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the **Omer**

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## October Friday Candle Lighting

October 6	7:20pm
October 13	6:17pm
October 20	6:07pm
October 27	5:58pm

## Shabbat Morning

Sanctuary and YouTube, 9:30 a.m..

## Shabbat Havdalah & Candle Lighting

Sun. Oct. 1 7:35pm

Sukkot II

Sat. Oct. 7 7:26pm

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Sun. Oct. 8 7:24pm

Simchat Torah

October 14 7:16pm

Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Cheshvan

Parashat Bereshit

October 21 7:06PM

Parashat Noach

October 28 6:58pm

Parashat Lech-Lecha

## November Friday Candle Lighting

November 3	5:50pm
November 10	4:44pm
November 17	4:38pm
November 24	4:35pm

## Shabbat Morning

Sanctuary and YouTube, 9:30 a.m..

## Shabbat Havdalah & Candle Lighting

November 4	6:50pm
Parashat Vayera	
November 11	5:43pm
Shabbat Mevarchim Kislev	
Parashat Chayei Sara	
November 18	5:38pm
Parashat Toldot	
November 25	5:35pm
Parashat Vayetzei	

## The Omer

We are always looking for help and contributions, whether it be first-person articles, poems, art, photos and anything that aligns with our theme of positive, Jewish community.

We are also always in need of copy editors.

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## WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE MORE COMMUNITY MEMBERS JOIN OUR TINY STAFF.

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## Can I Still Be Joyful When Others are Suffering

Initially my column was about the joy of Rock and Roll Shabbat, which we will be reintroducing on November 3, but by the time this Omer comes out, that article will not seem appropriate given our sadness and shock over Hamas' attacks on Israel.

So I want to give you an answer as to the question posed in the headline, the same question I had to ask myself when deciding whether we should cancel our Simchat Torah dancing and party. Ultimately, I decided for three Jewish reasons that we should continue as planned, with the caveat that for those who were too sad to celebrate, they indeed should do what feels right to them.

It is actually a halachic imperative (Jewish law) that we celebrate our holidays. The same applies to a mourner during shiva. They certainly do not feel like going out and celebrating Shabbat or a holiday, and yet Judaism insists that they are supposed to. Why? It sends us the message that, as difficult as it is, individual feelings are subordinate to communal commandments. You make a sacrifice for the sake of the larger community and for Hashem (God). That may not "feel" right, but it is what Judaism teaches.



Dance while you can. Israelis cannot dance and sing and celebrate right now, but we can. We never know when a pandemic or anti-Semitism or our health or something else will prevent that. If we get a chance to dance and enjoy, we should.

Joy has kept us alive during our darkest times. This lesson really stuck with me when I heard it from mentor and Holocaust survivor Cantor Michael Deutsch of Sidney, Australia. He said to me that one of the ways he survived the concentration camps was that on every Shabbat he would whisper sing in his cellmates' ears Lecha Dodi and tell them to smell the chicken soup that would be coming to them when they got out of there and recite Shabbos blessings. Even in the darkest place on earth, he was providing a little light to himself and others.

So while it is impossible not to feel burdened by sadness because of what is happening to our brothers and sisters in Israel, if you are able to, *sisu v'simchu*, rejoice and be glad. That is the essence of Judaism.

## Thank you David Goodwin

By Rabbi Mark Bloom

We want to take this opportunity to thank David for his outstanding work as President of TBA these last few years.

His leadership, his shepherding us through the pandemic, his measured responses to crises big and small, his continued presence on the bima, including Torah and Haftarah reading, his kindness to staff, his listening ear for members, his sound advice and friendship for me personally, and his overall *menschlichkeit* are truly models for all of us.

Thank you David for everything!

**Rock n' Roll  
Shabbat  
November 3rd  
6:15pm**



## TBA's New President

By Stuart Zangwill

Welcome to Temple Beth Abraham!

