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REFLECTIONS FROM THE RABBI

This (Jewish) year's theme of education continues into the (Secular) New Year with some new twists. First, an invitation: On January 22nd, prior to the Congregation Meeting, we'd like you to join us from 12-1 pm to check out the Hebrew School. This is arguably our strongest congregational program and we have developed a unique and successful way of providing education for our demographically and geographically diverse community. Please come and check out our new Beit Mirash—communal Hebrew Learning Program—and see what else we've been working on.

We've also started meeting on Wednesday afternoon, from 1-2:30 pm for Torah Study. Like our Saturday gathering, we read and discuss the Torah portion of the week, working together to discover meaning and relevancy. I will be in Jerusalem the first two weeks of January, but we will resume on January 25th. All are welcome!

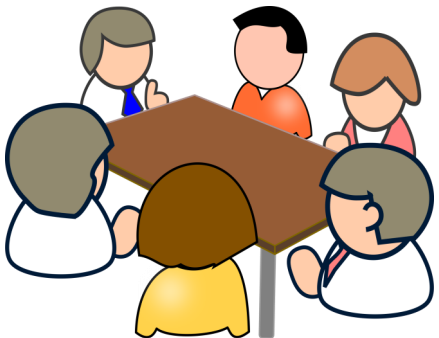
Finally, we are very fortunate to have Betsy Marateck and Benita Kolmen Solomon step into the role of co-chairs of the Adult Education committee. I know they are working hard on developing a wide range of talks and educational offerings.





Congregation Meeting

Sunday
January 22nd



P r e s i d e n t i a l A d d r e s s

On a recent road trip, John and I were driving on a frigid sunny day. We were traveling with a friend, who startled me when she said, "Look at how beautiful the moon is!" It was the middle of the day, and I hadn't noticed that the moon was visible.

2016 ends and 2017 begins with lighting Hanukkah candles. Between the Christmas lights on the 24th of Kislev and New Year's fireworks and football on the 3rd of Tevet, we will light one small candle a night. It's been 11 years since the last night of Hanukkah fell on New Year's Day. How can we experience the light from our candles? Is it defiant? Overpowered? A statement of a commitment? I envision our collective candles impossibly shining in this brilliant display of Christian and secular bright lights, like the moon in the daytime.

I have to look for those lights. And in my mind's eye, looking for them means I have to think about what really lights up our Jewish lives and our community. So in keeping with the somewhat startling confluence of our Jewish and secular lives, I offer some Jewish resolutions.

1. Let's keep healthy together. Exercise and eating right is all well and good, but finding a balance in our busy lives is an important part of health. So let's come together more often for Shabbat, or Torah study, or hanging out at Sunday school, because this gives us a Jewish breathing space in our week. Rabbi Nina is now offering Torah study on Wednesdays at one as well as Saturday mornings.
2. Let's remember that we can always begin again. Every morning and every week we are supposed to remember that creation is constantly being renewed. So we too can resolve to keep on creating our connections to each other.
3. Let's find ways to practice Tikkun Olam, the repair of the world, together. Whether your passion is for political activism, environmental causes, hunger, the welfare of children... Think of ways to bring your own way of repairing the world to our community. We have a Tikkun Olam committee, and maybe you should join it! Contact Edye Newman.
4. Let's stay financially healthy. Your treasurer and your Board work hard to create a budget that is realistic and to be careful stewards of our resources. But our budget assumes that members participate in the common goal of maintaining a Jewish community. Our dues and donations are what each of us contributes to providing for our shared Jewish home. Our congregational meeting on January 22 is like a family meeting. Please plan on coming.

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If you are interested in hearing about the latest month's activity or have a suggestion for a class or an outing please send Sharon an email so you can be added to the email list.

Sharon Simone

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Hebrew School Report...what we've been doing so far.

Beit Midrash: After our morning service, the entire school gets together for a "house of study" session, ala a one-room school house. Thanks to the enthusiastic leadership of Tom Solomon, the students are learning Hebrew verbs and phrases through movement and interactive exercise. And then in smaller groups, have been working on the "Hebrew letter of the week" with level-appropriate curriculum. This allows the children to learn at their own pace, not that of a class. Another benefit of the Beit Midrash is that our teen group *madrachim* (leaders) are teaching and coaching alongside our main Hebrew teacher, Tom Solomon.

The **Alef Class** is our youngest group and they have learned about Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simhat Torah, as well as holiday-relevant Torah stories. Their curriculum this semester includes learning about Israel, and starting to get familiar with the concepts of our most basic prayers.

The **Bet Class** are the ones in the middle, and they also learned about the holidays and Torah stories. They took a special three-session, mini-course on Jewish Customs and Folklore with a guest teacher, Ellen Taylor. They have just begun the Yisrael Sheli (My Israel) curriculum.

