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Candle Lighting Times (Friday)

Dec. 1Chanukah	4	candles	_	5:19	pm
Dec. 2Chanukah					-
Dec. 3Chanukah	6	candles	-	4:32	pm
Dec. 4Chanukah	7	candles	-	5:32	pm
Dec. 5Chanukah	8	candles	-	5:32	pm
Dec. 10		4	1:3	2pm	
Dec. 17		۷	1:3	4pm	
Dec. 24		4	1:3	7pm	
Dec. 31		4	1:4	2pm	
Jan. 7		4	1:4	8pm	
Jan. 14		۷	1:5:	5pm	
Jan. 21		4	5:0	2pm	
Jan. 28				0pm	

Shabbat Morning

Sanctuary and YouTube, 9:30 a.m.

Torah Portions (Saturday)

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Dec. 4	Rosh Chodesh Tevet
	Parashat Miketz
	5:32pm Havdalah
Dec. 11	Parashat Vayigash
	5:32pm Havdalah
Dec. 18	Parashat Vayechi
	5:34pm Havdalah
Dec. 25	Parashat Shemot
	5:38pm Havdalah
Jan. 1	Sabbat Mevarchim
	Chodesh Sh'vat
	Parashat Vaera
	5:43pm Havdalah
Jan. 8	Parashat Bo
	5:49pm Havdalah
Jan. 15	Shabbat Shirah
	Parashat Beshalach
	5:56pm Havdalah
Jan. 22	Parashat Yitro
	6:04pm Havdalah
Jan. 29	Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Adar I
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	6:11pm Havdalah

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Famous Lights In The Jewish Tradition

With the theme of this issue being light, I thought it would be instructive to remind us of some of the most important lights in the Jewish tradition.

Chanukah Lights

The very reason this month's Omer theme was chosen, these lights remind us of the miracle of the oil lasting for eight days as well as providing extra light during the darkest time of the year physically. This is important, but not as important as...

Shabbat Lights

The Shabbat candles are the most important lights we kindle in the Jewish tradition. It is one of the most basic mitzvot, obligatory on every household, a sign of the distinctiveness of the Jewish Shabbat, and a reminder to connect with God, each other, and ourselves each week.

Memorial Lights

While not as important from a commandment perspective, the lighting of a Yahrtzeit candle on the anniversary of the deaths of our loved ones is extremely important to most of us personally. We are reminded of the importance these people had in our lives, and staring at the light brings on all sorts of emotions, both sad and sweet. This is a convenient time to remind us that not only are we supposed to light Yahrtzeit candles on the actual Yahrtzeit, but also at the four holidays where we recite Yizkor—Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeret, Pesach, and Shayuot.

The Ner Tamid

Synagogues around the world differ vastly in their architecture, but all contain some sort of Ner Tamid, or everlasting light. This is a remnant from the ancient Temple in Jerusalem, where it is mentioned in Parashat Tetzaveh in the Book of Exodus. We are supposed to bring oil for "kindling lamps regularly." In this way it is our collective responsibility to monitor the oil level and see to it that the light never burns out, symbolizing that the light of the Jewish people should never go out. In the main sanc-



tuary the Ner Tamid matches the beautiful metal work on the windows and was designed by Metal Artist Victor Reis. In the chapel, the bell shaped Ner Tamid is an amalgamation of God as a pillar of fire and God as a pillar of cloud, the theme of the entire room. It was designed by Glass Artists David and Michelle Plachte-Zweiback.

Light Unto the Nations

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, there is the symbolic light which the prophet Isaiah tells us we are supposed to be—a light unto the nations. Through our moral example, our light makes the world a better place.

L'shalom.