Whether you are considering joining our synagogue or simply planning to visit, we are delighted to have you explore all that our vibrant community has to offer. Allow me to share with you just a glimpse of what makes us special, and I hope you'll be inspired to come see for yourself.

At the heart of Temple Beth Abraham is our incredibly diverse community. We are proud to embrace individuals and families from a rich tapestry of backgrounds, cultures, and life experiences. Our congregation includes people of all ages, spanning from the young to the mid-life, and our beloved elders. We celebrate our diversity in age, background, race, sexual orientation, and levels of observance. Many of our members actively participate in leading services, reading Torah or Haftarah, and leading prayers, while others choose to observe and learn.

Our spiritual leader, Rabbi Bloom, has been the guiding light of our congregation for over two decades. Rabbi Bloom has set the tone for our synagogue, creating an atmosphere of warmth, inclusivity, and love. He knows each of our nearly 500 families personally, connecting with every individual, from the young to the old. The mutual respect and affection between Rabbi Bloom and our community are palpable, and his musical talents, such as playing the guitar during Friday night services and special events, add a unique and beautiful dimension to our worship.

Temple Beth Abraham has proudly served the Oakland Jewish Community since 1908. As members of The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ), we welcome you to join us for services on any Jewish holiday (Shabbat being the most frequent!). Our religious services are well-attended, with streaming options available on YouTube for those who cannot attend in person. We offer a thriving Gan (our preschool) and Bet Sefer (our religious school), boasting excellent facilities, including a stunning main sanctuary. We maintain a balanced budget and have no debt, ensuring the sustainability of our community. Join us on Shabbat mornings for a delectable, caterer-prepared kiddush lunch open to the entire community—a perfect opportunity for great food and even greater schmoozing.

Allow me to introduce myself. I am deeply honored to have been asked to complete David Goodwin's term as President of TBA in October 2023. My family and I moved to Oakland 29 years ago, and we immediately found our home at TBA. I am a Pediatric Hospital Medicine physician and also serve the Jewish community as a Mohel, one of three at TBA. All four of my children attended Bet Sefer (TBA's Hebrew school), with three of them also attending Gan Avraham, our preschool. I was born in Los Angeles, and first came to the Bay Area, where I attended UC Berkeley (Go Bears!) and later returned after medical school at UCSD to complete my residency at UCSF.

In conclusion, Temple Beth Abraham is a warm, heimish, participatory, and egalitarian community. We take great pride in our ability to welcome visitors with open arms, and our educators are passionate about teaching. Whether you want to learn to chant Torah, discover how to celebrate Shabbat at home with your children or have questions about Jewish practice, we invite you to visit us and ask. Our doors are always open, and we eagerly await the opportunity to welcome you into our wonderful Temple Beth Abraham family.





## The joys and mitzvot of empty nesting

By Lisa Fernandez

My husband and I are now empty nesters.

Milah is a senior at UC Santa Cruz. Noah is now a freshman at San Diego State.

Sure, I cried when I dropped both of them off at college.

But am I happy?

Heck yeah!

My joy comes from staying busy and filling my time with things that I want to do.

That includes purely enjoyable things, like signing up to usher plays in Berkeley and Walnut Creek and having dinner with friends instead of cooking for the family.

But it also includes giving back to the community and doing mitzvot.

For the last several years, I have helped Oakland Tech and TBA high schoolers write their essays to get into college. I'm continuing to do that, and ramping up my hours, now that I have more free time. Writing is hard for many people and helping young people find their voice and telling a compelling story to get into college is very rewarding.

I'm also volunteering at San Quentin prison, leading journalism workshops with incarcerated men, who have compelling stories to tell and who need a bit of assistance figuring out how to report and write these stories for others to consume.

That said, I do a lot of fun stuff as an empty nester, too. My husband and I are trying to do more activities together, like bike riding, traveling and hiking. We even went to Erykah Badu and Alicia Keys concerts this summer.

