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Tabor Oak Tree, Native to Israel

FROM THE RABBI



TuBishvat is the New Year of the Trees. This day is the demarcation point for the age of a young tree which qualified its fruit to be harvested and a portion offered up to the Temple in Jerusalem. Today, TuBishvat has become a celebration of the planting of trees in Eretz Yisrael.

The Roman Conquest (1st and 2nd Century C.E.) and the Ottoman Turks' rule (19th and 20th Century C.E.) saw abundant forests of Tabor oaks, terebinths and many other species ravaged. Rome felled masses of trees to shore up stonework, deny cover to Jewish insurgents and build siege engines and military works during the rebellions of 70 C.E. and 135 C.E.

The 19th and early 20th Century witnessed the Ottoman Turks' Hejaz Railway slashing from Damascus to the cities of Mecca and Medina in the Arabian Peninsula. This railroad furthered

trade, carried pilgrims to Mecca and deployed Ottoman armies throughout the empire. Trees become roadbed ties, trestles over wadis and fuel for steam engine boilers. Hunger for farmland and the growth of urban space intensified the devastation.

The modern project of reforestation under the JNF-Jewish National Fund and KKL-Keren Kayemet LeYisrael, works to restore forests to the Holy Land, heal the environment and reverse the damage brought by invaders over millennia; it also affirms faith in the future of this land and our determination to build up, restore and revitalize Eretz Yisrael. The re-greening of Israel's forests and groves is part of an overall restoration of the nation herself. Jews plant trees, literally and figuratively. The schools, community centers, synagogues, centers for learning and culture, the agricultural, industrial and tech projects, the parks and playgrounds that we build in Eretz Yisrael manifest the life force of the Jewish People and plant the roots of our eternal destiny.

- Rabbi David J. Small

FROM THE PRESIDENT



As we come to the close of another year, I take a few minutes to pause, reflect, and give thanks. This has been a year of connection, learning, and renewal

at The Emanuel Synagogue.

I am deeply grateful for the dedication, generosity, and spirit each of you brings to our community.

Whether you've joined us in prayer and song, celebrated milestones, or supported one another through joy and loss – each moment has reminded me that our congregation is not just a building or a program – it is a living, breathing community of people who care deeply, show up for one another, and bring Judaism to life in meaningful ways. By volunteering your time, contributing financially, or simply offering a kind word, you have helped sustain the heart of our congregation.

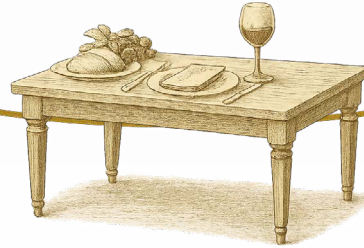
As I look ahead to 2026, I do so with excitement and hope. We are planning meaningful worship experiences, engaging learning opportunities for all ages, and new ways to build community and connection. Your continued involvement ensures that our synagogue remains a place of warmth, purpose, and belonging.

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Trustees, may the coming year bring health, peace, and joy to you and your loved ones.

Reesa F. Olins
President

We are pleased to announce the
2nd Annual Emanuel's Table
our major fundraiser of the year,
Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 5:30 PM.

Honoring long-time members,
volunteers and supporters,
Regina & Don Miller and Gail & Jeff Adler



Mark your calendars and look for more details in early 2026.

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NOVEMBER

The November first birthday group, Lisa Feigenbaum, Regina Miller, Renee Zetoff, Andy Selinger and Bruce Bergman, in celebration of their shared November 1 birthdays.

Ellen and Harvey Schiller in honor of Harvey's 60th Bar Mitzvah anniversary.

Llyn Kaimowitz in memory of her husband Jeff and in honor of Emanuel Veterans.

Eliad and Jenny Shmuel in honor of their daughter Maya's Bat Mitzvah.

Marina Azimova in honor of her son, Joey's 10th Yahrzeit.

DECEMBER

Larry & Toby Risman in honor of Larry's 80th birthday, Joanne and Saul Pasternack in honor of Saul's 91st Birthday and their 59th anniversary, and Dianne Rothkopf in honor of Dianne and Lilien Woodward's bat mitzvah anniversary

Lynne Altschuler in memory of her father Michael Altschuler

Alan Goodman in honor of his 80th birthday

The Emanuel Synagogue

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

by Barbara Fink

I cannot believe that I am writing about the beginning of yet another secular year. What I can't believe more is that this January marks 9 years since I began working at The Emanuel Synagogue full time. It boggles my mind how quickly nine years has passed. I am proud of all we have accomplished in my nine years here: changing the way our Religious School teachers teach, having dynamic family programs, creating an online school in the middle of a global pandemic, partnering with the Children's Museum, and just making the Rabbi Philip and Ruth Lazowski Religious School a place where kids want to be are only a few of the things I am proud of.

A few months ago, I had the privilege of watching my son, Mason, become a bar mitzvah. Watching my children shine on our bimah is what I am most proud of in my years here. Mason learned to read torah in Fifth Grade in Religious School. He used that knowledge to read Torah in our family services. Then he learned to read haftarah, how to lead different t'filot, how to write, give and present a thoughtful d'var torah.

Mason is not the exception of our b'nai mitzvah kids, he is the rule. Working with the Hazzan, the Rabbi, the teachers, and our families to ensure that ALL of our kids feel proud of their learning and shine in their own way is what makes The Emanuel Synagogue so special and is really what makes me the proudest. I look forward to being able to create more unique experiences for kids and families this year!