Our oldest students in the **Gimmel Class** studied the ethical messages of the High Holy Days and also took the mini-course with Ellen Taylor. They are learning about Israeli cities and regions, and have just started a new class on Jewish values.

New this year is **B'nei Mitzvah Boot Camp**, several sessions of individual study throughout the Hebrew School morning with our older teens and students from Bucknell and Susquehanna University. This has given them extra preparation time, in addition to tutoring with the rabbi. In keeping with our theme of Jewish communities around the world, some of our **crafts** this fall have included a global flair, including a project with grapes, in keeping with a Cuban tradition of eating 12 on the eve of Rosh Hashana, and Greek-style Hanukkah pancakes.

Tracey Peyser, a student from Susquehanna University has been coming in periodically throughout the year to do special mitzvah-focused projects. She and the kids made seasonal decorations that were brought to Grayson Manor, a local senior residence; they've made Thanksgiving magnets to be delivered through Meals-on-Wheels; and even Hanukkah cards.

Tevet 5777

January 2017

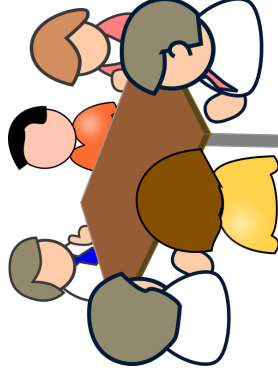
Shevat 5777

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Chanukah						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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17 Tevet	18 Tevet	19 Tevet	20 Tevet	21 Tevet	22 Tevet	23 Tevet
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24 Tevet	25 Tevet	26 Tevet	27 Tevet	28 Tevet	29 Tevet	1 Shevat
						Rosh Chodesh
29	30	31				
2 Shevat	3 Shevat	4 Shevat				

January Calendar of Events



- Jan 1: NO HEBREW SCHOOL
- Jan 6: Shabbat Service, 8pm
- Jan 7: Hebrew School, 9:30am
- Jan 13: Shabbat Service, 8pm
- Jan 15: Hebrew School, 9:30am
- Jan 20: Family Service with Pot-Luck Supper, 6:30pm
- Jan 22: Hebrew School, 9:30am
- Jan 22: Hebrew School Open House, 12-1pm
- Jan 22: Congregation Meeting, 1pm
- Jan 25: Wednesday Torah Study, 1pm
- Jan 27: Shabbat Service, 8pm
- Jan 29: Hebrew School, 9:30am



Shevat 5777

February 2017

Adar 5777

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			5 Shevat	6 Shevat	7 Shevat	8 Shevat
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9 Shevat	10 Shevat	11 Shevat	12 Shevat	13 Shevat	14 Shevat	15 Shevat
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
16 Shevat	17 Shevat	18 Shevat	19 Shevat	20 Shevat	21 Shevat	22 Shevat
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
23 Shevat	24 Shevat	25 Shevat	26 Shevat	27 Shevat	28 Shevat	29 Shevat
26	27	28				
30 Shevat	1 Adar	2 Adar				
Rosh Chodesh	Rosh Chodesh					

February Calendar of Events

Feb 1: Wednesday Torah Study, 1pm

Feb 3: Shabbat Service, 8pm

Feb 4: Shabbat Morning Service, 10am

Feb 5: Hebrew School, 9:30am

Feb 8: Wednesday Torah Study, 1pm

Feb 10: Shabbat Service, 8pm

Feb 12: Hebrew School, 9:30am

Feb 15: Wednesday Torah Study, 1pm

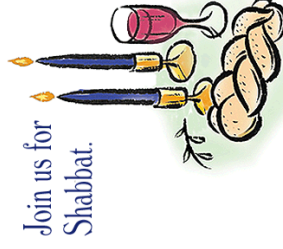
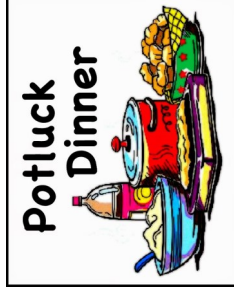
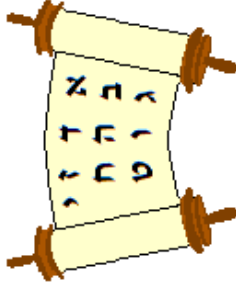
Feb 17: Family Service with Pot Luck Supper, 6:30pm

Feb 19: NO HEBREW SCHOOL

Feb 22: Wednesday Torah Study, 1pm

Feb 24: Shabbat Service, 8pm

Feb 26: Hebrew School, 9:30am



Join us for
Shabbat.