Rabbi Mark Bloom

WEEKLY TEXT STUDY with Rabbi Bloom

Wednesdays at 9am
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for the location



Our Windows: Outside Light Flows into Our Sanctuary By David Goodwin

For the first 29 years of its existence, the sanctuary at Temple Beth Abraham had an Eastern European-style bimah with a large curved ark and a low fence separating the bimah from the congregation. Today, we would probably treasure the bimah but the 1950s were an era in which "modern" was good and "old fashioned" was not, so we replaced the bimah in 1957 as part of a larger building project in which we also built the classrooms and the chapel. Although the 1950s were the beginning of several decades of abysmal architecture, that decade was nonetheless a great time for interior design (think how "midcentury modern" furniture and houses have become collectors' items). Our bimah from 1957 is an outstanding example, with beautiful wood and metal work, the latter including a ner tamid, a representation of the burning bush, a menorah, and a new door to the ark, all created by metalworker Victor Ries.



I'm guessing here – but it's an educated guess – that the Congregation was so pleased with the quality of Ries's work on the bimah that we commissioned him to design new windows for the sanctuary, which Ries created and installed in 1959. (If you want to know what the sanctuary windows looked like before then, take a look at the windows in the staircases.) Ries designed, built, and installed ten windows, each with delicate metalwork and each depicting the symbols of one of our holidays.

As you all know, during the day, you see the intricate designs of the symbols but the only colors come from the shiny metalwork and the light from outside. But if you are in the sanctuary when the sun starts to set, the windows burst into color and suddenly the sanctuary is filled with gorgeous colored light. It is an extraordinary sight and, when we resume indoor evening services for, say, Erev Rosh Hashanah or Kol Nidre or Simchat Torah, you should definitely should see it. (One of the many casualties of the pandemic is that we generally haven't had indoor evening services – except for last year's High Holiday services, which only ten of us attended in person.) The windows made me appreciate light and color in new ways. They are breathtaking.

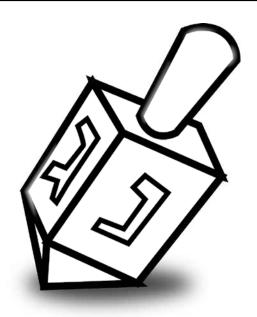
Speaking of Victor Ries, a few words about our artist. He was born in Berlin in 1907. His father was British and his mother German, and when World War I began in 1914, Ries's father was interned as an enemy alien and Ries and his siblings were expelled from school so Ries turned to art. After the war, he enrolled in one of the most prestigious art schools in Germany, where he became an accomplished metalworker, until Hitler came to power and all of the Jews in the school, including Ries, were expelled. Fortunately, Ries had a British passport from his father, so Ries left Germany and moved to Palestine, where he joined a group of German refugees who had been affiliated with the famous Bauhaus School in Germany.

After Ries's house was destroyed in the fighting in Israel's War of Independence, he moved to the United States and eventually ended up in Northern California. Ries was recognized as an important artist and his metalwork was exhibited at the Jewish Museum in New York, the Magnes Museum in Berkeley, and the DeYoung Museum in San Francisco, among other places. Today, some of his metalwork is on permanent display at the Oakland Museum. Ries also taught at the California College of the Arts and Crafts in Oakland and at the College of Marin.

Ries eventually moved to the Reutlinger Community in Danville where he lived to the extraordinary age of 106. If you want to know more about him, there's a lovely film on Vimeo (which you can watch free) at http://vimeo.com/102866049. It has some scenes of Ries talking about our sanctuary.



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Bet Sefer Happenings

By Susan Simon

I am filled with gratitude as slowly, almost imperceptibly, things are beginning to look more "normal" at Bet Sefer. We still try to spend as much time outdoors as possible and try to minimize the amount of time we spend inside. That means being cold sometimes and sitting on the cold ground, but at least we are together.

There were so many activities that we really missed while we learned on zoom. Some of them are back and some not. We continue to miss our yearly shopping trips for 4th, 5th and 6th graders to buy food for the Alameda County Food Bank – transporting students in private cars still seems too risky. We sadly cancelled our annual Sukkot Festival – that was a really hard one because it is so much fun every year. It would have meant all of the classes

coming into close contact with each other as they changed activities and there was no way around having everyone touching the same objects, plus we would have had to come up with substitutes for the edible activities.