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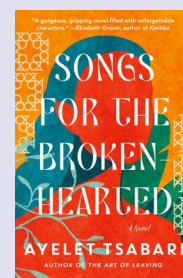
MEMBERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT

Are you a new member or one that has been here for awhile? Are you looking for something new, want to meet other members or reconnect with you synagogue community?

We have something for you! We continue to have our Books & Banter Book group which meets every six weeks.

Upcoming dates:

1/13/2026 11am - *Songs for the Broken Hearted* by Ayelet Tsbari
2/24/2026 11am - *Counting Backwards* by Jacqueline Friedland



This is open to all and no registration is necessary! Please join us! Questions?
Email Sheryl Levin at sheryllevin@yahoo.com

Interested in Maj Jongg?

Our group is growing and we are always looking to add more people! We have open play on Thursdays at 12:30pm. You do not need to come with a group! Anyone is welcome!

Is there anything that you would like to see us offer at Emanuel? Please reach out to Michalee Merritt merrittm13@gmail.com

EMANUEL'S B'NAI MITZVAH



Luke Gurchin, Son of Amy and Jeremy Gurchin, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 17, 2026 at The Emanuel Synagogue.
Parashat Vaera



Brayden Shved, son of Alla and Klim Shved, will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at The Emanuel Synagogue.
Parashat Bo

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR BUILD YOUR LIGHT CHANUKAH CELEBRATION!

Over 300 people gathered at The Emanuel for the Build Your Light Chanukah party on December 17, sponsored by donations in memory of Jean Chameides z"l and supported by The Emanuel Sisterhood. The evening featured a community dinner, menorah lighting, music, and creative activities for all ages, including snow globes, travel menorahs, Lego dreidels, and lanterns. Supplies were collected for Hartford Public School students, and the Chesed Committee's 'Giving Menorah' offered opportunities to help others in the community.



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News From The BROTHERHOOD

The Brotherhood was active during the past two months. From catering a couple events to hosting a Sunday Breakfast before Thanksgiving where Mel Simon spoke about his biking experiences this year, where he completed a 3,800-mile cross-country expedition this spring and summer and then participated in October in the last Israel Ride as a fundraiser for the Arava Institute. His pictures and story were awe inspiring, as he captivated the room with his stories highlighting the adventure, perseverance and deep gratitude that shaped his experience in participating in both rides.

Thank you to Our Sponsors

We extend deep appreciation to the generous supporters who contributed in honor of Mel's "Pedaling for Peace" journey and in support of the Emanuel Brotherhood.



Mel Simon (above), at the Brotherhood Breakfast on Sun, Nov 23

In Honor Of:

Mark and Debbie Luster – in honor of their granddaughter
Harvey and Ellen Schiller – in honor of their 41st anniversary
Mel Simon – in honor of his brothers, Ken and Chet
Deb and Joel Kent – in honor of the success of Forward!
Hilary Silver – in honor of the Brotherhood
Lisa and David Gerrol – in honor of the birth of new grandchildren
Sheila Silverman – in honor of her children Shira and Talia and their partners Carter and Michael
Ken Malley – in honor of Maya Shmuel's Bat Mitzvah.
Fred Spaeth and Eliana Tsukroff – in honor of the Emanuel Players
Gail and Jeff Adler – in honor of their grandchildren and their birthdays
Bob Levine – in honor of the Brotherhood
Alan Cetal – in honor of the Brotherhood
Peter Mehlman – in honor of the Brotherhood

In Honor Of: Continued

Dan Fine – in honor of Mel Simon
Al and Nancy Fichman – in honor of their daughter Rachel Arnett's 40th birthday
Marshall Soltz – in honor of Mel Simon
Don and Regina Miller – in honor of their 58th anniversary
Ken and Pam Simon – in honor of Mel Simon
Stuart and Sheryl Kopel – in honor of our Brotherhood
Gary Cohen – in appreciation of Karin

In Memory Of:

Jeff Benoit and Mitzi Horowitz – in memory of Ruth Horowitz
Alan Goodman – in memory of his father Morris "Joe" Goodman
Allen and Judith Kronick – in memory of Jonathan Seth Kronick
Syd Shulman – in memory of Elba Shulman
Robert Kor – in memory of Emily J. Moskowitz
Mark Resnick – in memory of Harold Resnick

We just held our Annual Paid-Up Dinner with Rabbi Marc Rudolph speaking on "Happiness and Resilience: Torah Lessons for Everyday Life," which the 65+ members found very interesting, after a wonderful pasta dinner.



Rabbi Marc Rudolph speaking at Brotherhood Annual Paid-Up Dinner

In January, Brotherhood is planning to support our ritual programs by leading services on Friday, January 16th. Our goal is to pick one Friday night each month where we will participate in the services and sponsor the Oneg afterwards. Please stay tuned for more upcoming events and come be a part of the camaraderie that makes the Emanuel such a special place.

Wishing everyone a healthy and happy 2026!!

— The Brotherhood at Emanuel

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GREATER HARTFORD REKINDLE

Greater Hartford Rekindle is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford, Voices of Hope, Grassroots Jewish Women of Connecticut and the Anti Defamation League. This initiative brings together Black and Jewish leaders with the goal of restoring and strengthening the bonds that positively impact both groups during the Civil Rights era.

The Rekindle Fellowship program consists of five three-hour sessions, each focused on fostering meaningful dialogue and mutual understanding.

The sessions cover a range of topics including personal experiences with racism and antisemitism, the intertwined histories of local Jewish and Black communities, the partnership between Martin Luther King Jr. and Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, and connecting across similarities and differences and the concept of allyship.