Sure, I miss the kids, but there is joy to be found when they're out of the house, too.

Bat Mitzvah

### Juliette Edesess - October 28th, 2023

My name is Juliette Edesess. I am a 7th grader at Piedmont Middle School and I enjoy reading, playing violin, and activities with my Girl Scouts troop. The name of my Torah portion is Lech Lecha, starting at Genesis chapter 14. In this Torah portion God makes promises to Abraham at a time when he is losing faith. I look forward to seeing you at my bat mitzvah at Temple Beth Abraham on October 28th.



### MORNING MINYAN

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



## Using L'dor V'Dor to teach Yom Kippur in Kitah Alef

By Amanda Jarman

As we do every year, the Gan teachers spend the first month of school getting to know the children and families. We focus on community building and setting the stage for a sweet new year as Rosh Hashanah comes and goes. We then jump into Yom Kippur where feelings and values like kavod (respect) and chessed (loving kindness) dominate our conversations & explorations.

We scaffold curriculum with puppets, toys for turn taking, and other ways to expand our emotional language.

We also use the information we've been gathering about who our children and families are to guide our practice.

This year in Kitah Alef we have lots of siblings. Some children are older brothers & sisters, and some have the special job of being a "little" to a "big" in the Gan's Kitah Gimmel class.

Books are another way we learn at preschool and because there are so many siblings, we decided to enlist the help of Kitah Gimmel to make a book of photos on caretaking for Kitah Alef. From one generation to another, sharing Torah and building Jewish identity together!!

The Kitah Gimmel children were enthusiastic helpers as they demonstrated acts of kindness to make someone feel

better when they need it.

They practiced hugging one another, high fives, fist bumps and getting "lovies/stuffed animals" for one another. We also had a first aid section of our book to show Kitah Alef how band aids and ice packs work. We happened to do the photo shoot on a day where Kitah Gimmel was also making birthday cards for their teachers, so we added card making and drawing to our list of ideas re: helping others "have a happy heart."

Teachers used the photos to create a simply bound picture book with helping words in it. We gave a copy to all of the Kitah Alef children for home, and we left a copy in the Kitah Gimmel classroom so that they could also reflect on their teaching to one another. The children enjoyed looking through it and connecting with the members of our larger Gan kehillah (community). It's also helped the Kitah Alef children learn names/faces when we spend time together on our special Shabbat Fridays!

We appreciate and encourage our preschoolers to be menschy and practice tikkun olam, repairing the world... one friend & one heart at a time! If even our youngest citizens at TBA can do mitzvot, we know our grownups can too! May you be inspired by the children and let your Fall season be full of good "heart work!"

L'Shalom & B'ahavah!!

In Peace and with Love!





## Welcome Jeni Markowitz Clancy

Just as Jeni was thinking about her next step in life, TBA came looking for a new leader for the Kindergym program. Jeni is thrilled to follow in Dawn's footsteps. Not too much will change to the wonderful program that Dawn built, but Jeni will bring her own strengths and puppets to the program.

An Oakland native, Jeni Markowitz Clancy has been supporting parent and family education in the Bay Area for more than two decades.

You may have run into her programs at the wildly popular family music program "Boogie to the Beat" for Parents Place. Jeni led this class for more than ten years. She also led family music and movement programs for Congregation Sherith Israel in San Francisco where she also served as the synagogue's early childhood director.

Jeni was awarded the prestigious Helen Diller Award for Excellence in Jewish Education in 2020, granted a Family Education Fellowship by the San Francisco Bureau of Jewish Education, participated in the Jewish Resource Specialist program sponsored by the Jim Joseph Foundation, and was a member of the first cohort of Reshet educators sponsored by the Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco.

Jeni is the current manager of Jewish Baby Network's San Francisco region. She lives in San Francisco with her husband, their two daughters, and too many puppets to count.

Jeni will be taking over for Dawn Margolin, who conceived and ran the Kindergym for 35 years. She will be celebrated on Dec. 9.



