Passow and family
Our sincere condolences on the passing of Martin, devoted husband, beloved father and grandfather.
FROM: Joan and Steve Zelman

TO: Rilly Miron
Our sincere condolences on the passing of your mother. May her memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Joan and Steve Zelman

TO: Gary Schwinder and family
Sending our condolences on the loss of your mom. Thinking of you at this difficult time.
FROM: Ellen Breger and David Meinhard

TO: Gary Schwinder and family
We are very sorry for the loss of your beloved mother.
FROM: Steven and Joan Zelman

TO: Gary Schwinder and family
Our condolences to you and your family on the loss of your beloved mother.
FROM: Alice and Walter Krieger

TO: Gary Schwinder and family
Sincere condolences on the passing of Rose Kraft Schwinder, beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. May her memory be for a blessing.
FROM: Lisa Pollack and Mark Milchman

TO: Gary Schwinder and family
Our sincere condolences to you and your family on the passing of your mother, Rose Schwinder.
FROM: Fern and Don Segal

TO: Gary Schwinder and family
Our sympathy on the passing of your mother. Our hearts are with you at this sad time.
FROM: Donna and Les Kaufman

TO: Gary Schwinder and family
Our sincere sympathy on the passing of your dear mother, Rose.
FROM: Doris and Harry Albirt

FREYDA FUND

TO: Arlene and Don Fultonberg
Mazel Tov on your move! May you find lots of happiness with good health in your new home!
FROM: Judy and Bernard Schoenfeld

TO: Meryl and Joe Rosenthal
Mazel Tov on your wonderful daughter becoming a Bat Mitzvah!
FROM: Renee and Warren Kuperinsky

TO: Ellen and Dave Michelson
Mazel Tov on the marriage of your son Danny to Amy.
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TO: Arlene and Don Fultonberg
Wishing you the best of luck in your new home.
FROM: Judy and Howard Newell

TO: Arlene and Don Fultonberg
Wishing you every happiness in your new home!
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Congratulations on the birth of your son. Enjoy every moment!
FROM: Marie Shust

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TO: Idelle and Gary Schwinder
Mazel Tov on becoming grandparents. Enjoy every moment with your precious granddaughter.
FROM: Lori, Craig and Steffani Aisenman

GENERAL FUND

TO: The Reinish Family
A donation has been made in the memory of Martin Reinish. Our deepest condolences.
FROM: Ilda Reis, Karen Reis and family

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

TO: Rabbi Orenstein
Thank you for your guidance, support, and time, in getting Jayden "Bat Mitzvah" ready, and for officiating an absolutely beautiful and memorable service.
FROM: The Rosenthals

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

TO: Cantor Mandel
Thank you for all your support and time in helping Jayden as she prepared for her Bat Mitzvah. You contributed to building her confidence and making her service warm and memorable.
FROM: The Rosenthals

GET WELL FUND

TO: George Liepmann
We are praying for your complete recovery and a future filled with health and joy.
FROM: Judy and Bernard Schoenfeld

IRVING REIKES MEMORIAL GARDEN

TO: Nancy Passow and Family
In memory of your beloved father and grandfather, Martin Reinish
FROM: Vivian Holzer

TO: Belinda Hecht and Family
In memory of Barry Howard. So sorry to learn of his passing.
FROM: Vivian Holzer

TO: Gary Schwinder and family
Our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family on the passing of your beloved mother.
FROM: Barbara and Lee Mauriber

TO: Gary Schwinder and family
Our condolences on the passing of your mother. We know you will have wonderful memories of her long and joyful life, and that she will be missed.
FROM: Carol and Ira Grodin

GENERAL FUND

TO: Nancy Passow and Family
A donation has been made to Congregation B'nai Israel in memory of Martin Reinish.
FROM: Shira Markoff

Yahrzeits

Walter Krieger to honor the memory of Irving Krieger
David Weinstein to honor the memory of Yetta Weinstein
Allen Neuhaus to honor the memory of Martin Neuhaus
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Barbara Glueck to honor the memory of Irwin Echtman
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Phyllis Kirschner to honor the memory of Eleanor Thaler
Laura Richman to honor the memory of Betty Richman
Gary Schwinder to honor the memory of Murry Schwinder
Judy Schoenfeld to honor the memory of Helen Lanceit