A distinctive feature of the Rekindle Fellowship is “RISE” projects. Each Fellow is tasked with providing an experience for others—typically in groups of four, composed of two Jewish and two Black participants—to foster cross-cultural understanding.

The Rekindle Fellowship is a nationwide effort dedicated to building stronger relationships between Jews and Blacks.

More information about the program is available at <https://www.rekindlefellowship.org/hartford> or contact Suzanne Pinkes at sbpinkes@gmail.com. A second Cohort is scheduled to begin in March 2026.



Scan here to visit website.

CNDLE MAKING

THURSDAY,
JANUARY 22
6:30 PM

Led by Melissa Valdes, owner of Penthouse Pour, this hands-on candle making workshop lets you choose your scent, pour your wax, and create a custom candle to take home. A fun and relaxing creative experience for all!

Open to Emanuel Members – \$25/person
Registration is required and seating is limited.



Scan to here to register
or call our office:



NEHAMA... Heartfelt condolences and support to the families of:

Alan David Rosenthal, Siblings Bette Rosenthal (Dena Hackett), Jan Rosenthal, Daniel Rosenthal (Susan)

Pamela Katzman, Husband, Michael “Mike” Katzman; son, Matthew “Matt” Katzman (Nicole); daughters, Rachele Katzman (Josh) and Jennifer Allen; sister-in-law, Sandi Needelman (Marc)

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Roza Mandler, Daughter, Monica Pepperman (Bobby)

Leonard Swade, Nephew, Dr. Steve Waldman (Kathy Waldman), Cousin Dr. Todd Gladstone (Rhoda Gladstone), Great-nephew Dr. Reid Waldman (Dr. Kelley Sharp), Niece Rachel Kraft (Doug Brown)

ADULT EDUCATION NEWS

by Ona Mastronarde

Virtual travel during November and December included exploration of Jewish Istanbul, some of the shtetls of Eastern Europe, and Jewish Panama. There was a discussion of the experiences of Jewish children in the shtetl and John Kenrick talked about how the Sholem Aleichem stories inspired the movie Fiddler on the Roof. Ayelet Brinn spoke about the development and growth of the American Yiddish press. Thursday morning Natalie Ziplow study sessions continued, with Rabbi Small leading us through torah study and discussions of current events in Israel this fall. Jerry Schwartz also led Torah study. The January and February programs planned by Partners in Jewish Programming are listed below. All programs will be on Zoom. Registration links will be included in the weekly It's All Happening at the Emanuel updates.

Thursday, January 8 @ 8:30 PM:

Rabbi David Kunin, of Congregation Beth Davud in Saratoga, CA, will examine the diverse kehilot that



comprise one of the most isolated re-emerging Jewish communities in the world, Jewish Indonesia. Descended from many different Jewish diasporas, Indonesia's Jews span the archipelago from Sumatra to Papua Indonesia. Each of their communities is unique, with its own history and culture, yet together they form a vibrant whole, creating a Judaism which is absolutely authentic, yet at the same time uniquely Indonesian. Rabbi Kunin has been working with the emerging Jewish Community of Indonesia for ten years and has spent more than 3 months in the archipelago.

Thursday, January 15 @ 8:30 PM:
Jews for Choice: How Jews Have Been Active in the Fight for Reproductive Justice The dominant narrative in the United States often portrays religion as inherently opposed to abortion, largely due to the influence of certain Christian groups. Michal Raucher, Associate Professor of Jewish Studies at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, will discuss how the reality is more complex: the majority of religious individuals in the United States actually support legal access to abortion and how for decades, Jewish communities have played a key role in challenging this narrative and advancing reproductive rights.

Sunday, January 25 @ 1:00 PM:

Evgenia Kempinski, a professional Jewish tour guide, born and raised in St. Petersburg, Russia, will present Purim in the Works of European Artists, exploring a gallery of different images of Queen Esther, Mordechai, Achashverosh and Hamann, noting how Purim events are reflected in Italian, French, and Dutch art.

Thursday, February 5 @ 8:30 PM:

Michael Rugel, Director of Programs and Content at the National Museum of American Jewish Military History will discuss American Jewish Soldiers and the Liberation of the Concentration Camps. Beginning in the spring of 1945, the U.S. Army began uncovering these camps, revealing the horrific realities of the Holocaust. Jewish soldiers, many of whom were fluent in Yiddish, were not only witnesses to the atrocities but also the first to offer solace and a sense of community to the survivors. The presentation will highlight their unique position as liberators who were simultaneously U.S. Army soldiers and members of the Jewish community, emphasizing their ability to communicate with survivors and provide immediate support and understanding amidst the chaos and devastation.

Thursday, February 12 @ 8:30 PM:

Talmudic Stories:

From History to Literature -

Dr. Jeffrey L. Rubenstein, of New York University will discuss How



Should Talmudic Stories About the Sages Be Studied?, describing why scholars abandoned the biographical-historical approach and adopted an historical approach

Sunday, February 22 @ 1:00 PM:

Jewish Artists Who Shook the World - This is a journey into the lives of Jewish artists from Eastern Europe who arrived in Paris with big dreams and little else, overcame immense challenges, and created groundbreaking masterpieces that forever changed the face of modern art

JT CONNECT

JTConnect @Emanuel is having a great year! Please find upcoming events below.