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With Jeni

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 327 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland (near the Grand Lake Theater)

## WTBA gets off to roaring start

By Valerie Milner

WTBA got its year off to a roaring start, beginning with a Gan Coffee on August 10, where Gan parents saw their kids off for their first day of the school. The following day, over 100 people gathered to celebrate Shabbat together, enjoy a pizza potluck and listen to the sweet sound of GleeBA.

WTBA ladies hit the pickleball courts of Montclair on September 7. Novices and experienced players alike picked up pointers from a pickleball pro, then let loose on the courts. We shared lots of hits, lots of misses, and lots of laughs!

WTBA and the Men's Club cleaned up MacArthur Blvd on September 10 for a morning of community, snacking, and tikkun olam. Twenty-six people formed the clean-up crew, with several neighbors commenting on how grateful they were for our efforts. There was resounding enthusiasm for a quarterly cleanup event, so stay tuned!

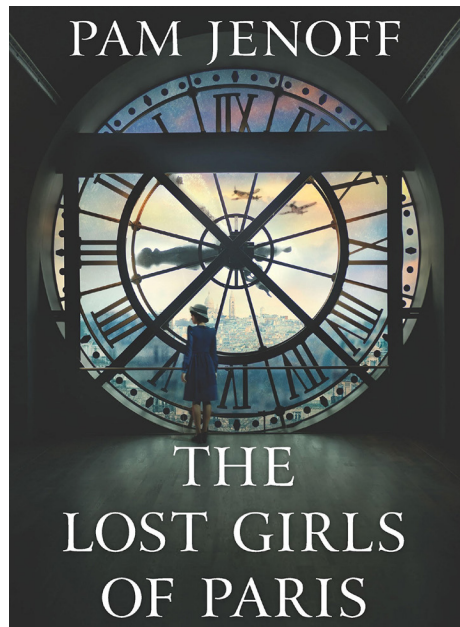
Next up: Sukkot celebration on October 5, Simchat Torah on October 7, "Mocktails" at Gan pickup on October 18, "Food with Faith (Kramer)" on November 2, and our annual Membership Appreciation Event, "A Taste of Israel," on November 19.

We hope you will join us at our events and become part of the WTBA community. For membership info, contact Stacy Margolin, Membership Co-Chair, at [stasch.margolin@gmail.com](mailto:stasch.margolin@gmail.com).





The TBA book club will meet, via Zoom, on Tuesday, October 24, at 7:30 pm. We will discuss the fiction book, *The Lost Girls of Paris: A Novel* by Pam Jenoff. Contact Judy Glick, [judyglick@gmail.com](mailto:judyglick@gmail.com), if you want to join us.



One morning, while passing through Grand Central Terminal on her way to work, Grace Healey finds an abandoned suitcase tucked beneath a bench. Unable to resist her own curiosity, Grace opens the suitcase, where she discovers a dozen photographs—each of a different woman. In a moment of impulse, Grace takes the photographs and quickly leaves the station.

Grace soon learns that the suitcase belonged to a woman named Eleanor Trigg, leader of a network of female secret agents who were deployed out of London during the war. Twelve of these women were sent to Occupied Europe as couriers and radio operators to aid the resistance, but they never returned home, their fates a mystery. Setting out to learn the truth behind the women in the photographs, Grace finds herself drawn to a young mother turned agent named Marie, whose daring mission overseas reveals a remarkable story of friendship, valor and betrayal.

Vividly rendered and inspired by true events, New York Times bestselling author Pam Jenoff shines a light on the incredible heroics of the brave women of the war and weaves a mesmerizing tale of courage, sisterhood and the great strength of women to survive in the hardest of circumstances.

## The Piano Accompanist

By Roz Aronson

Until this past year, when Covid started a chain reaction that ended my work as a dance accompanist, I derived great joy from providing music at the piano for dance classes, primarily through Dance for Parkinson's Disease.