JANUARY 2018

Candle Lighting Times: **4:** 4:23 **11:** 4:30 **18:** 4:38 **25:** 4:46

Tevet-Shevat 5779

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		No Hebrew School 1	7:30pm Board Meeting 2	3	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 4	10am Shabbat Service Resolution Shabbat 5
9am Hebrew School 6 9am Minyan & Bagels 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by Les & Donna Kaufman and the Pierce family 11am AED/CPR Class	7	4pm Hebrew School 8	9	10	7:30pm Hey Class Erev Shabbat Service 11	10am Shabbat morning service 12 5pm Bet Class Havdalah Service
9am Hebrew School 13 9am Minyan & Bagels 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by Les & Donna Kaufman	14	4pm Hebrew School 15	16	17	7:30pm Freedom Shabbat Erev Shabbat service 18 9pm Oneg sponsored by Andrea & Paul Wasserman	10am Shabbat Service – Torah Town Hall 19
9am Hebrew School 20 9am Minyan & Bagels 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by Les & Donna Kaufman & Harvey Meer	21	4pm Hebrew School 22	23	24	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 25	10am Learning Service required for Dalet & Hey Classes 10:30am 8-11 Service 10:30am Young Family Service 26
9am Hebrew School 27 9am Minyan & Bagels 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by Les & Donna Kaufman	28	4pm Hebrew School 29	30	31		

FEBRUARY 2018

Candle Lighting Times: **1:** 4:55 **8:** 5:04 **15:** 5:12 **22:** 5:21

Shevat-Adar I 5779

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					7:30pm Gimel Class Erev Shabbat service 1	10am Sisterhood Yoga Shabbat 2 6:30pm Sweet Taste of Torah at Beth Rishon, Wyckoff
9am Hebrew School 3 9am Minyan & Bagels	4	4pm Hebrew School 5	7:30pm Board Meeting 6	7	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 8	10am Aleph Class Shabbat Morning service (at JHAL) 9 5:30pm Snow date Sweet Taste of Torah if needed
9am Hebrew School 10 9am Minyan & Bagels 11am Cooking for the Center for Hope & Safety with Sisterhood	11	4pm Hebrew School 12	13	14	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 15	No Shabbat Service – Shabbat at Home 16
No Hebrew School 17 9am Minyan & Bagels	18	No Hebrew School 19	20	21	8pm Erev Shabbat Service 22	10am Shabbat morning service 23
9am Hebrew School 24 9am Minyan & Bagels 9:30am Bagel Breakfast sponsored by the Bernstein Family 9:30am HS Parents Meeting	25	4pm Hebrew School 26	27	28		

JANUARY YAHRZEITS

Samuel Steinberg	24 Tevet	1/1/2019
Samuel Schwalbe	25 Tevet	1/2/2019
Esta Falkin	25 Tevet	1/2/2019
Stanley Kater	25 Tevet	1/2/2019
Jerome Kornfeld	27 Tevet	1/4/2019
Ernst Brunell	27 Tevet	1/4/2019
Marjorie Anne Nelkin	27 Tevet	1/4/2019
Mark Terr Radin	27 Tevet	1/4/2019
Kalman Sadowsky	28 Tevet	1/5/2019
Bernard Fabricant	29 Tevet	1/6/2019
Aaron Kihn	29 Tevet	1/6/2019
Edith Stein	1 Shevat	1/7/2019
Isaac Saad	1 Shevat	1/7/2019
Sylvia Lobell	1 Shevat	1/7/2019
Carl Boltuch	2 Shevat	1/8/2019
Fred Weinberg	3 Shevat	1/9/2019
William Siegel	3 Shevat	1/9/2019
Pearl Ganbarg	3 Shevat	1/9/2019
Samuel Silbert	4 Shevat	1/10/2019
Samuel Kuklin	5 Shevat	1/11/2019
Rose Heller	6 Shevat	1/12/2019
Anshel Fishman	6 Shevat	1/12/2019
Lotte Luft	7 Shevat	1/13/2019
Melvin Kreiman	7 Shevat	1/13/2019
Lena Weingarten	7 Shevat	1/13/2019
Sophie H. Eben	9 Shevat	1/15/2019
Belle M. Ivry	9 Shevat	1/15/2019
Jean Robbins	10 Shevat	1/16/2019
Irving Weinstein	10 Shevat	1/16/2019
Barbara Goldner Meer	10 Shevat	1/16/2019
Sol Bressler	10 Shevat	1/16/2019
Maynard L. Green	11 Shevat	1/17/2019
Daniel Lieberman	11 Shevat	1/17/2019
Shirley Breger	11 Shevat	1/17/2019
Lewis Kaplan	12 Shevat	1/18/2019
Karl Heller	13 Shevat	1/19/2019
Douglas Wallach	14 Shevat	1/20/2019
Samuel Mirkin	16 Shevat	1/22/2019
Daniel J. Spooner	16 Shevat	1/22/2019
Newman Berlinger	16 Shevat	1/22/2019
Herbert E. Klein	17 Shevat	1/23/2019
Daniel Reikes	17 Shevat	1/23/2019
Frieda Brown	18 Shevat	1/24/2019
Daniel M. Kirschner	19 Shevat	1/25/2019
Meyer Bergman	20 Shevat	1/26/2019
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