For more information, visit <https://jtconnect.org/>

Sunday, Jan. 11:

JTConnect class at The Emanuel

Sunday, Jan. 25:

JTConnect class at The Emanuel

Sunday, Feb. 1:

JT Connect class at The Emanuel

Sunday, Feb. 8:

JT Connect class at The Emanuel

Sunday, Feb. 22:

JT Connect class at The Emanuel

News From The SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood Members and Congregants -

Thank you to everyone who came out and joined us for our Paid-Up Membership Dinner on December 3rd - we had a wonderful time kibbitzing and reconnecting, and meeting so many new members! Thank you as well to the team behind the event that dedicated numerous hours in preparation:

Elaine Cohen, VP of Membership
Bonnie Lasker and Arlan Lieblick, Hospitality
Faith Helene, Financial Secretary
Ellen Schiller, RSVP collector and spreadsheet keeper

As we welcome the New Year and settle into the heart of winter, the Emanuel Synagogue Sisterhood wishes you a January and February filled with health, warmth, and renewed inspiration. This season invites us to reflect on our hopes for the year ahead and to recommit ourselves to community, connection, and purpose.

As always, we invite you to take part in our upcoming Sisterhood programs and events; some dates are listed at the end of this newsletter, but keep an eye on your email and the Synagogue e-blasts for more information! Your participation brings our Sisterhood to life, and we look forward to sharing these moments with you.

May the winter months be a time of growth, connection, and blessing for you and your family. We look forward to seeing you soon at Sisterhood events and around the synagogue. Please feel free to reach out any time with any questions, concerns, event ideas, or anything else.

Be well,

Rachel Arnett
Sisterhood President
emanuelsisterhoodpresident@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates (stay tuned for more information):

January 14, 2026 - Mah Jongg Lessons begin
February 28, 2026 - Sisterhood Shabbat
March 15, 2026 - Women's League for Conservative Judaism - North Atlantic Region Conference
April 19, 2026 - Coffee Tasting and Recycling
July 12-15, 2026 - Women's League for Conservative Judaism Convention (Alexandria, Virginia)

MAZAL TOV TO...

Gabrielle Salomon-Small and Eyal Salomon on the birth of twin sons, **Rabbi David Small and Debbie Chameides** on the birth of twin grandsons, **Leon Chameides** on the birth of twin great-grandsons, and **Ruhama Salomon** on the birth of twin great-grandsons on October 26, 2025.

Tammi Kraushaar, on the birth of her grandson, **Oswald Vitez Sanady** on October 31, 2025.

Jonathan & Karen Abels, on the marriage of their daughter **Allie Abels** to **Yoni Israel** on October 19, 2025.

Margaret Lesser, on the birth of her great grandson, **Carter Brooks Lesser** on July 13, 2025.

Debbie Grainsky, on the birth of her grandson, **Micah Asbury Puleo** on November 11, 2025.

Doug and Devora Ginsberg, on the birth of their granddaughter, **Avery Bennett** on November 29, 2025.

Tammi Kraushaar, on the birth of her granddaughter, **Esme Ivy Kraushaar Henning**, on December 2, 2025.

Lisa & Michael Lenkiewicz on the birth of their granddaughter, **Hannah Maeve Lenkiewicz** on December 9, 2025.

Andy Magin & Sharon Thomas and Dennis & Peggy Corkran on the birth of their grandson, **Micah Magin Corkran** on December 15, 2025.



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 MAL DEMBO
 Jan & Syd Elkin

JACK & LEATRICE ETELIS FUND

In Honor of
 STACY FARBER being chosen by Forbes as one of America's
 top 200 CPAs
 Michael & Judith Etelis Farber

FEIGENBAUM FAMILY FUND

In Appreciation of
 LISA FEIGENBAUM's recovery
 Judith Silver
 In Honor of
 LISA FEIGENBAUM's birthday
 Howard & Elaine Smith, Judd & Bella Fink

DANIEL & JOAN FINE FUND

Wishing Good Health to
 JONI FINE
 Thomas & Lorraine Barber

GENERAL FUND

In Appreciation of
 THE EMANUEL SYNAGOGUE
 Patti Specter
 MARTIN LIBBIN
 Robert & Donna Safer
 In Honor of
 the birth of RABBI & DEBBIE CHAMEIDES grandsons
 Alan & Michele Parker, Rona Gollob
 LOU BLUMENFELD's 80th birthday
 Barry & Gail Deutsch, Gary & Karin Cohen, Ira &
 Marcia Nozik, Joyce & Mickey Libbin, Marc & Lori
 Glass, Pam & Ken Simon, Philip & Susan Abraham, Saul
 & Joanne Pasternack, Stuart & Sheryl Kopel
 TAMMI KRAUSHAAR on the birth of her grandson,
 Oswald Vitez Sanady
 Bella & Judd Fink, Howard & Elaine Smith, Rona Gollob
 GAIL & JEFF ADLER's special birthdays
 Joyce & Mickey Libbin, Stuart & Sheryl Kopel

In Memory of
 HELEN HOROWITZ
 Donald Marren
 JANICE KANTER
 Esther Toback
 FANNIE GOETZ
 Gary & Christine Goetz
 SOLOMON & SOPHIE KLUGER
 Jeffrey & Virginia Kluger

