

FEBRUARY
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OUR SHIR SHALOM

SHEVAT/ADAR
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FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Feb. 2 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Worship
— led by our NFTY & BBYO High
School youth groups
- Feb. 9 5:30 pm Tot Shabbat
7:30 pm Spirited & Soulful Shabbat
Worship with Mark Fineberg and
Brian Besterman
- Feb. 16 7:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Worship
- Feb. 23 7:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat Worship
- Feb. 28 5:30 pm Purim Celebration & Service



Our Tu B'Shevat Seder on January 26th





FROM RABBI REINER'S DESK

As a sacred community we have a unique opportunity and responsibility to support people who are experiencing illness or a major life change. Our care and support can take many forms including prayers (*Mi Shebeirach l'cholim*) and visiting (*bikkur cholim*).

Taking a moment in the midst of our worship services to turn our thoughts and prayers to family, friends, and acquaintances in need of our support is a powerful moment. While we hope that God will intercede and help our loved ones experience healing and peace (*R'fuah Sh'leima*), the act of hearing and sharing names of loved ones in public conveys a lot of power as well. There is an acknowledgement of need, that not all is well (even when we try to keep a strong and positive façade), that can move us to tears. At a moment of illness, when we may be feeling very much alone, hearing the name of a loved one aloud in our community is a powerful reminder that we are not alone, that others are thinking of us. Whether or not we believe that God can hear our prayers and will intercede, the opportunity to pray for healing is a powerful and moving moment in our communal worship.

The custom at Congregation Shir Shalom has been to read aloud a list of people to help focus our thoughts and prayers collectively and to inform the community of those who may need our support. Our

custom has been to add people to our list regularly and keep them on our list indefinitely. As a result, our list has grown quite long. As I read the list each week and think of members of our community and their families I am reminded that each name is a person in need of healing and support, surrounded by family and friends in need of support. I also know that many names have been on the list for months or years. Ideally the list is a reminder to pray for healing and to support those who are seeking *R'fuah Shleima*. When the list is not kept current, however, I worry that the impact of our practice is lessened. I can appreciate that not all illnesses are acute and that healing can take months, if not years. I also know that there are people on our list who were added years ago and we have lost track of who added them or their current condition. We want people to know that we are praying for them and we want a reminder to reach out to support those who are in need of healing.

Starting this month, in consultation with the Ritual Committee, we are trying something new with our list of those who are in need of healing. When you contact me or our office to add a name to the list, we will add a name to our list for five weeks. We will reach out to you after four weeks to check in and see whether the name can come off or should be kept on for another five weeks. My hope is that this process will add meaning to our healing ritual and help us engage in fulfilling the *mitzvah* of *bikkur cholim*—visiting the sick.

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Healing is augmented when we feel loved and cared for, and the mere presence of a visitor can be uplifting. Beyond the spiritual or psychological impact of visiting, visitors can help provide for the needs of those who are healing or experiencing a major life change. After Samson was born, Ashley and I benefitted from a Meal Train that provided us with several meals so that we would not have to cook or run errands and could spend time as a family. Others in our community have benefitted from a Meal Train after surgery or hospitalization. It occurred to me many in our congregational community may not be aware of the Meal Train option, either as a recipient or provider. If you or someone you know is in need of a visit from the Meal Train following a major life event, please let me know and I will help connect you with Lisa Kurtz, Chair of our Caring Committee, to set up a Meal Train. And if you are interested in being part of our growing list of meal providers, please reach out to Lisa (lisark9@yahoo.com) to be added to her list. When a request is received, Lisa (or another member of the Caring Committee) sets up an online sign-up through the Meal Train website. While friends and acquaintances can be added to a specific Meal Train, it is good for us to have a list of people ready and willing to provide meals to others in our community. The requests have been fairly infrequent (less than five per year) and usually include a request to provide a meal for fewer than five people.

We are also trying to set up a "Chicken Soup Committee." I often think of Chicken Soup as Jewish penicillin. The Chicken Soup Committee will be augmenting the work of the Caring Committee by following up with congregants experiencing chronic health challenges. While a Meal Train helps those dealing with an acute challenge, the Chicken Soup Committee will check in on congregants and supplement pastoral calls and visits from Cantor Debbie and me. Our hope is that members of our congregational community will feel connected and cared for and supported through additional visits and calls. Please call or send me an e-mail (RabbiReiner@OurShirShalom.org) if you are interested in joining or helping to form our Chicken Soup Committee.

