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Medicine and Judaism? What better depiction than a big pot of chicken soup?

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Judaism and the Doctor

Besides the idea that, at least for the last 100 years, Jewish parents were hoping their children would actually become doctors, Judaism has much to say about the medical profession and, literally, life and death.

Two of the most basic Jewish principles regarding Judaism and medicine are (1) that saving life takes precedence over all other commandments and (2) that medicine, or at least the properties that make up medicines is seen as God given.

The idea that saving life takes precedence over all other commandments is called Pikuach Nefesh, literally the "Opening of Life." Practically it means that you can violate Shabbat or any other commandment in order to save a life, which may seem obvious, but when two Jewish laws conflict, you need something like this principle to make it clear. One of the most famous examples of when you are allowed to violate a commandment for Pikuach Nefesh is when the rabbinic sages declare that you can even feed a pregnant woman who collapsed from fasting Pork on Yom Kippur in order to revive her. Hopefully, your Jewish household or synagogue has other food options around.

There are times when this principle runs up against technology never imagined by our sages, however. What about breathing tubes and ventilators? We have the capacity to keep people alive almost infinitely in certain cases, even when they are comatose. This is, in fact, why Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon remained alive in an essentially vegetative state for so many years. This dilemma is real.

The second principle about the importance of medicine comes from the great commentator Ramban, who stated in his Commentary on the Mishna: "God created food and water; we are obliged to use them in staving off hunger and thirst. God created drugs and medicine and endowed humanity with the intelligence necessary to discover their properties and use them and technology to keep people alive."

In other words, we don't withhold potentially life saving or even lesser medicines on the idea that "God will decide." The Jewish idea is that God decided to give us the brainpower to discover things that will help us recover from illness.

Finally, I want to add that should there ever be an emergency on the High Holidays, you couldn't be in a better place. If I were to say "Is there a Doctor in the house," I am sure one of our more than 40 physicians would come forward to help in any way they could.

L'shalom.

Rabbi Mark Bloom

Mattan Pincas - February 24th, 2024

My name is Mattan Pincas and I currently go to the International School of Basel. Previously, I attended the Contra Costa Jewish Day School from Kindergarten through sixth grade. My favorite subjects are science, history, and German. I love to go skiing in the Swiss Alps with my new friends in Basel. I spend my summers in Israel at Camp Kimama. Even though I am temporarily living overseas right now, I still wanted to celebrate my bar mitzvah at Temple Beth Abraham in my Bay Area community.



I had my bar mitzvah at Temple Beth Abraham on Feb. 24 (and also a bar mitzvah in Jerusalem on February 19th). My parshah was Tetzaveh, Chapters 27-30. This portion is about G-d's commandments to bring olive oil for the Menorah, to make sacred garments for the priests, to conduct an ordination ceremony, and to make an incense altar. Thank you for coming to celebrate this special occasion in my life.

Pikuach Nefesh and Brit Milah: Embodying Sacred Duties By Stuart Zangwill MD

The fusion of medicine and Judaism has profoundly shaped my identity as both a person and a physician. Central to this integration is the sacred principle of Pikuach Nefesh, which holds paramount the preservation of life. In Hebrew, Pikuach Nefesh translates to "saving a life" or "saving a soul". It mandates that the preservation of life supersedes nearly all other religious obligations, transcending even the observance of mitzvot, or commandments. This principle is articulated in the Talmud, which provides numerous examples of the Sabbath being set aside to save a life.

When I contemplated my career path, the resonance of Pikuach Nefesh within Judaism deeply influenced my decision to pursue medicine. The prospect of daily engagement with this guiding ethos promised profound fulfillment—a sentiment that has proven true throughout my career as a physician. Judaism also strongly influenced my decision to become a physician in another way because I was my mother's last hope in being able to say "my son the doctor".

My connection to Judaism and medicine intertwines further through my role as a mohel (Jewish ritual circumciser or moyel), an honor I hold with great reverence. I had the privilege of performing Brit Milah for many fellow members of Temple Beth Abraham, both my grandsons, and my great nephew.