On the bright side, there are lots of things that are back to normal, even if being done mostly outside. In 5th grade, our students are learning the prayers of the Friday night service, albeit out on the lawn. And they still got to learn about Israel through a special program that we run that is kind of like a scavenger hunt – they have to find the answers to many questions as they wander around the exhibits and read about different topics.

Our 4th graders are doing all kinds of interesting activities as they practice their Hebrew and learn about prophets and holidays. They got to learn about t'fillin as part of their unit on learning the V'ahavta which was lots of fun – thanks to Marshall Langfeld and Steve Steiner who help with this every year.

Our Mechina students are spending lots of time not only on Torah stories and holidays, but also on learning the Alef Bet – perhaps you have seen their chalk letters all over our walkways as they practice writing them.

All of our teachers are trying to play catch up after a crazy zoom year – everyone's skills are a bit rusty but we are doing everything we can to catch up. If you have a 5th or 6th grader, there are free one on one sessions on Sunday mornings with me to practice Hebrew and prayers – email me to sign up.

All in all, it is a pleasure to see our students leading t'fillah again and I can't wait to see them at the end of the year as their knowledge soars.







ADULT EDUCATION with Susan Simon

"A Taste of Text Study" Saturdays at 9am Contact Susan@tbaoakland.org for the Zoom link

BEGINNER ADULT HEBREW with Susan Simon

Thursdays, Starting October 14th at 7:00pm via Zoom Contact susan@tbaoakland.org

BET SEFER

Latke Thankful

By Susan Simon

Enjoy these photos from the annual Latke frying fest for both the Bet Sefer Hanukkah parties as well as for the synagogue party, both of which are coming soon. Our team made more than 1200 latkes all the while gabbing, getting to know each other, trading stories about their children and doing a fabulous mitzvah. Thank you so much to our volunteers - you are the BEST!

The hugest thanks to Mary Odenheimer who has been spearheading this project for, we think, the past 17 years (we are ignoring our Covid hiatus). Mary shops, prepares the batter, and has the best memory for how to do everything. She is a gem!



Bible Cake

By Susan Simon

Our 6th graders made bible cake today. Each year we give them a recipe but instead of the ingredients, there are references to bible verses, such as Jeremiah 3:20. Students have to figure out what the ingredients are. The following week they actually make the cake and get to enjoy it.

Here are some photos from this year's cooking.















Gan Celebrates Chanukah

By Rachel Fenyves

This year Chanukah will start early. Just after we finish our Thanksgiving leftovers, it will be time to light our chanukiah. At the Gan we have already begun to prepare for the Festival of Lights. The Winter holiday offers much to explore. Chanukah themes we will touch on are light & darkness, miracles, bravery, justice, community, teamwork, and hope. The children are reconnecting with the symbols of Chanukah by spinning dreidels and adding candles to the chanukiah. To build on the theme of community and share our Chanukah light with each other, some of the classes will be creating Chanukah journals. The children will bring home journals they made and as a family they will document how they celebrate Chanukah at home. We look forward to learning about the many ways our friends celebrate with their family.

The Gan wishes everyone at TBA a Chanukah Sameach!























COOKING CORNER

Cooking with Kids

By Faith Kramer

Having children home on winter break can be a great time to have them help in the kitchen. Even preschoolers can help out (with supervision) and the right tasks and recipes. (After all, Gan students make and braid the challah every Friday!)

I remember my youngest standing on a step stool and using a plastic picnic knife to slice strawberries. Both boys enjoyed flipping through the photos in baking cookbooks and picking out recipes they'd like us to make together. Eventually they mastered simple recipes they could cook on their own and became accomplished kitchen helpers for larger projects.

Give a Jewish spin to your time in the kitchen with two children's cookbooks with lots of ruach – the classic The Children's Jewish Holiday Kitchen (by Joan Nathan) and the newly revised and re-released Junior Jewish Cook Book (updated by Marlena Spieler).