We have a unique opportunity, as a sacred community, to respond to and support members of our congregation who are experiencing illness or a major life change. Our prayers, our presence, and our support will strengthen our community, help others experience *r'fuah sh'leima*—a sense of healing and wholeness.

With warm wishes,

Rabbi David Reiner

Religious School families! Early Childhood Center families!
Sisterhood members! Neiroth members!

All congregants and guests!

Join us for our Purim Service, Schpiel, and Dinner Event

Wednesday, February 28 from 5:30–7:30



5:30 pm

Snacks

Kahoot Purim trivia game

Shalach Manot project

Wine tasting

6–6:30 pm

Megillah reading—

Scroll of Esther and
Purim schpiel with actors
including clergy, RS staff,
teens and more

6:30–7:30 pm

Triangle-theme Dinner

Come and stay as long as you like!
Come in costume for an extra treat! All welcome!

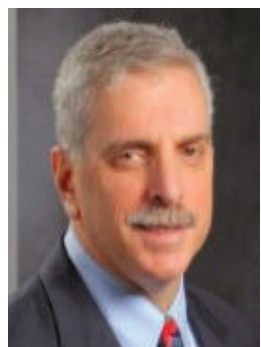
(Join us for the Purim Carnival too, Sunday, 2/25, 12-2:00 pm)

RITUAL COMMITTEE

by Laurie Dubin and Michael Salpeter



Several congregant families this past December and January have marked the end of a loved one's life. Many people are not sure what is proper when a congregant, friend's parent or an acquaintance passes away. Do you attend the funeral? Do you show up to someone's home to join in a Shiva service? Do you show up with food and if so, what's appropriate? Do you send a card or donation if you never met the person but you



know their family member? Do you send a donation to your favorite charity if you don't know the deceased?

Jewish tradition believes in burying the body as soon after the death as possible, as a mark of respect. After the funeral, up to a seven-day period of mourning, known as sitting Shiva, is held at the home of the mourners. Friends and community members bring prayers, condolences and support. All normal activities are suspended in order for the mourners to fully concentrate on their grief, so that they will be better prepared to re-enter life at the end of this period.

The first meal upon returning from the cemetery is called the seudat havrach, which is prepared by friends and neighbors for the mourners. One traditional custom, is serving

food that includes eggs and other round objects, symbolic of life, hope and the full circle of life to death.

Throughout the period of Shiva, friends and relatives bring food to the mourners to eliminate the need for them to think about preparing meals. Those closest to the family will organize dinner preparations for the mourners. Friends and acquaintances will often bring cookies, cakes, nuts, fruit and other food.

You don't need an invitation to visit at a Shiva. All visitors offering condolences are welcome to attend. The specific times for a brief service in the home are stated in the condolence notices on Shir Shalom's e-mail blasts. Jewish tradition encourages mourning, and discourages efforts to cheer-up the mourners. Donations to selected charities in memory of the deceased are appropriate. If you know the favorite charity of the deceased, then a donation to that charity is preferred but any charity or fund would be delighted to receive a gift in someone's memory. A card with some thoughtful words is a kindness to the mourners. While this is a sad topic to write about, it is part of the lifecycle events we as a Jewish community observe.

And now to happier topics. Purim! We celebrate the festival of Purim on Wednesday, February 28th from 5:30-7:30PM with a service, schpiel, and dinner. Join us!

Michael Salpeter and Laurie Dubin



FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

by Leslie Gottlieb

The Religious School... Looking Back at Year's End

The closing days at the Religious School before the winter break were very busy and special. We shared many programs with our students, families and congregants, not all represented in photographs here. Although our program features a strong Hebrew and Judaic culture curriculum with benchmarks set for each grade level, we also want our students to see themselves as part of a global community. As we help them to build Jewish identities, it is important for our students to see themselves in the bigger picture of life. By exposing them to different learning experiences and cultures here and elsewhere, they are developing a sense of their own purpose in the world. Our teachers, mentors and I work tirelessly to develop approaches that will engage all types of learners—no matter the subject—so that their Jewish education becomes applicable to... life!

We are especially proud of all of the teens involved in the Religious School because their participation comes with a unique personal desire to share their years of knowledge, experience and passion for Jewish education. We have two dozen volunteers, Student Mentors, Student Leaders and Assistant teachers of whom we are very proud.



Anti-Defamation League presentation, What Would You Do? Featured here at the ADL presentation—are two teen trainees including our own, Sophia Haber.