Brit Milah literally means the covenant of circumcision. The rabbis say it is one of the most important of the britot as it is the sign of the brit (covenant) that Abraham made with God. In Parshat Lech Lecha (Bereshit (Genesis) Chapter 17)) God establishes His covenant with Abraham, promising to make him exceedingly fruitful and the father of many nations, and grants him the land of Israel. He then commands Abraham, who was 99 years old at the time, to circumcise himself as "the sign of the covenant between Me and you." Subsequently, God decrees, "Every male throughout your generations shall be circumcised on the eighth day," establishing the mitzvah of Brit Milah.

But why is circumcision the "sign of the covenant"? It is a mark upon the flesh on the generative organ to indicate that just as life is passed on from one generation to another, so is the covenant passed on. Circumcision does not make a person Jewish, for he is Jewish by birth. The circumcision rather testifies that he who bears this sign sealed in his flesh is under the covenant which is what gives meaning to life.

The importance of Brit Milah is underscored throughout Jewish texts. The Mishnah describes the preference for performing Brit Milah early in the morning to demonstrate zeal in fulfilling the mitzvah. In the midrash Rabbah-Exodus V:8, it is said: So beloved is circumcision, that Moses' punishment in his neglect to circumcise Eleazar his son was the Lord sought to kill him. Zipporah (his wife) realized this and immediately circumcised her son, saving Moses and she said "How great is the power of circumcision! My husband was deserving of death for having been tardy in the performance of the command of circumcision."

The parallel between Pikuach Nefesh and Brit Milah is evident in Jewish teachings in commanding precedence over other religious obligations, including the observance of the Sabbath and Yom Kippur. As a physician and mohel I am privileged to embody these principles regularly, intertwining the sacred duties of preserving life and upholding tradition.





Meals and kindness, the best kind of Jewish medicine

By Lisa Fernandez

People's kindness – and food – helped me recover, just as much as medicine, when I broke my ankle earlier this year.

I slipped and fell on an icy driveway in Nevada City in early January.

For two months, I was in bed with my left ankle propped up high on pillows after surgery where the doctor put eight screws and a metal plate in my leg.

I put out a call to our TBA email list to borrow a knee scooter. I received four offers. Two people drove the scooters over to my house. Thank you to my scooter brigade.

And then came the home-cooked meals and the visits. I received soup, Shabbat dinners, kiddush lunches and kosher chicken. Thank you to all who came by with a friendly face and something to eat. My husband took care of me, as I couldn't walk, let alone cook myself, and the meals nourished us both.

I am recovering slowly now but wanted to thank everyone who reached out to me during my time of need. I appreciate your kindness and "Jewish medicine' more than you can know.

MORNING MINYAN

Monday and Thursdays at 8 am* in the TBA Chapel.

No RSVP - just join the group

*One Exception on Start Time:

9:30 AM on Federal Holidays when there is a B'nai Mitzvah





Bat Mitzva

Elinor Rigelhaupt – May 11, 2024

My name is Elinor Rigelhaupt. I am a seventh grader at Montera Middle School. I live in Oakland with my grandparents, parents, and brother Solomon. I love to play soccer and spend time with my friends and family. My parsha is Kedoshim and comes from the book of Leviticus, Chapter 19. It is about instructing the Israelites to be holy. It talks about many laws for all parts of life, including observing Shabbat, loving one's neighbor, and leaving portions of a field for the poor. I look forward to seeing you at my Bat Mitzvah at TBA.

The Omer's Passover Survival Guide

Timely information and tips for a joyous Pesach from the editors of The Omer.

Please enjoy this section with our traditional Passover information. We hope you will find this information useful and that it contributes to your personal celebration of freedom!

Plan Ahead: The first Seder is April 22nd this year!

Bittul Chametz - Nullifying Chametz

A central law of Passover observance is the requirement to remove all traces of chametz from our homes and our lives. This tremendous care with which we are told to clean our homes for Pesach is directly tied to this attempt to rid ourselves of chametz.