Nathan is the doyenne of Jewish cooking in America and her book offers 70 recipes with full menus geared to Shabbat and Jewish holidays. Recipes offer specific directions for what is child friendly and for when an adult should do the task, although experienced older pre-

iday hitchen

teens could pretty much handle everything on their own. For Tu B'Shevat, the New Year of the Trees, Nathan has designed a menu for a challah with dried fruit, fruit salad, carrot tzimmes, and stuffed figs and dates. She also gives a recipe for a "Tree of Life Salad" and a fruit kugel.

The Junior Jewish Cookbook was first published in 1956 and credited to Aunt Fanny (of whom not much is known and

I suspect was a pseudonym) and this re-release keeps the charming graphics, simple recipes, and holiday layout, but Spieler has written a new introduction, updated some of the holiday write ups, and wrote the appendix on modern Jewish recipes children should enjoy and be able to help make, including a frozen chocolate bark with dried fruit for Tu B'Shevat and the recipes below for that old Eastern European standby noodles with cottage cheese below. Spieler, who is the author of more than 70 cookbooks including several Jewish ones, offers the classic version she grew up with as well as the updated one that she made for her own family (try sprinkling a few tablespoons of thinly sliced green onions on top of either version for adults who might try this recipe, too).

BOWTIES AND COTTAGE CHEESE

Adapted from the Junior Jewish Cookbook

SERVES 4

12 oz. bowtie (butterfly) pasta

2-3 Tbs. butter or as desired, room temperature

12 oz. cottage cheese

½ tsp. salt, optional

1/4 tsp. ground black pepper, optional

Adults should boil the pasta until it is cooked through but not soft and then drain. Place in in a bowl. Children should immediately mix in butter until melted and then stir in cottage cheese and salt and pepper (if using). Taste and add more salt and or pepper if desired.

BUCKWHEAT SOBA WITH COTTAGE CHEESE **AND PEAS**

Adapted from the Junior Jewish Cookbook

SERVES 4

12 oz. buckwheat soba

2-3 Tbs. butter (room temperature) or

olive oil as desired ½ cup frozen peas 12 oz. cottage cheese ½ tsp. salt, optional ½ tsp. ground black pepper, optional

Adults should boil the soba until it is just tender and then drain. Place in a bowl. Children should immediately mix in butter and peas until butter is melted and peas are defrosted.

Children then should stir in cottage cheese and salt and pepper (if using). Taste and add more salt and or pepper if desired.

Faith Kramer writes a food column for the j., the Jewish News of Northern California (https://www.jweekly.com/ author/faith-kramer/) and blogs her food at www.clickblogappetit.com.

She is the author of the upcoming 52 Shabbats: Friday Night Dinners Inspired by a Global Jewish Kitchen (https://thecollectivebook.studio/52-shabbats). Contact her at fikramer@msn.com.

WTBA COMMUNITY

WTBA Bringing Light: from Book Parties to Blood Drive

By Rachel Dornhelm

WTBA is very excited to launch Faith Kramer's new cookbook: 52 Shabbats: Friday Night Dinners Inspired by a Global Jewish Kitchen. It will debut during an evening with the author on December 9th at 7 PM at TBA.

While we learn what inspired Faith to create this cookbook, we will sample some of the recipes. She will be signing your copy of her book... and for those books ordered through this event, 20% will be going to the TBA schools. Additionally participants will get to mix some global Jewish spice blends to take home during the event.

Any women of TBA who have not received a link to RSVP to the event/ preorder the book and anyone else with questions, please email handknit@gmail.com.

company.

November also saw the revival of the TBA Blood Drive hosted by WTBA with the leadership of Kelsi Perttula. We had a hugely successful drive (see the pictures!) and look forward to doing it again with your support.

ated upcycled Hannukah wrapping paper and all around enjoyed the opportunity to be in each others' in person

Coming in January: Our Tu B'Shevat event. Please watch your email!