Just about the same time my job at the University ended and I became a retiree, an opportunity arose to play piano for a new program, Dance for Parkinson's Disease, originated by Mark Morris and being initiated here by dancer/choreographer/teacher, Claudine Naganuma at Danspace in Oakland. It was exciting to become a part of this early stage of a program that has grown worldwide. There was a lot to learn and I was rewarded for persisting!

It was so amazing to witness the transformation that took place in the class members, living with varying stages of Parkinson's as they moved to the music, encouraged by Claudine's directions and suggestions, because, in addition to providing solid instruction in technique, she often provided an opportunity for free improvisation. The class time was a source of great joy for me and I looked forward to it every week.

When Covid struck, our class, like so many others, could no longer meet in person. Claudine created a Zoom classroom so dancers could participate from their homes and I played my own piano, watching the teacher and responding, sending the music back. It was far from ideal, but we continued that way until Zoom made some changes that ruined our routine: my music didn't come through to Claudine's studio as it should. Despite efforts to save the live accompaniment, it had to be let go.

It was a terrible blow to me, the end of my professional service; the end of my job and a very handy little monthly salary, and the end of being in the company of some of the finest people I have ever met as they strove to overcome the limitations incurred on their freedom and mobility by this cruel disease.

I was greatly moved when some of the class expressed to me how much the music I had provided had meant to them. I am so happy to know that in my own small way, I had been of service.

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 Ida Lazerwitz  
 Morris Mauskopf  
 Rosa Quittman  
 Emma Shaffer  
 Nathan Engleberg  
 Julius Goldberg  
 Dr. Daniel Motzkin  
 Pablo Macias  
 Bertha Rosenblatt  
 Marvin Spielman  
 Gloria Ruth Tishkoff

**20 - 26 HESHVAN****November 4 - 10**

Lillian Davidson  
 Herszel Herszman  
 David Migdal  
 Benjamin Mutnick  
 George Wasserman  
 Yehuda Breslov  
 Jeanette Gohd Taylor  
 Dorothy Wood  
 Arthur Gurovitsch  
 Bertha Heimy  
 Rabbi David Jessel  
 Sarah Morofsky  
 Richard Tim Vanik  
 Isadore Scheinberg  
 Meyer Schulack  
 Bill Biglovsky  
 Frieda Levine Jacobs  
 Sadok Masliyah  
 Jack Dobrushin  
 Bernard Hodess  
 Gertrude Lazar Landy  
 Herman Rosenthal  
 Albert Shore  
 Edith Bloch  
 Joseph Bloch  
 Sophie Casson  
 Myer Cohen  
 Alfonse Feibelman  
 Samuel Felberbaum  
 Sanford Greenberg  
 Joseph Malnick

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Max Pactor  
Hezghia Saidian  
Edith Tabak  
Geraldine Turchen

## 27 HESHVAN - 4 KISLEV

**November 11 - 17**  
Rose Kontrovich  
Henrietta Cherry  
Morris Isaacson  
Peter Lipman  
Arthur Myers  
Samuel Ash  
Sam Clar  
Sarah Epstein  
Irene Elizabeth Flick  
Marvin Goldberg  
Beatrice Kaufman Levee  
Helmut Stein  
Jeffrey Owen Wade  
Sara Stevens Zorowitz  
Stanley Hershtman  
Patricia Nightingale  
Freda Rubenstein  
Augusta Saretsky  
Weinberger  
Barbara Barnett  
Ruth Bresow Young  
Max Gershenson  
Anne Bosniak Goldberg  
Kurt Kruchinski  
Helen Moskowitz

Janice Thompson  
Benjamin Davis  
Esther DeKoven  
Charlene Eberhart  
Mary Feltman  
Sonia Greenberg  
Gil Hersh  
Pearl Kasdan Jonas  
Samuel Kaplan  
Joseph Landowitz  
Marietta Wulff  
Esther Dubrow  
Adeline Frances Freeman  
Lola Kahane  
Rebecca Kerns  
Joseph Okh  
Edes Olszak  
Gitman Olszak  
Ben Shane  
Robert Zuckerberg