Above: Dr. Diana Friedlander presents Understanding Our Differences to our Sunday students and visits with our weekly Student Mentor Intern class.



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EXCERPTS IN JEWISH HISTORY

By Lewis Siegel

NAPOLEON AND THE JEWS: FRIEND OR FOE?

Was Napoleon good or bad for the Jewish people? A historical examination of Napoleon's relationship with the Jewish people should provide an answer.

Europe in the eighteenth century was a hotbed of anti-Semitism. In France, while the Revolution helped establish some freedoms for the Jews, Judaism was still not a legitimate religion recognized by the State. Jews were treated as second-class citizens. During the Reign of Terror (1793-1794) synagogues were shut down and Jews had to practice their religion secretly. In other European countries edicts and laws against the Jews were more restrictive such as Italy, where Jews were confined to ghettos.

Napoleon began his march across Europe, and in 1797, during his Italian campaign in Ancona, he ended the practices of forcing Jews to live in ghettos, and requiring them to be identified by yellow armbands. He later closed the Jewish Ghetto in Rome and liberated the Jews of Venice, Verona, and Padua.

Napoleon's next military objective was to conquer parts of North Africa and Asia. On the way to Egypt, the French army took over the island of Malta in 1798. Napoleon learned that the Templar Knights had enslaved many Jews and disallowed the building of a synagogue. Napoleon freed those enslaved Jews and allowed the Jewish community to build their synagogue.

Napoleon and his armed forces then embarked on an invasion of Egypt, with mixed success. After somewhat of a stalemate, he moved some of his forces into Palestine, which he hoped to capture. His forces engaged the Turkish army and their British allies in a key battle at the city of Acre, but he lost, and soon after, returned to France. While at Acre, Napoleon surprisingly wrote a proclamation, printed on the 14th of April 1799, but never officially issued, that would have created a state for the Jewish people in Palestine. Here is an excerpt: "Hasten! Now is the moment, which may not return for thousands of years, to claim the restoration of civic rights among the population of the universe which had been shamefully withheld from you for thousands of years, your political existence as nation among nations..." Some have speculated that if Napoleon had been victorious in the battle for Acre in Palestine, a Jewish state might have been created at that time. Why was Napoleon so enthusiastic for a Jewish state? It was certainly not to use the meager Jewish population in Palestine to effectively bolster his military campaign. There may be no other answer other than his sympathy for the Jewish people whom he saw oppressed on many other occasions.

Napoleon continued his support for the Jewish people when he returned to France in 1802. He approved of a plan to give Jews complete equality with Catholics. His civil code of 1804 guaranteed religious freedom for Jews, Protestants, and Freemasons.

But afterwards, Napoleon began to turn against the Jews. Why? He may have been influenced by the rising tide of anti-Semitism in France, in some instances calling for the expul-

sion of the Jews. As an example, the French newspaper, *The Mercure de France* published an anti-Semitic article saying that the Jews could remain in France if they converted to Catholicism. Cardinal Fish, Napoleon's uncle, told Napoleon that the end of the world would come if he gave the Jews equality. At first, Napoleon resisted these and many other arguments against continuing equality for Judaism. But in 1806, presumably under pressure by anti-Semitic forces, he called for a special assembly of Jewish leaders and Rabbis to discuss the charges levied against the Jews. The charges dealt generally with the issues of loyalty to the government and lack of assimilation. This gathering was, in effect, a re-convening of the Sanhedrin of 1700 years earlier (the Supreme Court of ancient Israel). The members of the Sanhedrin answered the charges to Napoleon's satisfaction, and in 1807, he made Judaism one of the three official religions of France, but then turned against them again. He contradicted himself by demanding that Jews commit themselves to further assimilation at the expense of their religious practices. This demand was formalized in a decree imposing severe restrictions on the Jews. Over time however, he reversed the restrictions and by 1811, Napoleon removed all of them. His harsh treatment of the Jews from 1807 to 1811 was puzzling, since it contradicted his belief of religious freedom. Either he could not, or chose not to counteract the anti-Semitic atmosphere in France at that time.

So, was Napoleon a friend or foe? Between 1807 and 1811, Napoleon's restrictions on Jewish religious practice clearly made him no friend of the Jews. On the other hand, if we examine Napoleon's overall history with the Jewish people, he was as good a friend as they had. How many others supported the right of the Jews to be a free people in their own homeland and elsewhere?