Photos from the Blood Drive:

In November, WTBA gathered for its annual membership event. Twenty-five women gathered at TBA to craft, cook and enjoy each others' company. We planted herb gardens, made sauerkraut and cre-





The Righteous, Courageous Gentile Rescuers

By Misia Nudler

The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous Gentiles was established in 1985 by Rabbi Harold Schulweis to fulfill the traditional Jewish Commitment "Hakaot Halovah," the searching out and recognition of goodness.

Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem, is located on the Mount of Remembrance. The road leading to the building is called "The Avenue to the Righteous." It is lined with trees planted in honor of the RIghteous Gentiles. Each tree bears a plaque telling about that person in whose honor the tree is planted and is written, "He who saved a single life; it is as he had saved the entire world" (from the Talmud).

Those Gentiles were courageous and noble, strongly believing in justice and freedom. The world must be grateful for their human caring. They knew they could be killed for what they did, yet in spite of personal danger, they gave a sense that the Jews were human beings.

The Jewish Foundation for the Righteous Gentiles provides monthly support to aged and needy rescuers in 20 countries along with national education programs. They also preserve the legacy of the Righteous, educators, teachers and students who learn and teach each other about the Holocaust.

Misia Nucler (Front Cover Artist) has been a TBA member for decades and is a Holocaust survivor. According to a recent article in the J. her current passions are reading, doing puzzles and most of all raising awareness about the Jewish Foundation for the RIghteous Gentiles. It supports rescuers like those who helped her and her sister while they were in hiding during the Holocaust. Misia's art is on the cover of the Omer this month.

KINDERGYM COMMUNITY

Welcome to Kindergym Toddlers with Dawn for Ones and Twos!!

By Dawn Margolin

As of Monday, November 15 at 10am onward we invite you to sign up for the Kindergym Winter Session.

Enjoy time here with your child, observe and engage in their Playing, Exploring, Learning and Connecting while they experience:

Climbing, sliding, jumping, tunnels, rocking horses, painting, parachute play, bubbles, circletime, stories, songs and so much more!

One child/ One adult Join us with: Children newly age one or older in January / Children still Under 3 yrs. on March 4, 2022

Health and Safety protocols will be observed. Our very, very large room is well ventilated and cleaned between classes. Adults must wear a mask and provide proof of vaccination (masks are not necessary for these very young ones and twos.

Each class will begin with TEN families as we open up on January 12, 13, 14. Please choose in order of preference from the following options:



Welcome to Kindergym Toddlers Please choose in order of preference from the following options:

Option	Days	Time	Dates	Price
1	WED	9:30am- 10:30am	1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2	\$160
2	WED	11:00am- 12:00pm	1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2	\$160
3	THU	9:45am- 10:45am	1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24, 3/3	\$160
4	THU	11:15am- 12:15pm	1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24, 3/3	\$160
5	FRI	9:30am- 10:30am	1/14, 1/21, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4	\$140
6	FRI	11:00am- 12:00pm	1/14, 1/21, 2/4, 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4	\$140

Step 1. Please email me with your Option/Class up to SIX possible choices in order of preference. I will confirm you for your AVAILABLE chosen spot.

Step 2. For your signing up, I will send you an email with a PayPal link embedded. As of Monday, November 15 at 10am and onward you may sign up for the Winter Session.

I am so excited to play with your family at Kindergym in my 39th year!!

Warmly,
Dawn Margolin
Kindergym Director
dawnie57@gmail.com

www.tbaoakland.org/education/kindergym

The Minyan

For the first time in 17 months since the beginning of the pandemic the minyanires had breakfast together in the courtyard.

Join us for a lively one hour service every Monday and Thursday at 8 am in the sanctuary followed by breakfast in the main courtyard.