## 5 - 11 KISLEV November 18 - 24

Paul Hertz  
Max Gevertz  
Suanne Claire Kasdan  
Arthur Kellman  
Sidney M. Levee  
Abraham Shaffer  
Gussie Goldstein  
Isaac Marcus  
Max Marovitz  
Leah Stamer

Cyril Weiss  
Phyllis Marjorie Cowan  
June Reingold Fleck  
Harry Grossfield  
Herman Roth  
Irma Eis  
Jeanette Ger  
Sarah Lichtenstein  
Eve Rothman  
Stanley Rudee  
Anne H. Tanner  
Jacob Karwat  
Marie Lorenz  
Mona Scharff  
Ronald Abraham  
Edward Bercovich  
Herbert Goodman  
Leon Kraft  
Rebecca Millman  
Esther Naggat  
Sarah Leah Schneider

## 12 - 17 KISLEV

**November 25 - 30**  
Alexander Kleinlerer  
Mildred Pullman  
Joseph Rosenfeld  
Joseph Samson  
Joseph Schein  
Jacob Wachsmann  
Eva Weissman  
Sandy Rosenfeld Emert  
Sam Katzburg

Erwin Wallen  
Eric Zielenziger  
Harry Barnett  
Irwin Bryan  
Rita Heeger  
David Mant  
Esther Nankin  
Ganesane Rosenberg  
Ben Silver  
Wayne Stanfield  
Max Davis  
Richard M. Goldstone  
Molva Goodman  
Edythe Goodwin  
Mary Hale  
Leland Kugelgen  
Mervin Tessler  
Nina Balint  
Edith Budman  
Max Charlup  
George Davis III  
Jennie Gevertz  
Adolph A. Kay  
Erna Bender  
John Cook  
Rose Davis  
Al Mendelsohn  
Sylvia Reback  
Kathy Roman  
Helen Ida Tessler  
Thelma Diane Tobin

## Recent Deaths in Our Community

**Bernice Klein**, mother of **Ari (Abby) Klein**

**Harvey Blatter**, husband of **Fran**,  
father of **Helene (Jeff Gutkin)**

**Stephen Schaeffer Glick**, father of **Beth**

**Nissan Saidian**, husband of **Carol**

**Monique Joseph**, mother of **Nadine (Neil Goteiner)**

**Brian Berdux**, brother of **Sabrina Berdux Cohen**  
(**Alden F. Cohen**)

**Arlene Miller**, mother of **Peter Miller (Bess Gurman)**



*May their memory be for a blessing*

## *Welcome New Members*

**Garrett Langfeld.** Son of Marshall & Lynn

**Jordan Cohen & Megan Chartier**

**Jason Welle**

**Jarred & Megan Wilichinsky.**

Sons Ben, Jacob. Isaac & Asher

**Jessica Ivry.** Daughter Esther

**Elizabeth Fleischman**

**Edward Stein & Sandra Zeidel**

**Isaac & Rachel Freidman**

**Mal & Michelle Pacheco**

**Marc Backer & Susan Standel Backer**

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Contact TBA's Executive Director

Rayna Arnold for further details

(510) 832-0936 or [rayna@tbaokland.org](mailto:rayna@tbaokland.org).

You are never too young to plan for the future!

## MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Anyone wishing to purchase a memorial plaque, please contact the synagogue office at (510) 832-0936. If you do not know the location of a Memorial Plaque for your loved one, simply find the Memorial Plaque binder located on the back table in the Sanctuary. This book lists all Plaques in alphabetical order by the last name of the deceased and will be updated as new Plaques are hung. Please do not remove the binder from the Sanctuary.