MELVIN DEMBO

Joyce & Mickey Libbin
 MAYNARD ALBERT
 Judy Cohen
 HARRIET CUDRIN
 Judy Kulakofsky
 HARRY GOLDSTEIN on his yahrzeit
 Kayleen Goldstein
 GERTRUDE KAIZER on her yahrzeit
 Marvis Gersten
 SARAH BASSOK on her yahrzeit
 Nathan & Miriam Bassok
 BENJAMIN and SARA LEMCOFF
 Norberto Lemcoff
 father & father-in-law DANIEL MYERS
 Sandra & Michael Myers
 maternal grandmother LENA MEHL & paternal great
 grandfather SAMUEL TORCHINSKY
 Sandra & Michael Myers

BETH & BENJAMIN GOLDBERG FUND

In Honor of
 BETH GOLDBERG's birthday
 Judd & Bella Fink

ANDREA & STEVEN GOLDENBERG FUND

In Memory of
 GWENDOLYN GOLDENBERG
 Ronald & Cheryl Bloom

GILBERT & RUTH HERSHMAN JUDAICA FUND

In Memory of
 GILBERT & RUTH HERSHMAN
 Jay & Joan Hershman, Marshall & Sandra Rulnick

JEWISH CAMPER GRANTS

In Memory of
 my beloved mother SARA KRAVCHIK
 Bella Fink
 HARRIET CUDRIN
 Saul & Joanne Pasternack

SARA KAPLAN FUND

In Honor of
 the 16th birthdays of ALANNA and AARON MALLEY
 Susan & Allan Viner

STUART & SHERYL KOPEL FUND

In Memory of
 LEAH KOPEL
 Stuart & Sheryl Kopel

SEYMOUR & JUDY MELNICK FUND

In Memory of
 DR. SEYMOUR MELNICK
 Alan & Michele Parker, Judith Silver

DONALD & REGINA MILLER FUND

In Appreciation of
 REGINA MILLER for all that she did for kiddush
 Harvey & Ellen Schiller
 REGINA MILLER for the beautiful kiddush luncheon
 Judith Silver

In Honor of
 REGINA MILLER's birthday
 David & Merle Harris, Howard & Elaine Smith
 REGINA MILLER's birthday and her tireless work on the
 kitchen crew
 Judd & Bella Fink

MINYONAIRES FUND

In Honor of
 GAIL & JEFF ADLER on their 75th birthdays
 Anita Mancoll
 In Memory of
 PHYLLIS GITTLEMAN
 Alan & Donna Gittleman
 sister RITA SHAPER
 Carole, Barbara & Gilah

ADOLF SPANIER on his yahrzeit

Linda Margolin
PHYLLIS D. MARGOLIN on her yahrzeit
Linda Margolin
RITA SHAPER
William & Carole Tobin

MUSIC FUND

In Memory of
MAYNARD "CHUCK" ALBERT
Elaine Levitz Charendoff
JANET WALLANS
Harvey & Ellen Schiller

SAUL & JOANNE PASTERNAK FUND

In Honor of
SAUL PASTERNAK
Mickey & Joyce Libbin

RABBI LAZOWSKI DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Appreciation of
RABBI LAZOWSKI's moving cemetery service at the Beth Hillel Cemetery
Alan Goodman
RABBI LAZOWSKI's kind words and beautiful blessing
Mark & Marsha Wolfberg
RABBI LAZOWSKI taking the time to speak to our constituents about his story of survival and the importance of accepting your neighbor. Thank you also to THE EMANUEL SYNAGOGUE & MARSHALL SOLTZ for their help in making it happen.
Tennessee Holocaust Commission

In Honor of
the birth of grandson/great-grandson Carter Brooks Lesser to CINDY & JOE COHEN and MARGARET LESSER
Joel & Deborah Kent
the Bat Mitzvah of MARCIA MIZRAHI's granddaughter
Marc & Sandi Needelman
RABBI, RUTH, ALAN, and MARCIA LAZOWSKI in appreciation of the Lazowski family holiday season hachnasat orchim
Marshall Soltz
MARSHA and MARK WOLFBURG on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary
Marshall Soltz

In Memory of
LILLIAN MARCUS and MINNIE GABER on their yahrzeits
Carl & Violet Marcus
ELAINE DOBRUTSKY
Joel & Deborah Kent
PAMELA KATZMAN
Marshall Soltz
HARLEEN SOLOMON EPSTEIN
Marshall Soltz
PHILIP & BESSIE S. LAZER
Stephen & Anita Slipchinsky

Wishing Good Health to
and a refuah shlemah to ALAN GITTLEMAN
Marshall Soltz
ELLEN ZELMAN
Thomas & Lorraine Barber

RABBI PHILIP & RUTH LAZOWSKI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In Appreciation of
THE CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS at the High Holiday services
Judith Silver
RABBI PHILIP LAZOWSKI for all he did
Mark Melnick

In Honor of
birth of grandson MICAH ASBURY PULEO
Don & Regina Miller
ALLIE & YONI'S MARRIAGE
Donna & Harold Cohen
the birth of TAMMI KRAUSHAAR's grandson
Marc & Sandi Needelman, Reesa Olins & Robert Teitelman
MASON FINK becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Wishing a Mazel Tov to the FINK FAMILY
Marshall Soltz
MASON FINK on his special day, his bar mitzvah
Sandi Needelman

In Memory of
ROBERT "BOB" MITCHELL
Michael, Beverly Zetoff & Family, Renee Zetoff

RABBI SMALL & FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND

In Appreciation of
RABBI SMALL for officiating at Stefany's unveiling
Bea Midlak
In Honor of
the birth of RABBI & DEBBIE CHAMEIDES grandsons
Barbara Sack, Bruce & Sue Bergman, Joel & Deborah Kent, Judy Silver, Regina & Don Miller