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Monday and Thursdays at 8am in the TBA Sanctuary. No RSVP - just join the group



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First Light (Ohr)

By Obi Clark

The One and the First light

Same light of Sabbath that we call a delight,

a nation of Kings/Queens, Priests /Priestess

tasked to bring to the Nations this light

A reservoir of Torah to be absorbed,

Life's microcosms, macrocosms and chasms

to explore

Like satellites

round about they go

a pale orb and yellow orb,

but even they wasn't created till the fourth day

so was the music of the spheres

their orbits time carousel round like the humble olive,

may HaShem oil

impress upon our spirits

the Hope

that sparked the festival of lights

Also included is a reference to the first light in midrash

"And God saw that the light was good." It was the first of all Creation to have this special designation of "good." According to Rabbi Elazar, in a midrash called Yalkut Shimoni, the light that God created on the first day was used by Adam to look from one end of the universe to the other. It was something extremely special.

Because of its uniqueness, its sanctity was more than a soon-to-be fallen world could handle. Therefore, the Torah tells us that "God separated the light from the darkness." The midrash explains that this separation was not merely an untangling of light from darkness, but its complete removal. Where did this light go? The midrash tells us:

It is stored up for the righteous in the Messianic future, as it says (Isaiah 30:26), "Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of the seven days." (Genesis Rabbah 3:6)

Charity is equal in importance to all the other commandments combined.

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May God comfort you among all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem

27 - 29 Kisley

December 1 - 3

Betty Gordon Grinberg Kalman Klein Rita Melamerson Israel Stamer Samuel David Strongin

Robert S. Wallerstein Ruben Curtin Samuel Gevertz Rabbi Phillip Langh

Joseph Dorfman Jack Gray Paul Trof

Sidney Winchell

30 KISLEV - 6 TEVET

December 4 - 10

David Freedman Morris Gelfand Jacob Kronrod Raymond Naggar Harold Reid Jerrold Schoenblum Melvin Silverman Elliot Weinstein Samuel Bernstein Leslie Kessler Morris Leavitt Mark S. Bloom Bessie Kvint Robert Lopez David Mehr Ethel Mehr Fannie Shapiro Yitzhak Antebi William Heeger **Davie Ormsby** Israel Rogers Shirley Weiner Frieda Zilverberg Abraham Bercovich Mendel H. Friedman Blanche Jacobs Jacob Kerbel Norman Kleinman

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7 - 13 TEVET December 11 - 17

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Ruth Eisenman
Lena Fass

Alfred Feldhammer Abbey Rockmaker Rose Rosenberg Herman Zubkoff Nathan Denenberg

Max Gross Meyer Kranz Mark Leon Phillip Nathanson Sally Simon

14 - 20 TEVET

Dcecember 18 - 24 Arthur Braverman Mary Brisky

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Paula Rotman
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Randy Diamant
Gitta Schneider Elul
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21 - 27 TEVET

December 25 - 31 Shlomo Contract Ida Cowan Albert Eis Minna Epstein Edward Flick Rheta Goldberg Gussie Gross Evelyn Harris Louis Jacobs

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Dennis Polse Moshe Shweky Joel Irving Stein Samuel Toas Esther Wallis Edith Worgold Lawrence Kauffman Isadore Lazar

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Ethel Louik Leslie Turchin Gertrude Zatkin



28 TEVET - 5 SHEVAT

Janaury 1 - 7 Maggie Elitzer Sofica Becker Herscu Mantel

William L. Stern Herman Samuel Handloff

Dorothy Lavin Juel Ephraim Fass Benjamin Goor Thomas Lee Hastings

Harry Karsh
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Morris Nankin

A. Arthur Sugerman, M.D.

Leo Wasserman

6 - 12 SHEVAT

January 8 - 14

Barbara Love
Goldman Berdux
Mildred Karren
Nat Kaufman
Robert Morris
Miriam Nathanson
Betsy Rosenberg
Howard Rosenberg
Matthew Seamans

Tom Turchin

Alexander Dubrow George Elber Maurice Kerns Rebecca Parker

Sid Rose Marcus Zaslov Margaret Ash

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Alex Kobuzatskiy Stanley Levin Grace Blue Ross Malka Breslov

Victor Samuel Cohen Yetta Engleberg Herbert Goldstein Robert Kruger Linda O'Brien Agnes Pencovic Joe Zatkin