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# OCTOBER CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2023				16 TISHREI - 16 CCHESHVAN 5784		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1 (16 Tishrei)</b> <b>Sukkot II</b>  <i>7:35p Havdalah</i>	<b>2 (17 Tishrei)</b> <b>Sukkot III</b>  8:00am Morning Minyan	<b>3 (18 Tishrei)</b> <b>Sukkot IV</b>  4:00pm Bet Sefer Sukkot Festival	<b>4 (19 Tisrei)</b> <b>Sukkot V</b>  9:00am Weekly Text Study 7:00pm BBYO meetings	<b>5 (20 Tishrei)</b> <b>Sukkot VI</b>  8:00am Morning Minyan 4:00pm Bet Sefer 6:30pm WTBA Potluck	<b>6 (21 Tishrei)</b> <b>Sukkot VII</b> <b>Hoshana Raba</b>  6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat  <i>6:27p Candle lighting</i>	<b>7 (22 Tishrei)</b> <b>Shemini Atzeret</b>  9:30am Shabbat Services with Shemini Atzeret & Yizkor Childcare available 6:15pm Family Erev Simchat Torah <i>7:26p Havdalah</i>
<b>8 (23 Tishrei)</b> <b>Simchat Torah</b>  9:30am Simchat Torah Service with Kiddush  <i>7:24p Havdalah</i>	<b>9 (24 Tishrei)</b>  8:00am Morning Minyan	<b>10 (25 Tishrei)</b>  4:00pm Bet Sefer	<b>11 (26 Tishrei)</b>  9:00am Weekly Text Study 7:00pm BBYO meetings	<b>12 (27 Tishrei)</b>  8:00am Morning Minyan 4:00pm Bet Sefer	<b>13 (28 Tishrei)</b>  6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat  <i>6:17p Candle lighting</i>	<b>14 (29 Tishrei)</b> <b>Shabbat Mevarchim</b> <b>Chodesh Cheshvan</b> <b>Parashat Bereshit</b>  9:30am Shabbat Services Childcare available 10:00am T'fillat Y'ladim 12:45pm Mah Jongg <i>7:16p Havdalah</i>
<b>15 (30 Tishrei)</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan</b>  10:00am Adult Ed with Natzhia Shaked	<b>16 (1 Cheshvan)</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan</b>  8:00am Morning Minyan	<b>17 (2 Cheshvan)</b>  4:00pm Bet Sefer	<b>18 (3 Cheshvan)</b>  9:00am Weekly Text Study 7:00pm BBYO meetings	<b>19 (4 Cheshvan)</b>  8:00am Morning Minyan 4:00pm Bet Sefer 7:00pm Men's Club Poker	<b>20 (5 Cheshvan)</b>  6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat  <i>6:07p Candle lighting</i>	<b>21 (6 Cheshvan)</b> <b>Parashat Noach</b>  9:30am Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah of Ben Fisher Childcare available 10:00am Junior Congregation <i>7:57 Candle lighting</i>
<b>22 (7 Cheshvan)</b>  10:00am Adult Ed with Natzhia Shaked	<b>23 (8 Cheshvan)</b>  8:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Rosh Chodesh Women's Study	<b>24 (9 Cheshvan)</b>  4:00pm Bet Sefer 7:30pm TBA Board Mtg	<b>25 (10 Cheshvan)</b>  9:00am Weekly Text Study 7:00pm BBYO meetings	<b>26 (11 Cheshvan)</b>  8:00am Morning Minyan 4:00pm Bet Sefer	<b>27 (12 Cheshvan)</b>  6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat  <i>5:58p Candle lighting</i>	<b>28 (13 Cheshvan)</b> <b>Parashat Lech-Lecha</b>  9:30am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah of Juliette Edesess with Childcare available 12:45pm Mah Jongg <i>6:58p Havdalah</i>
<b>29 (14 Cheshvan)</b>  10:00am Adult ed with Natzhia Shaked	<b>30 (15 Cheshvan)</b>  8:00am Morning Minyan	<b>31 (16 Cheshvan)</b>  4:00pm Bet Sefer				