RABBI SMALL for his help with the unveiling
Susan Silverstein

RABBI SMALL DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Appreciation of
RABBI SMALL
Alan & Wendy Mandelbaum
RABBI DAVID SMALL for his support at the passing of our father
Amy & Steven Dembo
RABBI DAVID SMALL for all of the help with Eden's Naming Ceremony
Andrew Levine & Danielle Lasley
DAN & LEAH's wedding
Andrew Magin & Sharon Thomason
RABBI SMALL at the unveiling of Stefany
Bruce Midlak
RABBI DAVID SMALL for officiating our beautiful wedding ceremony
Dan Magin and Leah Puklin
RABBI SMALL for visits
David & Paula Baram
RABBI SMALL and his kind words at the service
Harvey & Ellen Schiller
RABBI SMALL for all that he does
Howard & Elaine Smith
officiating HUNTER's upsherin
Jared & Aliza Teichman
RABBI DAVID SMALL for bestowing on his the great honor of The Hartan/Kallah Torah Aliyah
Joel & Deborah Kent
RABBI SMALL for his help with Lou's 80th birthday
Louis Blumenfeld & Jacqueline Isaacson
RABBI SMALL for all he did for our family
Mark Melnick
RABBI SMALL during the difficult time of Pamela's passing
Michael Katzman
RABBI DAVID SMALL for his uplifting holiday services
Michelle & David Smith
and gratitude for MEANINGFUL HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES
Sharon Gold

In Honor of
the birth of twin grandsons to RABBI DAVID SMALL & DEBBIE CHAMEIDES
Alan & Peggy Mendelson, Allen & Judith Kronick, Arlan Lieblick & Melton Spivak, Carolyn & David Topol, Donna & Harold Cohen, Francene & Jeremy Weingast, Judd & Bella Fink, Judy & Fred Fox, Laura & Carl Goodman, Loretta Levy, Lori Gottlieb, Marc & Sandi Needelman, Maxine Kates, Miriam Chaiklin, Reesa Olins & Robert Teitelman, Rona Gollob, Stanley Miller & Emily Lebovitz-Miller, Stuart & Sheryl Kopel, Thomas & Lorraine Barber, Don & Regina Miller
RABBI SMALL's continued help throughout the year
David Medvedovski
LOU BLUMENFELD's 80th birthday
Judith B. Levine
HARVEY SCHILLER on the anniversary of his becoming a Bar Mitzvah
Sherry Barnes
RABBI DAVID SMALL's help with the girls' B'not Mitzvah
The Ruth family

In Memory of
HARRIET CUDRIN
Barbara Sack, Bonnie & Jay Roston, Bruce & Sue Bergman, Carolyn Levine, Francene & Jeremy Weingast, Lisa Fichandler, Loretta Levy, Judy & Fred Fox, Tony & Cookie Melito
MAL DEMBO
Harris & Maidman Families, Jeff & Gail Adler, Joel & Deborah Kent, Kathy Hart, Lisa & John Behan, Michael Kamins, Judy & Fred Fox, Saul & Joanne Pasternack, Wendy Greco
ROBERT MITCHELL
Harvey & Ellen Schiller
ALAN DAVID ROSENTHAL
Joel & Deborah Kent, Rona Gollob
SHIRLEY ZWECKER
Melinda & Bruce Zwecker

my father SHMUEL BEN MOISEY, and my uncle MOISEY BEN MARK
Michael Karchov

Wishing Good Health to
DR. LEON CHAMEIDES
Selma Schein

DON & REGINA MILLER STUDENT CLERGY FUND

In Memory of
MARSHALL KALIN
Edith Kalin
beloved mother MOLLIE QUINN
John Quinn & Peter Grant

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT FUND

In Memory of
beloved mother MOLLIE QUINN
John Quinn & Peter Grant

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In Honor of
the birth of DEBBIE GRAINSKY's grandson, Micah Asbury Puleo
Francene & Jeremy Weingast

RITUAL DIRECTOR MOSHE PINCHOVER DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Memory of
SYDNEY GOLD & ANNA BLOCK
Sharon Gold & Michele Gold

BEN & SYLVIA ROSENBERG FUND

In Memory of
your beloved MONROE NAIR
Marc & Nancy Bazilian

SATURDAY KIDDUSH FUND

In Appreciation of
REGINA MILLER
Beatrice Midlak, Maxine Kates
REGINA MILLER for her help for Lou's 80th birthday
Louis Blumenfeld & Jacqueline Isaacson

In Honor of
LLYN KAIMOWITZ
and In Memory of
JEFFREY KAIMOWITZ
Ben & Joan Engel

In Honor of
MY YOM KIPPUR ALIYAH
Cindy Cohen
THE NOVEMBER 1ST BIRTHDAYS
Don & Regina Miller
MY BIRTHDAY ALIYAH
Dr. Robert & Sandra Rudnicki
RENEE ZETOFF's birthday
Howard & Elaine Smith, Joni & Dan Fine
ROBERT RUDNICKI's birthday
Howard & Elaine Smith
BRUCE BERGMAN's birthday
Joni & Dan Fine
REGINA MILLER's birthday
Joni & Dan Fine, Stanley Miller & Emily Lebovitz-Miller
LISA FEIGENBAUM's birthday
Joni & Dan Fine
GAIL ADLER's 75th birthday
Judy Melnick
OUR ALIYAH on Rosh Hashanah
Robert & Sandra Rudnicki
OUR ALIYAH on Shabbat Shuva
Robert & Sandra Rudnicki