Once the house has been thoroughly cleaned, a final search for traces of chametz is conducted, complete with the symbolic collection of the last pieces of chametz. This search itself is symbolic of the innermost searching of our hearts to rid ourselves of the yetzer ha-ra, the evil inclination. A candle is used because "the soul of a human is a lamp of the Lord, searching all the innermost parts." We search for and remove this chametz, freeing us to fully celebrate our freedom

Immediately following the search for chametz, a formula is recited which effectively nullifies any chametz which may not have been found during the search. This is kind of an insurance policy which ensures that any chametz that inadvertently escaped detection is considered "as dust of the earth."

Materials

You will need ten pieces of chametz (bread crusts, broken pieces of bread, or bagel), a candle, a match, a feather, a wooden spoon, and a paper plate or container.

What To Do

- 1. On the night before Pesach, immediately after sundown, someone hides ten pieces of chametz around the house. The searchers should not see where the pieces are hidden.
- 2. Light a candle.
- 3. Recite the "Bedikat Chametz blessing."

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al bi'ur chametz.

Praised are You, Adonai, our God, King of the universe, who has sanctified us through commandments, commanding us to remove all chametz.

- 4. Conduct the search, using the candle to illuminate areas. When a piece of chametz is found, sweep it onto the wooden spoon using the feather, and then deposit it into the container or on the paper plate.
- 5. Be sure to collect all the pieces that were hidden.



6. After the search is concluded, recite the Bittul Chametz formula. It is to be said out loud and in a language one understands.

Any Chametz or leaven that is in my possession which I have not seen, have not removed and do not know about, should be nullified and be worthless and considered like dust.

7. Secure the chametz in the container or in a small area of the kitchen where chametz for the morning of Erev Pesach is kept. There are some who take the gathered chametz outside and burn it in their barbecue or other container.

Practical Questions and Answers

Why is a candle used?

The search is conducted at night when the candle's illumination is more effective. The candle is considered the best tool for illuminating the search because it can be used in crevices, nooks, and crannies.

Why use a wooden spoon?

A wooden spoon was probably used because it, too, can be burned with chametz.

Why use a feather?

Whisk brooms were often made of feathers, so this one feather for Bedikat Chametz acted as a miniature whisk broom.

Must we use a feather and spoon?

No. This is a custom. The law requires the searching for and removal of the chametz. What tools you use to accomplish this are strictly custom and tradition.

The value of sh'mirat ha-guf at Gan

By Rachel Fenyves

Much of our curriculum at Gan relates directly to learning self-help skills that allow for the children to take care of their own needs. From going to the bathroom and blowing their noses, to expressing their feelings and resting their bodies at nap/rest time, the learning process is continuous. We teach through practicing the skills together, as well as within our play. At the heart of these skills is the Jewish value of sh'mirat ha-guf, taking care of one's own body. We believe that we are created in the image of God and in holding that belief, we must treat our bodies with respect and great care. At Gan, we not only learn how to take care of our own bodies, but we also learn the importance of showing respect and caring for others, be

it our friends, family members, or pets. Sometimes we show kavod by giving bubble space, lending a hand, or comforting a friend. Or we may bring someone an ice pack or bandage. In the accompanying photos you can see that the doctor's office is a popular theme for the dramatic play area. This experience allows the children to make sense of what happens when visiting the doctor, and work through any related feelings that come up for them. Children show deep care and empathy when soothing ailing babies or listening to a teacher's heartbeat. They tell us we will be okay when receiving a shot or placing a band aide on an owie. Learning how to help others also teaches us how to help ourselves. With more self-help skills comes more independence. With the newfound independence the children gain more capacity for handling certain situations and in turn build resilience.







WTBA COMMUNITY

Good Medicine

By Valeria Milner

Medicine and Judaism... what an interesting combination. Research has shown that meaningful social connections contribute significantly to a sense of well-being. Therefore, the connections we foster through WTBA serve as our medicine, or our "Jewish penicillin."

WTBA continues to bring people together and build community within TBA. The photos below show WTBA in action, at our Jewelry & Accessory Exchange on 2/15, and at our discussion of Jewish parenting and grandparenting



on 3/7. Next up this spring will be our annual WTBA Shabbat on 4/6 and our Passover-themed "Parting the Red Sea" line dancing event on 4/18. We will be kicking off May with bunko night on 5/2 followed by our annual summer book exchange & discussion on 6/6. Please join us for our upcoming events and support your own good health!