NOVEMBER 2023			17 CHESHVAN – 17 KISLEV 5784			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1 (17 Cheshvan)</b>  9:00am Weekly Text Study 7:00pm BBYO meetings	<b>2 (18 Cheshvan)</b>  8:00am Morning Minyan 4:00pm Bet Sefer 7:00pm WTBA Girls Night Out	<b>3 (19 Cheshvan)</b>  5:30pm Pre-service pizza dinner 6:15pm Rock & Roll Shabbat  5:50p Candle lighting	<b>4 (20 Cheshvan)</b> <b>Parashat Vayera</b>  9:30am Shabbat Services Childcare available  6:50p Havdalah
<b>5 (21 Cheshvan)</b> <b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS</b>  10:00am Adult Ed Nitzhia Shaked 1:30pm <i>Stand Up: Support Ukraine &amp; Fight Antisemitism</i> by AfterGlow Chorus	<b>6 (22 Cheshvan)</b>  8:00am Morning Minyan	<b>7 (23 Cheshvan)</b>  4:00pm Bet Sefer	<b>8 (24 Cheshvan)</b>  9:00am Weekly Text Study 7:00pm BBYO meetings	<b>9 (25 Cheshvan)</b>  8:00am Morning Minyan 4:00pm Bet Sefer	<b>10 (26 Cheshvan)</b>  Gan closed for Parent Teacher Conferences 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat  4:44p Candle lighting	<b>11 (27 Cheshvan)</b> <b>Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Kislev</b> <b>Parashat Chayei</b>  9:30am Shabbat Services Childcare available 10:00am Junior Congregation 12:45pm Mah Jongg  5:43p Havdalah
<b>12 (28 Cheshvan)</b>  10:00am Adult Ed with Nitzhia Shaked	<b>13 (29 Cheshvan)</b> <b>Sigd</b>  8:00am Morning Minyan	<b>14 (1 Kislev)</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Kislev</b>  4:00pm Bet Sefer	<b>15 (2 Kislev)</b>  9:00am Weekly Text Study 7:00pm BBYO meetings	<b>16 (3 Kislev)</b>  8:00am Morning Minyan 4:00pm Bet Sefer 7:00pm Men's Club Poker	<b>17 (4 Kislev)</b>  5:00pm Bet Sefer Mechina & Alef Share a Shabbat 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat  4:38p Candle lighting	<b>18 (5 Kislev)</b> <b>Parashat Toldot</b>  9:30am Shabbat Services Childcare available  5:38p Havdalah
<b>19 (6 Kislev)</b>  10:00am Adult Ed with Nitzhia Shaked	<b>20 (7 Kislev)</b>  8:00am Morning Minyan	<b>21 (8 Kislev)</b>  NO Bet Sefer 7:30pm TBA Board Mtg	<b>22 (9 Kislev)</b>  9:00am Weekly Text Study 7:00pm BBYO meetings	<b>23 (10 Kislev)</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b>  <b>Gan and Office Closed</b>  9:00am Morning Minyan Holiday Time NO Bet Sefer	<b>24 (11 Kislev)</b>  6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat  4:35p Candle lighting	<b>25 (12 Kislev)</b> <b>Parashat Vayetzei</b>  9:30am Shabbat Services Childcare available 12:45pm Mah Jongg  5:35p Havdalah
<b>26 (13 Kislev)</b>	<b>27 (14 Kislev)</b>  8:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Rosh Chodesh Women's Study	<b>28 (15 Kislev)</b>  4:00pm Bet Sefer	<b>29 (16 Kislev)</b>  9:00am Weekly Text Study 7:00pm BBYO meetings	<b>30 (17 Kislev)</b>  8:00am Morning Minyan 4:00pm Bet Sefer		

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