In Memory of
JACOB BERSON
Arlan Lieblick & Melton Spivak
beloved mother MOLLIE QUINN
John Quinn & Peter Grant
JOSEPH KOVASKY on his yahrzeit
Steven Kovalsky

In Appreciation of
JOEL KENT's help at The Beth Hillel Cemetery
Alan Goodman

HERBERT & JUDY SILVER FUND

In Honor of
JUDY SILVER, a wonderful friend and neighbor
Barry & Helaine Hanenbaum
JUDY SILVER's 85th birthday
Stuart & Sheryl Kopel

In Memory of
ORVILLE WRIGHT "BING" MILLER

Judy Silver
my father-in-law BEN SILVER
Judy Silver

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

In Appreciation of
RABBI SMALL
Joyce Flescher
CAROLYN LEVINE for all she does for the synagogue
Joyce Flescher
In Honor of
JEFF and GAIL ADLER's birthdays
David & Paula Baram
birth of TAMMI KRAUSHAAR's grandson, Oswald Vitez
Sanady
Regina & Don Miller

In Memory of
JANET WALLANS
Beverly Zetoff & Family, Renee Zetoff
DAVID FLESCHER
Joyce Flescher & Family
LINDA COHEN
Laurie Silverman

VIVIAN & ROBERT SPIVAK FUND

In Memory of
ROBERT H. SPIVAK
Arlan Lieblick & Melton Spivak
RONALD ROSENTHAL
Arlan Lieblick & Melton Spivak
ESTHER HIMMELFARB
Arlan Lieblick & Melton Spivak

STREAMING SERVICES FUND

In Appreciation of
RITUAL COMMITTEE for zooming Emanuel's services
Howard Levine

TOPOL & LeVINE FAMILY FUND

In Honor of
TAMMI KRAUSHAAR, on the birth of her grandson,
Oswald Vitez Sanady
Carolyn & David Topol

In Memory of
PAMELA KATZMAN
Carolyn & David Topol
beloved father and grandfather, SAUL SCOTT LeVINE
Carolyn & David Topol
HARRIET CUDRIN
Carolyn Topol

TORAT HAYIM FUND

In Honor of
the marriage of ALLIE ABELS to YONI ISRAEL
Judy & Fred Fox

BERNARD & BERNICE WALDMAN FUND

In Memory of
parents SHIRLEY & RALPH SELTZER
Mark & Jaime Seltzer

RAYMOND & GAIL WEINSTEIN FUND

In Honor of
RAY WEINSTEIN's 80th birthday
Alan & Peggy Mendelson

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

In Honor of
JOSH COHEN
David & Merle Harris
the Bat Mitzvah of MELANIE POCIUS, granddaughter of
Judd and Bella Fink
Ellen & Steven Zelman
GAIL ADLER's 75th birthday
Saul & Joanne Pasternack

KOL NIDRE APPEAL

Giving to our synagogue is at the very heart of our tradition. The members listed below have helped to make membership affordable by donating to the annual Kol Nidre Appeal. This investment brings new members and younger generations into our community so they can be the torch bearers for generations to come.

Louis Blumenfeld & Jacqueline Isaacson
Brook & Charlotte Jason
Robert & Marlene Levine
Anita Mancoll
Morton & Lee Oberstein
Melvin Simon
Mariangelica Vera & Joseph Venishnick

Photos from *Forward!*

Forward!, a new play by Ben Engel, was presented as a staged reading on Nov. 16. Directed by Adrian A. Durlister and produced by Ken Simon, the play traced the origins of *The Forward* during the Yiddish labor movement (1890–1903) and highlighted editor Abraham Cahan's vision that helped shape American Jewish identity.



The Forward! cast and crew posed for a group photo prior to their performance.



Eric Hoffman played Abraham Cahan during the staged reading of Forward!.

Please also see our [ONLINE CALENDAR](#), where you can click through to find more information about many synagogue events and services.

