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FROM THE RABBI

Ran Gvili comes home and the hostage nightmare ends.



While Debbie and I were in Israel visiting family, headlines blazed on the news that Ran Gvili, the final missing hostage was being returned, posthumously from Gaza. Gvili's initiative and bravery and the spirit and hardiness of his family deeply inspired me. At a gathering in Jerusalem, Ran was praised for going to the rescue on October 7, despite having a badly injured arm. He fought to his last bullet despite being shot twice. It is difficult to convey the emotions that Ran's return sparked throughout the nation.

As the Times of Israel reported, "Master Sgt. Ran Gvili, 24, a police officer in the Yasam counter-terror unit, from Meitar, was killed on October 7, 2023, while battling the Hamas-led invasion of southern Israel.

His body was taken captive to Gaza, and remained there for more than 800 days until it was located by the IDF and returned to Israel for burial....

On January 26, 2026, 843 days after he was killed and his body taken, Ran's remains were located by the IDF in a cemetery in northern Gaza and brought back to Israel.

[O]n January 28, 2026, Ran was laid to rest in his hometown of Meitar, two days after his body was brought back to Israel. He is survived by his parents, Tali and Itzik, and his siblings, Shira and Omri.

Ran was born and raised in Meitar, the middle child in his family. After attending local schools, Ran attended a pre-military academy before enlisting in the IDF and joining the Golani Brigade. He was seriously wounded during training and was told that he wouldn't be able to return as a combat soldier, but fought his way back and completed his service.

After being released from the army, Ran joined the Israel Police in 2021, serving in the Yasam counter-terror unit, in a motorcycle unit. According to the Hostages Forum, "Ran had a passion for motorcycles, enjoyed gatherings with friends, cherished moments with his sister and brother, and relished playing the guitar while sipping lemon arak."

His family said it made a lot of sense that Ran was the first to head to the fighting, and the very last to return home. "You dummy, you had every chance to stay at home," his father, Itzik, said after receiving Ran's coffin. "But you said, 'Dad.' What did you tell me? 'I won't leave my friends to fight alone.'"



At his funeral, Ran's mother, Talik, told the gathered crowd: "I am Talik Gvili, a proud mother of Ran, a Yasam police officer — the first to head out and the last to return."... "I just want to tell you, my beloved child, that the hope — that maybe you would return to us on two legs, or even on one — was what gave us the strength to get through this long period without you," she said. "My beloved Rani, I promise you that largely because of you, we — the people of Israel — remembered that **despite the divisions, we are one great and strong people.**"

May our memory of Ran Gvili and all the fallen inspire us to face enmity with courage, to cherish and love our family and friends and to stand tall and united. May the stories of our ancestors, retold on the festivals of Purim and Pesach, inspire us to celebrate life without fear and to live the fullest and most meaningful and loving lives possible.

Simchat Purim! Chag Pesach Samayach! Am Yisrael Chai!

— Rabbi David J. Small

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There are many ways to get involved. You can join a committee or volunteer for a one-time event. What's most important is to find something that you personally enjoy and bring your energy and passion to it. We welcome new ideas and your help to get them off the ground!

Become an Ambassador and welcome new members and help reconnect current members. We want everyone to feel like an integral part of our community.

We always need Shabbat door greeters for Saturday mornings. Greeters are a welcoming presence when members and guests enter our building.

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on Sunday, May 3, 2026



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- There's always food at events. Do you like to cook, bake or shop for groceries? You can also help prepare the food for events.
- Help set-up or cleanup at our monthly Shabbat Dinners or for our synagogue wide parties: Simchat Torah, Chanukah, and Purim.
- Get involved with our Social Action Committee and make lunches for a food kitchen.

The Emanuel values the time, talents and experience of our members.

There are many ways to get involved, whether you have a few hours a week, or are only available once or twice a year. Volunteering at The Emanuel enhances the synagogue, provides a way for you to meet other members, spreads joy and gratitude, makes an impact both small and big, and so much more!

If you'd like to volunteer but are not sure what to do, we invite you to get in touch with Tammi Kraushaar, our Membership & Community Services Manager. She will help you find something that's just right for YOU.

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

by Barbara Fink

As spring approaches, we can see how the Jewish learning seeds we planted in September are beginning to grow—especially our Kitah Hay (5th grade), Vav (6th grade) and Gimel (3rd grade) students. Our Kitah Vav students have been reading Torah in our family services and 5th graders will read Torah for the first time on March 7th!

Our kitah Gimel (3rd grade) students have been working hard putting together Hebrew letters and sounds and are well on their way to becoming fluent Hebrew readers! You will have the opportunity to kvell along with me and their families on Shabbat morning March 28th as they receive their first siddur! They will lead with confidence parts of the service as well.

Join me in wishing Mazel tov to 3rd graders:

Nathan Eddinger, Evan Leder, Sadie Nejfelt, and Isaac Rozenfed

And new student: Mia Bitton

Upcoming Family Programs:

March 1st: Community Wide Purim Celebration at NEJA

March 2nd: Wild West Purim Celebration

March 7th: Tot Shabbat/ Family Services/ Shabbat Club

March 8th: 4th grade L'dor Vador Family program

March 13th: Shabbat Dinner

March 22nd: 1st grade Family Program

March 28th: 3rd grade Matan Siddur

March 29th: 6th grade Family Program

April 1-19th: NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

April 24th: Shabbat Dinner

April 26th: 6th grade/Gan “Trip To Israel”

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.