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Please check our website for updates on the Mishaberach list.

Thoughts of Strength

Our voices and minds are joined as a community to ask for the strength to see our friends and family through times of sickness and strife. May our thoughts help bring healing to those in need



Those in the first year of passing

Roslyn Harris

Ruth Weiss

Claire Goodman

Stanley Israel

Connie Heyman

Daniel Buckler

*May their memories be
bound up in the Book of
the Righteous.*



*Remember to kindle the
memorial candle on the
evening before the yahrzeit
date.*

**Wishing
everyone a
Happy
&
Healthy
2017**



January Yahrzeit

Helen Cohen	4	Tevet	Jan 1
Sylvia Hantman	4	Tevet	Jan 1
Frances Kahn	4	Tevet	Jan 1
Robert Banks	6	Tevet	Jan 4
Goldie Banks	7	Tevet	Jan 5
Archie Irwin	8	Tevet	Jan 6
Fannie Friedman	9	Tevet	Jan 7
Max Kaufman	9	Tevet	Jan 7
Manny Marks	11	Tevet	Jan 9
Shirley Diamond	12	Tevet	Jan 10
Sidney Koch	13	Tevet	Jan 11
Anabelle Schultz	13	Tevet	Jan 11
Israel Heyman	15	Tevet	Jan 13
Barney A. Friedman	17	Tevet	Jan 15
Mildred Osterweil	20	Tevet	Jan 18
Arnold Sukenik	20	Tevet	Jan 19
Sylvia Glazer Green	22	Tevet	Jan 20
Ida Seidler	22	Tevet	Jan 20
Harry D. Zabitz	22	Tevet	Jan 20
Margot Boraks	23	Tevet	Jan 21
Abraham Kornsweet	23	Tevet	Jan 21
Ellen Cohen	24	Tevet	Jan 22
Sharon Glazer	24	Tevet	Jan 22
Sonia Kornsweet	25	Tevet	Jan 23
Max Schneider	25	Tevet	Jan 23
Rona Seider	25	Tevet	Jan 23
Selma Grossberg	26	Tevet	Jan 24
Henrietta Rubenstein	26	Tevet	Jan 24
Samuel Adler	27	Tevet	Jan 25
Max Kronberg	27	Tevet	Jan 25
Mable Klick	29	Tevet	Jan 27
George Winett	29	Tevet	Jan 27



February/March Yahrzeit

Jeremy Haimes	7	Shevat	Feb 3
Roslyn Harris	7	Shevat	Feb 3
Samuel Riemer	7	Shevat	Feb 3
Edna Bernstein	8	Shevat	Feb 4
Pearl Nach	8	Shevat	Feb 4
Bernard Salesky	8	Shevat	Feb 4
Selma Silberman	9	Shevat	Feb 5
Hannah Kaufman	10	Shevat	Feb 6
Ralph Harris	13	Shevat	Feb 9
Edith Schwartz	13	Shevat	Feb 9
Minnie Levy	14	Shevat	Feb 10
Richard A Solomon	14	Shevat	Feb 10
Henry Charles	15	Shevat	Feb 11
Max B. Friedman	16	Shevat	Feb 12
Celia Apfelbaum	17	Shevat	Feb 13
Lillian Buntman	18	Shevat	Feb 14
William Fehr	19	Shevat	Feb 15
Morris Gubin	19	Shevat	Feb 15
William Haft	19	Shevat	Feb 15
Ida Wolfberg	19	Shevat	Feb 15
Selma Hartman	20	Shevat	Feb 16
Daniel Buckler	21	Shevat	Feb 17
Joseph Isaac Kolmen	21	Shevat	Feb 17
Lillian Shane	21	Shevat	Feb 17
Daniel Buckler	23	Shevat	Feb 19
Diane Buckler	24	Shevat	Feb 20
Morris Rosenblatt	24	Shevat	Feb 20
Martin Weiss	24	Shevat	Feb 20
Harvey Hart	25	Shevat	Feb 21
Lily Cohen	26	Shevat	Feb 22
Abraham Lipkin	26	Shevat	Feb 22
Jacque Stiefel	26	Shevat	Feb 22
Rosalie Hirsch	28	Shevat	Feb 24
Rose Lev	28	Shevat	Feb 24
Hedy Rich	28	Shevat	Feb 24
Joseph Daniels	30	Shevat	Feb 26
Shirley Kronberg Ross	30	Shevat	Feb 26
Esther Markley	1	Adar I	Feb 27
Hattie Biow	2	Adar II	Feb 28
Kenneth R Buckler	2	Adar I	Feb 28
Paul Levitan	2	Adar I	Feb 28
Leo Friedman	2	Adar I	Feb 28

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