Many thanks to the 25+ TBA members who participated in r the annual Tu B'Shevat Wetlands Restoration Day at the Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline Park in Oakland. It was a beautiful day with lots of opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new friends and learn about the importance of Bay restoration and the history of Save the Bay, which has hosted Temple Beth Abraham for 22 years! Our group collected over 30 pounds of trash; planted 200 gum plants, a native species that will help mitigate the impacts of rising sea levels due to climate change; and cleaned over 400 pots for native plants that will be raised in Save the Bay's nurseries. Jesse McKeen-Scott, Save the Bay's Restoration Program Manager, said that our group exceeded expectations with all that we accomplished!









COMMUNITY COOKING

Jewish Medicine

By Susan Backer

Eighteen years ago, I was in the hospital with a rare and aggressive cancer, usually found in older men. I was 18 years younger and I am not a man!

I was teaching at the day school my children went to, as did the children of my Rabbis. One day, on one of the rare occasions when I was actually home from the hospital, one of my Rabbis called to ask if she could come for a visit with her youngest daughter, Adina.

Adina and I developed a wonderful relationship from the time they arrived in the states, when she was only 3 years old. She was now in the 4th grade, and she brought me a gift. I was very touched by the tenderness of the thought she put into compiling this gift. She had made me a bracelet to wear with the evil eye as one of the beads, a watch that said "I love you" on the face and a medallion with the prayer for healing in Hebrew.

Each time I was back in the hospital (for the better part of six months), I would hang the medallion on my IV pole and keep the watch and the bracelet with me. I honestly believe this gesture and, of course, the gallons of chicken soup delivered by our Chesed committee, helped to save my life.

The cancer is now indolent and has been for the past 18 years! This is in spite of what the medical science at the time predicted!

"Jewish Penicillin" cannot be overstated. L'Chaim!

Probably the most infamous among Ashkenazi
Jews is gogol mogol from the Ukraine. It's a cure
for sore throats and colds. According to Gil Marks'
Encyclopedia of Jewish Food, the drink ranges from
beaten, sweetened egg yolks to a more complex
mix including one or more of the following: warm
milk, whisky, lemon juice, and or butter or schmaltz
(rendered chicken fat). Those who imbibed the
remedy were said to either love it or hate it.

Research has shown gogol mogol (also written goggle moggle, gogl mogl, guggle muggle, and kogel mogel among other variations) "widens the blood vessels in the throat, thereby allowing the flow of more blood, and stimulates an immune response that eases the inflammation," Marks wrote. Modern cold remedies and concerns about raw eggs have "dramatically decreased" the beverage's popularity and use.

Marks does give a recipe for one of the milder, more eggnog-style variations. Beat together two large egg yolks and 2-3 Tbs. sugar, brown sugar or honey with a dash of vanilla extract, lemon juice, whiskey or rum until thick and creamy and sugar is dissolved. If

desired, stir in 1 cup warm milk.

The Virtual Jewish Library says Talmudic literature lists close to 70 plants as having "medicinal properties" including olives, dates, pomegranate, quinces, garlic, beets, and cumin.

Yogurt is not listed as a medicine in the Talmud, but it was a Sephardic doctor living in Spain in the early 20th Century who promoted yogurt as a cure for digestive aliments, according to Marks, eventually founding the company that became Dannon Yogurt.

Other Jewish home remedies Marks cites include mashed banana with honey to relieve swollen glands (Yemeni Jews), and caraway soup (kummelsuppe), a traditional Ashkenazi Jewish recipe to relieve an upset stomach.

Aish.com cites raw onion and honey as a Jewish flu/cold cure. To prepare, cover the cut side of half an onion with honey and allow it to draw the liquid out



Jewish Penicillin and my Get Well Chicken Soup recipe.

By Faith Kramer

Probably the most famous connection between Jewish food and medicine is that old standby chicken soup, aka "Jewish Penicillin." We'll get to that and a recipe for my Get Well Chicken Soup, but first I wanted to explore some other Jewish food-based home remedies.

from the onion (about 30-60 minutes). Drink 2 Tbs. of the resulting onion juice. Repeat as necessary every two hours. Aish also points out that falafel's ingredients are helpful for lowering cholesterol.