January 2026

Tevet/Shevat 5786

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 12 Tevet New Year's Day Office Closed Shaharit 8am Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm	2 13 Tevet Shaharit 7am Candle Lighting 4:14pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 4:15pm	3 14 Tevet Vayechi Shaharit 9am Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm Havdalah 5:13pm
4 15 Tevet Shaharit 8am Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm	5 16 Tevet Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm	6 17 Tevet Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm Ritual Committee 7pm Ad Ed: Arab/Muslim Culture 8:30pm	7 18 Tevet Shaharit 7am House Committee 1:30pm Religious School 4pm Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm	8 19 Tevet Shaharit 7am Ziplow 10:30am Kibbitz & Nosh 11am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Mincha/Maariv 4:15pm Executive Committee 7pm Ad Ed: Jewish Indonesia 8:30pm	9 20 Tevet Shaharit 7am Mincha 4:15pm Candle Lighting 4:21pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 5:15pm Shabbat Woks! Dinner 6:15pm	10 21 Tevet Shemot Shaharit 9am Chapel Minyan 9:15am Sponsored Kiddush 12pm Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm Havdalah 5:20 pm
11 22 Tevet Shaharit 8am Religious School 9am 6th Grade Family Program 9am JT Connect 10:30am Ad Ed: The Jewish Museum, NY Virtual Tour 1pm Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm	12 23 Tevet Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm Brotherhood Board Meeting 7:30pm	13 24 Tevet Shaharit 7am Books & Banter Book Club 11am Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:30pm	14 25 Tevet Shaharit 7am Rosh Chodesh Group 10:30am Religious School 4pm Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm Chesed Meeting 5pm Sisterhood Mah Jongg Lessons 6:30pm	15 26 Tevet Shaharit 7am Ziplow 10:30am Loaves & Fishes 11am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm Rising Song Circle 5:30pm Ad Ed: Jews in the Fight for Reproductive Justice 8:30pm	16 27 Tevet Shaharit 7am Candle Lighting 4:28pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 4:30pm	17 28 Tevet Vaera/Mevarchim Bar Mitzvah: Luke Gurchin Shaharit 9am Sponsored Kiddush 12pm Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm Camper Grant Launch 5:30pm Havdalah 5:17pm
18 29 Tevet Shaharit 8am Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm	19 1 Shevat MLK Day Office Open Shaharit 8am Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm	20 2 Shevat Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm BOT Meeting 7pm	21 3 Shevat Shaharit 7am Religious School 4pm Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm Sisterhood Mah Jongg Lessons 6:30pm	22 4 Shevat Shaharit 7am Ziplow 10:30am Kibbitz & Nosh 11am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm Candle Pouring 6:30pm	23 5 Shevat Shaharit 7am Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 4:30pm Candle Lighting 4:37pm	24 6 Shevat Bo Bar Mitzvah: Brayden Shved Shaharit 9am Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm Havdalah 5:36pm
25 7 Shevat Shaharit 8am Religious School 9am JT Connect 10:30am Adult Ed: Purim in the Works of European Artist 1pm Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm	26 8 Shevat Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm	27 9 Shevat Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm	28 10 Shevat Shaharit 7am Religious School 4pm Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm Sisterhood Mah Jongg Lessons 6:30pm	29 11 Shevat Shaharit 7am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm	30 12 Shevat Shaharit 7am Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 4:45pm Candle Lighting 4:46pm	31 13 Shevat Beshalach Shaharit 9am Tot Shabbat 10:30am Family Services 10:30 am Shabbat Club 12pm Mincha/Maariv 5pm Havdalah 5:45pm

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 14 Shevat Shaharit 8am Religious School 9am 4th Grade Prgm 9am JT Connect 10:30am Mincha/Maariv 5pm	2 15 Shevat <i>Tu B'Shvat</i> Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 5pm	3 16 Shevat Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 5pm Ritual Committee 7pm	4 17 Shevat Shaharit 7am Religious School 4pm Mincha/Maariv 5pm Sisterhood Mah Jongg Lessons 6:30pm	5 18 Shevat Shaharit 7am Ziplow 10:30am Kibbitz & Nosh 11am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Mincha/Maariv 5pm NY Deli Nt 6:30pm Exec Committe 7pm Ad Ed Prgm 8:30pm	6 19 Shevat Shaharit 7am Candle Lighting 4:55pm Mincha 5pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 5:15pm Community Dinner 6:15pm	7 20 Shevat Yitro Shaharit 9am Mincha/Maariv 5:15pm Havdalah 5:54pm
8 21 Shevat Shaharit 8am Religious School 9am World Wide Wrap 9am JT Connect 10:30am Mincha/Maariv 5:15pm	9 22 Shevat Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 5:15pm Brotherhood Board Meeting 7:30pm	10 23 Shevat Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 5:15pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:30pm	11 24 Shevat Shaharit 7am Religious School 4pm Mincha/Maariv 5:15pm Sisterhood Mah Jongg Lessons 6:30pm	12 25 Shevat Shaharit 7am Ziplow 10:30am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Mincha/Maariv 5:15pm Ad Ed Prgm 8:30pm	13 26 Shevat Shaharit 7am Candle Lighting 5:03pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 5:15pm	14 27 Shevat Mishpatim/Shekalim/Mevarchim Shaharit 9am Chpl Minyan 9:15am Mincha/Maariv 5:15pm Havdalah 6:03pm
15 28 Shevat Shaharit 8am Mincha/Maariv 5:15pm	16 29 Shevat <i>Presidents' Day</i> Office Open Shaharit 8am Mincha/Maariv 5:15pm	17 30 Shevat Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 5:15pm BOT Meeting 7pm	18 1 Adar Shaharit 7am Religious School 4pm Mincha/Maariv 5:15pm Sisterhood Mah Jongg Lessons 6:30pm	19 2 Adar Shaharit 7am Ziplow 10:30am Kibbitz & Nosh 11am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Mincha/Maariv 5:15pm Rising Song Crcl 5:30pm	20 3 Adar Shaharit 7am Candle Lighting 5:12pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 5:15pm	21 4 Adar Terumah Shaharit 9am Tot Shabbat 10:30am Family Srvc 10:30am Shabbat Club 12pm Mincha/Maariv 5:30pm Havdalah 6:11pm
22 5 Adar Shaharit 8am Religious School 9am 3rd Grade Family Program 9am JT Connect 10:30am Ad Ed Prgm 1pm Mincha/Maariv 5:30pm	23 6 Adar Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 5:30pm	24 7 Adar Shaharit 7am Books & Banter Monthly Group 11am Mincha/Maariv 5:30pm	25 8 Adar Shaharit 7am Religious School 4pm Mincha/Maariv 5:30pm	26 9 Adar Shaharit 7am Ziplow 10:30am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Mincha/Maariv 5:30pm Conversation with Izabella Tabarovsky 7pm	27 10 Adar Shaharit 7am Candle Lighting 5:21pm Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 5:30pm	28 11 Adar Tetzaveh/Zachor Shaharit 9am Sisterhood Shabbat 9am Mincha/Maariv 5:30pm Havdalah 6:20pm