Sylvia Karsh Betty Ray Maurice Tobin Ruth Zielenziger Sarah Blumberg

Rae Fine Sarah Hers

Sarah Herskowitz Blanche Jacobs Mollie Laub Morris Rothman

13 - 19 SHEVAT January 15 - 21

Aubrey Broudy
Dora Davis
Jennie Dickson
Joseph Jacobs
Moshe Naggar
Jean Kristal Rubin
Shoshanah Shoshani
Harford (Jack) White
Fanny Grey-Klein
Karl Plotkin

David Saidian Mattie Wachsman Marion Newman Wolf

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Celia Kaden Freda Klarman Moshe Sterenberg Max Brick Selma Jackson

Theo Joseph Norbert Nemon Harold Silberzweig Ernest Weiner

20 - 26 SHEVAT

Janaury 22 - 28 Edward Friendly Blanche Neuman

Lillian Raphael Fay Schaefer George Tabak Adolph Wollner Thomas W. Cain Louis Feldman Seymour Miller

Joseph Morvai
David Okh

Gertrude Yarman

Joel Carey Jack Coulter Joseph Grutman Lawrence A. "Sonny"

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27 - 29 SHEVAT

January 29 - 31 Samuel Bandel Elizabeth Bernstein

Frieda Blatter Hyman Brodke Joseph Gould

Samuel Aaron Grinberg

Rose Hillman
Bernard Pollack
Milton Weiner
Leonard Wolf
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Shirley Gould
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Sam Wolf

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Marie Lorenz

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DECEMBER	2021	27 KISLEV – 27 TEVET 5782				
SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY			WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
COAT DRIVE TO BENEFIT CITYTEA			M ALL MONTH	I. BIN OUTSI	DE IN SMAL	L COURTYARD
	VAL A		1 (27 Kislev) Chanukkah 4 Candles	2 (28 Kislev) Chanukkah 5 Candles	3 (29 Kislev) Chanukkah 6 Candles	4 (30 Kislev) Chodesh Tevet Parashat Miketz- Chanukkah 7 Candles 9:00am A Taste of Text
Ĭ		1	9:00am Weekly Text Study at Rocky's Brooklyn Basin 7:00pm Beginner Adult Hebrew 7:00pm BYO -AZA&BBG	8:00am Morning Minyan in Sanctuary 4:00pm Bet Sefer with Chanukkah party	6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Sanctuary & online	Study 9:30am Shabbat Services B'nai Mitzvah of Zach & Sophia Sparks. Sanctuary & online Childcare available 10:15am T'fillat Y'ladim
			5:19p Candle lighting	5:19p Candle lighting	4:32p Candle lighting	5:32p Havdalah (42 min)
5 (1 Tevet)	6 (2 Tevet)	7 (3 Tevet)	8 (4 Tevet)	9 (5 Tevet)	10 (6 Tevet)	11 (7 Tevet)
Chanukkah 8 Candles			9:00am Weekly Text	8:00am Morning	0.45000	Parashat Vayigash 9:00am A Taste of Text Study
2:00pm Chanukkah Program w/ Isaac	8:00am Morning Minyan Sanctuary	4:00pm Bet Sefer	Study at Rocky's Brooklyn Basin	Minyan in Sanctuary	9:15am Gan Coffee Talk	9:30am Shabbat Services Sanctuary & online. Childcare available
Zones & Trio	7:00pm Warriors Jewish Heritage Night	7:30pm TBA Book Club	7:00pm Beginner Adult Hebrew 7:00pm BYO -AZA&BBG	4:00pm Bet Sefer 7:00pm WTBA Cookbook release for Faith Kramer	6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat with BBYO Sanctuary & online	10:15am Shabbat Mishpacha 10:115am Junior Congregation
5:19p Candle lighting					4:32p Candle lighting	5:32p Havdalah (42 min)
12 (8 Tevet)	13 (9 Tevet)	14 (10 Tevet)	15 (11 Tevet)	16 (12 Tevet)	17 (13 Tevet)	18 (14 Tevet) Parashat Vayechi
4:00pm Bet Sefer Family Class	8:00am Morning Minyan Sanctuary	4:00pm Bet Sefer	9:00am Weekly Text Study at Rocky's Brooklyn Basin 7:00pm Beginner Adult Hebrew 7:00pm BYO -AZA&BBG	8:00am Morning Minyan in Sanctuary 4:00pm Bet Sefer	6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Sanctuary & online	9:00am A Taste of Text Study 9:30am Shabbat Services Sanctuary & online Childcare available
			·		4:34p Candle lighting	5:34p Havdalah (42 min)
19 (15 Tevet)	20 (16 Tevet)	21 (17 Tevet)	22 (18 Tevet)	23 (19 Tevet)	24 (20 Tevet)	25 (21 Tevet)
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					OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAY	
7:00pm TBA Film Club	8:00am Morning Minyan Sanctuary	7:30pm TBA Board Meeting	9:00am Weekly Text Study at Rocky's Brooklyn Basin 7:00pm Beginner Adult Hebrew 7:00pm BYO -AZA&BBG	8:00am Morning Minyan in Sanctuary	6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Sanctuary & online 4:37p Candle lighting	9:00am A Taste of Text Study 9:30am Shabbat Services Sanctuary & online Childcare available 5:38p Havdalah (42 min)
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			7:00pm BYO -AZA&BBG		4:42p Candle lighting	