The Yivo Encyclopedia of Jews in Eastern Europe details babske refues (old wives' medicine). There were even recipe books full of herbal remedies and other home cures. Often an herbal or food-based concoction was prescribed along with reciting specific psalms.

Sephardic Jews also had a rich pharmacopeia based on plants and foods. Probably the most famous proponent was Rabbi Moses Ben Maimon, known as Maimonides, or The "Rambam." A philosopher, physician, and Jewish legal scholar, many of his recommendations for a healthy diet hold up to modern scrutiny, according to British National Institute of Health's National Library of Medicine.

Now on to Jewish Penicillin and my Get Well Chicken Soup recipe.

Chicken soup is what's good for you if you are suffering from the common cold, according to both your mother and science. Turns out hot soup not only relieves congestion and helps with hydration but also amps up the body's immune system.

While any hot, broth-based soup will help, chicken soup has an added benefit. Research shows cooked chicken contains a chemical that may help keep bronchial tubes clear.

Most commercial brands of chicken soup have been found to be effective, but to me a bowl of homemade soup is the best medicine.

The prescription (er, recipe) below incorporates cold-fighting ingredients such as:

Red bell pepper and lemon juice — to reduce a cold's duration.

- Carrots to bolster the immune system.
- Ginger to reduce nausea and maybe rid body of toxins.
- Garlic to combat infections and aid immune system.

Turmeric — to boost the immune system.

- Salt to aid hydration. (A little is good, a lot isn't.)
- Cayenne pepper to relieve congestion

If desired, replace raw chicken with 11/2 cups shredded cooked chicken (add when shredded chicken is called for in the recipe). Serving sizes vary depending on the appetite of the patient.

GET WELL CHICKEN SOUP SERVES 3-4

2 Tbs. olive oil

1 medium onion, chopped

2 garlic cloves, minced

1/8 tsp. ground cayenne pepper

1/4 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. ground black pepper

1/8 tsp. ground turmeric

1/8 tsp. ground ginger

1 Tbs. grated lemon rind

6 cups chicken broth (homemade or purchased)

1 lb. boneless, skinless chicken breast

2 large carrots, chopped

1 medium-large red bell pepper, chopped

2 large zucchinis, chopped

1 Tbs. lemon juice

Heat oil in a large soup pot over medium-high heat. Add onion and sauté until beginning to turn translucent. Add garlic. Sauté until garlic is beginning to brown. Add cayenne pepper, salt, black pepper, turmeric, ginger, lemon rind and chicken broth. Bring to simmer. Lower heat to keep at a simmer. Add chicken breast, cover, and simmer until cooked through. Remove chicken and shred. Return soup to simmer and add chopped vegetables. When vegetables are just tender, add shredded chicken and simmer until vegetables are softened and chicken is heated through. Add lemon juice. Stir well. Taste and correct seasonings.

Faith Kramer writes a food column for the j., the Jewish News of Northern California (https://www.jweekly.com/author/faith-kramer). She is the author of 52 Shabbats: Friday Night Dinners Inspired by a Global Jewish Kitchen. More at www.faithkramer.com. Contact her at fikramer@msn.com.

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27 ADAR-II - 4

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5 - 11 NISSAN **April 13 - 19** Bettie Bercovich H. Andre Blau Herman Hertz Nathan Blumstein Vernon Albert Bonar Samuel De Vorin Richard Fickes Allen Lee Lipsett Pola Silver Hilda Brodke Pearl Brodke Dolores Cain Herman Eckhaus Sarah Gordon Blanche Groskopf Israel Kurtz Shirlee Perl Samuel Peters Jennie Bercovich Bernie DeKoven Anna Hoffman Irving Barach James Abe Dickson Stuart Gellman Martha Harris Herbert Jacobs Viet Pham Kevin Romero Samuel Shneiderman Grace Gill Ada Gillick Rose Gottesman

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12 - 18 NISSAN **April 20 - 26**

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19 - 25 NISSAN April 27 - May 3 Charles Friedman