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1. Dr. Ben Weider; Napoleon and the Jews; aish.com, August 11, 2007
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NOTE: Due to a technical error in the previous issue, this article was reprinted.



"Excerpts in Jewish History" is a regular feature in our Shir Shalom newsletter, written by Lewis Siegel, who wrote a similar series for Focus, the newspaper of the Jewish Federation of Greater Danbury. He is also the author of A Brief History of Modern Israel and The Evolution of Zionism.

SISTERHOOD

by Nancy Cavillones



Happy February, Sisters! At the time of this writing, we were mired in a cold snap, so I hope it's warmed up a bit by the time you're reading this. January was a quiet month at Sisterhood but we did introduce Mah Jongg on Thursday evenings. We're looking forward to having a paint

night, a movie night and more this Spring.

Save the date for Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at The Ridgely Playhouse on Sunday, February 25th at 2pm. The Sisterhood has reserved a block of tickets. This is a kid-friendly event and open to Sisterhood members and their families.

Every month, the Sisterhood makes tzedakah. Your Sisterhood dues help support our charitable efforts. In addition to making a monetary donation, the Sisterhood is exploring service projects, both locally and internationally. If you would like to help spearhead a service project initiative, please get in touch!

This month, a donation will be made to The Jewish Women's Archive, an organization dedicat-

ed to uncovering, chronicling and transmitting the rich legacy of Jewish women in North America and their contributions to our families and communities, to our people and our world. Their award-winning website has the most extensive collection of material on American Jewish women on the web, and includes exhibits featuring more than 50 women, information on over 700 archival collections, some 500 biographies, over 800 digitized images, and lesson plans and essays. To learn more and make your own donation, visit <https://jwa.org>.

If you have not yet paid your dues, you can send a check to the Shir Shalom office or pay online at <http://bit.ly/sisterhoodmembership>. Membership is \$55 for temple members. Your Sisterhood dues support charitable giving and Sisterhood programs.

The Sisterhood is currently seeking a new treasurer! For more information, please email us.

Please join us on Facebook! Just search for Shir Shalom Sisterhood.

Hope to see you soon!
Nancy Cavillones
Sisterhood President

NOTES FROM NEIROT

On April 22nd at 4 PM we will be talking with Myron Sugarman, the "Last Jewish Gangster". Raised at the feet of the Mob, he will tell tales of the gansters, Jewish and not.

Don't Fuggedaboutit!

Also, keep in mind that we are looking for presenters. Any suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

Contact NeiroT @ Our Shir Shalom.org

SOCIAL ACTION

by Debbie Landzberg and Debbie Lavin



SOCIAL ACTION NEWS
Don't Miss These Great Outreach Opportunities!

Midnight Run

Our next Run to help the homeless of New York City will be held on a Saturday night this spring. Date TBD.

Please let us know if you'd like to attend the Run or help sort of the clothing!

Also, please look for our donation bin in the Temple foyer. We would be grateful for the following donations:

Clean, used men's clothing: jeans, pants, shirts, shoes, hoodies, belts
Trial-size toiletries, and disposable razors
NEW men's underwear and socks

Mark Your Calendars Everyone! Sunday, May 6th is Mitzvah Day!

A Few Mitzvah Day Leaders Needed!

Join our good-humored and motivated planning team!

Your ideas and a little bit of your energy will go a long way towards planning this meaningful congregation-wide annual event.

Laurel Ridge Nursing Home

It's not too late!

6th and 7th grade students are welcome to participate in this important, heart-warming program.
Help the residents participate in recreational activities at the nursing home.

Blood Drive

Look-out for the date of this life-saving program. To be announced

Thank You Also to This Month's Partner-Agency Volunteers:

Daily Bread Food Pantry: Cantor Debbie, Debbie Landzberg, Amy Margulies and Maddie Sobel helped supervise the pantry as clients shopped.

Dorothy Day Hospitality House: Jessica Brooks and Linda Hirschfeld prepared and served a meal to clients in need.

Federal Corrections Institute: Polly Schnell brought a bit of joy to inmates as she led a Shabbat service and discussion and led them in song with the help of her guitar!

Contact SocialAction@OurShirShalom.org for More Information!

Thank you Everyone!

FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

by Jane Emmer



Winter Play at the Early Childhood Center

Do you have any ideas for creative winter play? Please share them with us. Here are some of our ideas.

As temperatures start to drop, so does our motivation to go outside and play.