JANUARY 2022			28 TEVET – 29 SHEVAT 5782			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
COAT DRIVE TO BENEFIT CITYTEAM UNTIL JAN 7. BIN OUTSIDE IN SMALL COURTYARD						
			99			1 (28 Tevet) Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Shevat Parashat Vaera-
happy new year						9:00am A Taste of Text Study 9:30am Shabbat Services Sanctuary & online Childcare available
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2 (29 Tevet)	3 (1 Shevat)	4 (2 Shevat)	5 (3 Shevat)	6 (4 Shevat)	7 (5 Shevat)	8 (6 Sehvat) Parashat Bo
	8:00am Morning Minyan Sanctuary	4:00pm Bet Sefer	9:00am Weekly Text Study at Rocky's Brooklyn Basin 7:00pm BYO-AZA&BBG	8:00am Morning Minyan in Sanctuary 4:00pm Bet Sefer	6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Sanctuary & online	9:00am A Taste of Text Study 9:30am Shabbat Services Gan Avraham Shabbat Sanctuary & online. Childcare available 10:15am T'fillat Y'ladim
					4:48p Candle lighting	5:49p Havdalah (42 min)
9 (7 Shevat)	10 (8 Shevat)	11 (9 Shevat)	12 (10 Shevat)	13 (11 Shevat)	14 (12 Shevat)	15 (13 Shevat) Shabbat Shirah
	8:00am Morning Minyan Sanctuary	4:00pm Bet Sefer	9:00am Weekly Text Study at Rocky's Brooklyn Basin 9:30&11:00am Kindergym. Pre-registration required 6:00pm 8 th & 9 th grade Tichon 7:00pm BYO -AZA&BBG	8:00am Morning Minyan in Sanctuary 9:30&11:00am Kindergym. Pre-registration required 4:00pm Bet Sefer	9:30&11:00am Kindergym. Pre-registration required 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Sanctuary & online	9:00am A Taste of Text Study 9:30am Shabbat Services Sanctuary & online Childcare available 10:15am Junior Congregation
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16 (14 Shevat)	17 (15 Shevat) Gan & Office Closed for MLK, Jr. Day	18 (16 Shevat)	19 (17 Shevat)	20 (18 Shevat)	21 (19 Shevat)	22 (20 Shevat) Shabbat Yitro
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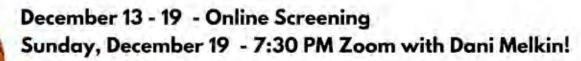
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