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26 NISSAN - 2 IYAR

May 4 - 10

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17 - 23 IYAR
May 25 - 31
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Robert Bruner, father of Marc (Eden) Bruner
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Jack Weingarten, father of Jo (Michael) Golub
Sara Barach, mother of Marc (Debra) Barach

Alexander Kaufman, son of Richard & Audrey Kaufman David Disco, father of Matthew Disco (Sandy Rappaport)



May their memory be for a blessing

Mazel Tov to:

Megan Chartier & Jordan Cohen
on the birth of their son Zev

Jessica & Benjamin Quaye on the birth of their
daughter Maya Sophia Adarku

Tommy & Skye Morgan on the birth of their
daughter Emory Janice

Welcome New Members

Nicole Gordon

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APRIL CALENDAR

APRIL 2024			22ADAR II – 22 NISAN 5784			
SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY			WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 (22 Adar II)	2 (23 Adar II)	3 (24 Adar I)	4 (25 Adar II)	5 (26 Adar II)	6 (27 Adar II) Shabbat HaChodesh Parasaht Shmini Mevarchim Chodesh Nisan
	8:00am Morning Minyan	4:00pm Bet Sefer	9:00am Weekly Text Study 10:00am Kindergym 1:00pm WTBA Bingo at Reutlinger 7:00pm BBYO meetings 7:15pm Adult Trope Class 7:30om Intro to Judaism	8:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Kindergym 4:00pm Bet Sefer 7:30pm Men's Club Mtg	10:00am Kindergym 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	9:00am A Taste of Text Study via zoom 9:30am Shabbat Services WTBA Shabbat 10:00am T'fillat Y'ladim 10:30am Shabbat Mishpacha 12:45pm Mah Jongg
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7 (28 Adar II)	8 (29 Adar II)	9 (1 Nisan) Rosh Chodesh	10 (2 Nisan)	11 (3 Nisan)	12 (4 Nisan)	13 (5 Nisan)
		Nisan				Parashat Tazria
3:30pm Jewish Baby Network brings Melita of Octopretzel to prepare for Pesach	8:00am Morning Minyan	4:00pm Bet Sefer	9:00am Weekly Text Study 10:00am Kindergym 7:00pm BBYO meetings 7:30om Intro to Judaism	8:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Kindergym 4:00pm Bet Sefer	Gan closed for Parent/teacher conferences 10:00am Kindergym 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	9:00am A Taste of Text Study via zoom 9:30am Shabbat Services B'nai Mitzvah of Amit & Aaron Bornstein
					7:25p Candle lighting	8:26p Havdalah
14 (6 Nisan)	15 (7 Nisan)	16 (8 Nisan)	17 (9 Nisan)	18 (10 Nisan) Yom HaAliyah	19 (11 Nisan)	20 (12 Nisan) Shabbat HaGadol Parashat Metzora
			NO KI	NDERGYM THIS WEEK	l	
10:00am CPR/AED class for those who signed up Kitchen is cleaned for Pesach	8:00am Morning Minyan	4:00pm Bet Sefer 7:30pm TBA Board Mtg 7:30pm TBA Book Club	9:00am Weekly Text Study 6:00pm Tichon 10th grade 7:00pm BBYO meetings 7:30om Intro to Judaism	8:00am Morning Minyan 4:00pm Bet Sefer 7:00pm WTBA Pesach Line Dancing	6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	9:00am A Taste of Text Study via zoom 9:30am Shabbat Services 10:00am Junior Congregation 12:45pm Mah Jongg
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21 (13 Nisan)	22 (14 Nisan) Erev Pesach	23 (15 Nisan)	24 (16 Nisan)	25 (17 Nisan)	26 (18 Nisan)	27 (19 Nisan)
	Ta'amit Bechorot	Pesach I	Pesach II			Pesach V
	G	AN, BET SEFER AI	ND KINDERGYM CLOSED THIS	S WEEK FOR PESACH		
4:00pm Family Seder with PJ Library	8:00am Morning Minyan Office closes 1:00pm	Office Closed 9:00am Pesach Service with Kiddush	Office Closed 9:00am Weekly Text Study 6:00pm Tichon 10th grade 7:00pm BBYO meetings 7:30om Intro to Judaism	8:00am Morning Minyan	6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	9:00am A Taste of Text Study via zoom 9:30am Shabbat Services
	7:34p Candle lighting	8:35p Candle lighting	8:36p Havdalah		7:38p Candle lighting	8:39p Havdalah
28 (20 Nisan)	29 (21 Nisan)	30 (22 Nisan)				
	Pesach VII	Pesach VIII				
	Office & Gan closed 8:00am Morning Minyan	Office & Gan closed 9:00am Pesach Yizkor Service with Kiddush				
7:40p Candle lighting	8:41p Candle lighting	8:42p Havdalah				