A greater effort is required to prepare children for outdoor play, but with a little planning and the proper clothing it can be well worth the extra effort.

Activities for Cold Days

- Freeze water with food coloring, sand or other textures in clear plastic containers so that children can see what is inside and use them as blocks. If it is cold enough, let the containers freeze outside.
- Bubble Freeze – blow bubbles & catch one on the bubble wand. If it is cold enough, it will freeze like a crystal ball and then shatter!
- Freeze some items (leaves, acorns, small toys) in an empty paper container, then rip off the paper and see how the children can get the items out.
- Freeze blocks of ice and build small igloos – freeze ice in bread pans, ice cube trays, etc.
- Go on a nest hunt. With all the leaves off the trees, nests are much easier for children to spot. Look high and low for bird and squirrel nests. Keep count. How many can you spot in your neighborhood, the local park, or on your center grounds? Encourage children to flap their arms like a bird or scamper like a squirrel each time they spot a nest.
- Search for and collect the colors of winter. Although more challenging than in other seasons, there are still plenty of colors about in winter. For an added challenge, search the crayon

box for the closest matches to the colors found outdoors.

- Build forts!
- Decorate bare trees with paper snowflakes, colored lights and bells.
- Dance to your favorite music.
- Plant bulbs indoors – paperwhites & amaryllis.

Activities for Rainy Days

- Put on the rain boots and splash in puddles.
- Bring paintbrushes outside and use the water from the puddles to paint on the sidewalk.
- Talk about how water flows: down gutters, along creek beds, down hills, down to where puddles form.
- Bring out plastic tubes for water flow experiments – what else can travel down the tubes?

Activities for Snowy Days

- Catch snowflakes on black construction paper and use a magnifying glass to get a good look at them.
- Catch snowflakes on your tongue. Ask: How many can you catch?, or What does it feel like when it melts?
- Look for animal tracks in the snow or try to identify “Kid tracks” (stand in a row and then have everyone take a few steps).
- Build kid-sized snow forts or homes for the snow fairies.
- Go sledding. Even without hills, children will enjoy pulling one another on the sleds.
- Shovel snow – just for fun or shovel the snow into a maze that children can navigate.
- Use traditional sand play toys, such as buckets, shovels and trucks, to mold and shape the snow, just as you would sand.
- Use squirt bottles filled with colored water to snow paint. Food coloring is non-toxic.

SPIRITED AND SOULFUL SHABBAT AT SHIR SHALOM

2017-18 (5778) FRIDAYS

October 13— **BETH STYLES**
7:30 PM

Composer of award-winning
new Jewish music
Vocalist, pianist, arranger



November 10— **BETH STYLES AND
MARK FINEBERG**
7:30 PM

Reed artist—saxophone, flute,
clarinet, veteran of Broadway,
blues, pop, R and B, jazz and
klezmer!



December 15— **CHANUKAH RUACH**
7:30 PM

A Musical Celebration!

January 12— **MUSIC SHABBAT
SPIRITUALS FOR
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**
7:00 PM

Gigi Van Dyke and the
Serendipity Chorale sing spirituals
in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



February 9— **MARK FINEBERG**
7:30 PM

March 9— **BETH STYLES**
7:30 PM

March 23— **MUSIC SHABBAT
A SUITE SHABBAT**
7:30 PM

Julian Schwarz, cellist,
Marika Bournaki pianist,
Paul Frucht, composer



April 13— **BETH STYLES**
7:30 PM

April 27— **MUSIC SHABBAT
LEON SHER**
7:30 PM

Cantor, music director,
composer



**Celebrating Cantor
Debbie's 18th year!**

May 11— **MUSIC SHABBAT
ISRAELI SONGS**
7:30 PM

Teen Emissaries

May 25— **MARK FINEBERG**
7:30 PM

June 8— **BETH STYLES**
7:30 PM

MAZEL TOV!



Please welcome Michael Thomas Mishkin, who arrived on December 28th, 2017. At 8 lbs. 1 oz., Michael is the son of Sam and Aimee Mishkin and the first grandson of our congregants, Cathy and Richard Mishkin. We're quite sure that Madeleine Mishkin is enjoying her new role as the "big sister". Congratulations to everyone on this joyous occasion!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bruce Aleman
Elizabeth Amerling
Sadie Baran
Karina Barth
Ian Beck
Paul Behar
Blake Berg
Lowell Berg
Brian Besterman
Joshua Blum
Zander Bolgar
Rebecca Brand
Evan Brenner
Carrie Broder
Pearla Brown
Jeffrey Burns
Jeff Butchen
Ellie Carter
Jennifer Carter
Daylin Chess

Samara Cotumaccio
Eliza Craw
Ross Davis
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Danielle Dietzek
Alan Dietzek
Andrew Dufner
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Leah Friedman
Ilya Gogish
Margie Gorelick
Cantor Katchko-Gray
Kylee Harris
Sklyer Harris
Iliana Hellinger
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Drew Hoffman
Calvin Hollander
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Sierra Hubsher
Willow Hubsher
Caleb Kaufman
Zachary Kessler
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Hanna Kurtz
Jacob Lash
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Andrew Lipton
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Sophie Omin
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Zachary Sheptin
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Pia Vandervelden
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FEBRUARY YAHRZEITEN

Friday, February 2nd, 2018

Marcy Daniels		William Drucker	father of Janine Gordon
Judith Eydenberg	mother of Susan Westlake	Joy Ginsberg	mother of Jamie Garrett
Diana Hirt	sister of Judy Hirt-Manheimer	Hannah Hirt	mother of Judy Hirt-Manheimer
Ruth Kahn	mother of Leslie Gottlieb	Esther Kalb	grandmother of Dayna Kaplan
Jacob Kaplan	grandfather of Steve Kaye	Nathan Kaplan	grandfather of Susannah Altman
Edward Kleinbaum	grandfather of Stacey Rubinfeld	Frances Klotz	mother of Jeffrey Klotz
Norman Levitt	father of Bonnie Dietzek	Irma Lowy	grandmother of Terry Henry
Theodore Mallon	father of Linda Krulwich	Gertrude Quasha	mother of Robert Quasha
Joel Renert	brother of Helene Karlin	Benjamin Rothberg	cousin of Judith Strom
David Siegel	father of Lewis Siegel	Lauren Finster	
Arthur Stoll	father of Susan Andrade	Albert Strom	father of Robert Strom
		Anna Weintraub	grandmother of Karen Gerard

Friday, February 9th, 2018

Max Banner	father of Barbara Brodsky	Gregory Davis	son of Elyse Davis
Hannah Drucker	grandmother of Janine Gordon	Miriam Isaacs	grandmother of Ian Leitner
Charlene Lavin	mother of Mark Lavin	Stephen Margolis	husband of Robi Margolis
Betty Mirkin	aunt of Judith Strom	Michael Robinson	
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Bessie Friedman	mother of Joshua Friedman	Solomon Lichtbach	uncle of Ian Leitner
John Grzymala	father of John Grzymala	Irving Reichenthal	father of Sandra Rosenhouse
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Diane Silverman	grandmother of the Margulies family	Rose Vayda	
Brett Winson	husband of Liz Winson	Benjamin Wishod	father of Gene Wishod
Sol Baer	father of Lawrence Baer		

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Blanche Agisim	mother of Elliot Agisim	Bernard Baker	father of Carlyn Bergman
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Sandra Elkin	mother of Stephanie Herbstman	Sam Farber	father of Hildi Glicklich
Robert Felper	grandfather of Margie Gorelick	Alex Gelbart	

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Gloria Katz	mother of JoAnn Gorman	Norman Lash	father of Joseph Lash
Eric Morley	father of Larry Morley	Rose Robinson	
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4 Religious School	5	6	7 Religious School	8 Religious School 7:15 pm- BOD meeting	9 9:00 am Challah baking 11:30 am Young Community Shabbat 5:30 pm Tot Shabbat 7:30 pm Ruach Shabbat	10
11 Religious School 5-7pm BBYO meeting	12	13	14 Religious School 5:30 pm NFTY	15 NO Religious School RS Early Registra- tion begins Rosh Chodesh Adar	16 7:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	17 9 am- Torah 101-Shabbat Morn- ing Study
18 NO Religious School-	19 Presidents' Day- Office Closed	20	21 Religious School	22 Religious School	23 11:30 am Young Community Shabbat 7:30 pm Kabbalat Shabbat L'Taken RAC Weekend	24 L'Taken RAC Weekend
25 Religious School- Purim Carnival L'Taken RAC Weekend	26 6:30-9:30 pm- Sisterhood Adam Broderick event L'Taken RAC week- end	27	28 Religious School Purim Celebration begins at 5:30 pm			



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