MAY 2024			23 NISAN – 23 IYYAR			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 (23 Nisan)	2 (24 Nisan)	3 (25 Nisan)	4 (26 Nisan) Parashat Achrei Mot Mevarchim Chodesh Iyya
			9:00am Weekly Text Study 10:00am Kindergym 1:00pm WTBA Bingo at Reutlinger 7:00pm BBYO meetings	8:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Kindergym 4:00pm Bet Sefer 7:00pm WTBA Girls Night Out – Play Bunco	10:00am Kindergym 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	9:00am A Taste of Text Study via zoom 9:30am Kitah Vav Shabbat Services 10:30am Shabbat Mishpacl 12:45pm Mah Jongg
					7:44 Candle lighting	8:46p Havdalah
5 (27 Nisan)	6 (28 Nisan) Yom HaShoah	7 (29 Nisan)	8 (30 Nisan) Rosh Chodesh lyyar	9 (1 lyyar) Rosh Chodesh lyyar	10 (2 lyyar)	11 (3 lyyar) Parashat Kedoshim
10:00am CPR/AED class for those signed up	8:00am Morning Minyan	4:00pm Bet Sefer	9:00am Weekly Text Study 10:00am Kindergym 7:00pm BBYO meetings	8:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Kindergym 4:00pm Bet Sefer	Gan closes 1PM for staff mtg 10:00am Kindergym 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	9:00am A Taste of Text Study via zoom 9:30am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah of Elinor Rigelhaupt
Program					7:50p Candle lighting	8:52p Havdalah
12 (4 lyyar) Mother's Day	13 (5 lyyar) Yom HaZikaron	14 (6 lyyar) Yom HaAzma'ut	15 (7 lyyar)	16 (8 lyyar)	17 (9 lyyar)	18 (10 lyyar) Parashat Emor
Yom Haziharon	8:00am Morning Minyan	4:00pm Last Day of Bet Sefer with BBQ	9:00am Weekly Text Study 10:00am Kindergym 7:00pm BBYO meetings	8:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Kindergym 7:00pm Men's Club Poker Night for all	10:00am Kindergym 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	9:00am A Taste of Text Study via zoom 9:30am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah of Eva Rosenberg 12:45pm Mah Jongg
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19 (11 lyyar)	20 (12 lyyar)	21 (13 lyyar)	22 (14 lyyar) Pesach Shemi	23 (15 lyyar)	24 (16 lyyar)	25 (17 lyyar) Parashat Behar
10:00am TBA Annual Meeting 1:00pm Shabbat Security Greeter training	8:00am Morning Minyan		9:00am Weekly Text Study 10:00am Kindergym 7:00pm BBYO meetings	8:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Kindergym	10:00am Kindergym 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat	9:00am A Taste of Text Study via zoom 9:30am Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah of Lilah Sadikman
adiiiiig					8:02p Candle lighting	
26 (18 lyyar)	27 (19 lyyar)	28 (20 lyyar)	29 (21 lyyar)	30 (22 lyyar)	31 (23 lyyar)	
Lag BaOmer	Memorial Day					
	Office & Gan closed 8:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Rosh Chodesh Mtg via zoom	7:30pm TBA Board Mtg	9:00am Weekly Text Study 10:00am Kindergym 7:00pm BBYO meetings	8:00am Morning Minyan 10:00am Kindergym	10:00am Kindergym 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat with Kith Zayin Graduation 8:07p Candle lighting	







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