4/14/26 11am - *A Cold War Exodus: How American Activists Mobilized to Free Soviet Jews* By Shaul Kelner

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

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Saturday Kiddush Fund

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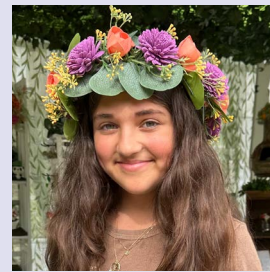
FEBRUARY

Rachel Weiss and Jason Oldroyd in honor of their wedding.

Saturday Kiddush Fund

Emanuel Synagogue Sisterhood in honor of Sisterhood Shabbat

EMANUEL'S B'NAI MITZVAH



Elisbeth Rose Smolin, daughter of Jaime Smolin and Craig Smolin, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at The Emanuel Synagogue.

Parashat Vayikra



Sadie Poland, daughter of Caroline and Jeffrey Poland, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at The Emanuel Synagogue.

Parashat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim

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News From The BROTHERHOOD

The Brotherhood Beat: Connecting and Growing Together Shalom, Everyone!

The year is off to a strong start, and the Brotherhood is moving forward with a season focused on community, meaningful conversation, and active service. We recently enjoyed a fantastic turnout for our Paid-Up Membership Dinner, where Rabbi Rudolph captivated us with his insights. Furthermore, we were proud to support the FJMC World Wide Wrap, providing a hearty breakfast and helping our 6th and 7th grade students with tefillin wrapping to keep this vital tradition alive. Building on that energy, we have a full calendar designed to bring all of us together, and we invite you to join us as we strengthen our bonds and our congregation.

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, Feb 28 | Sisterhood Shabbat: The Brotherhood is proud to support the women of our congregation by helping serve the Kiddush following their service.

Sunday, March 1 | Brotherhood Breakfast: Featuring a special presentation on the “Mathematics of Photography” by Gary Cohen.

Monday, March 2 | Wild West Purim Fest: We are excited to help bring the spirit of Purim to life with a frontier twist! Dust off your boots and costumes for a celebration the whole community will remember.

Wednesday, March 25 | Dinner with Rabbi Small: An insightful evening connecting past defeats and victories to our present and future, featuring exclusive slides from the Rabbi’s recent travels to Israel.



Sunday, March 29 | Keeper of the Flame: Please join us at Beth El as we honor those who keep our traditions burning bright for the next generation.

Saturday, June 13 | Brotherhood Shabbat: We will be leading the morning service. Interested in a part? Please contact Ken Simon to get involved

Beyond the Menu

Our mission extends beyond our monthly breakfasts. Your leadership is currently focused on several key initiatives:

Yom HaShoah Remembrance: We are organizing the Yellow Candle distribution to ensure every household in our community can participate in this vital act of memory. We are exploring new delivery methods to make it easier for everyone to receive theirs.

Special Services: Following the success of our MLK service, we are planning another special Kabbalat Shabbat for March.

A Spirit of Partnership: We truly enjoy interacting with the entire congregation at our events. We want to thank the Sisterhood in advance for their help with our Brotherhood Shabbat in June—we deeply value this partnership and the way our groups work together.

Please Note: Dates and times for these events can sometimes shift. Please keep an eye on your email and the synagogue bulletin for the most up-to-date schedule.

— The Brotherhood at Emanuel



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ADULT EDUCATION NEWS

by Ona Mastronarde

In January and February we traveled virtually to Jewish Indonesia, explored artistic renditions of Purim by European artists, learned about Jewish views and actions in support of reproductive rights, heard about the experiences of Jewish soldiers at the end of World War II as they were part of the liberation of the concentration camps, and learned how to study Talmudic stories about the sages, all part of programs co-sponsored by the Emanuel with Partners in Jewish Programming. Registration links for March and April programs can be found in the weekly Emanuel email updates. Rabbi Small continued to lead torah study and discussions of current events on Thursday mornings with the Natalie Ziplow study group. New members are always welcome. Please contact Lisa Taylor at lisat@emanuelsynagogue.org to receive the weekly link.

Coming Up:

Wednesday Mar 4 @ 8:30 PM: The ADL Center for Antisemitism Research (CAR) will present How to Win Hearts and Minds: Effective Communication Strategies for Combatting Antisemitism, based on extensive research projects aimed at identifying and developing communication strategies that combat antisemitism. This exclusive briefing offers a unique opportunity to hear from ADL on the latest findings and receive guidance on data-driven, effective communication strategies for combatting antisemitism.

Sunday, March 8 @ 1:00 PM: Evgenia Kempinski, a professional tour guide from St. Petersburg, Russia will discuss Jews in the Life and Art of Pablo Picasso, with stories and portraits of Jews who surrounded Picasso - his friends, his art dealers. She will discuss the role Jews played in Picasso's artistic life and show some of the greatest masterpieces of a genius.

Thursday, March 19 @ 8:30 PM: David Kraemer, the Joseph J. and Dora Abell Librarian at the Jewish Theological Seminary, will present a Jewish Justification of Diaspora Life, noting that although Jewish exile from the time of the Babylonian Exile in the early sixth century BCE until the present day has often been accompanied by difficulties, it has also provided Jews with peace in homes where they had the opportunity to flourish. By virtue of this reality, Jews have often defended and even lauded their diaspora experiences in teachings and expressions that in recent generations have been too little recognized. In this session, Prof. Kraemer will introduce some of these teachings, asking what they may mean for the future of Jewish identity.

Thursday, March 26 @ 7:30 PM: Lizzi Meister, Public Programs Manager at the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience, will present Stories from the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience, exploring the diverse relationships, experiences, and environments encountered by Jewish communities in the American South as they navigated southern spaces to find and build communities and maintain their identity.

Thursday, April 23 @ 8:30 PM: Levi Meir Clancy, a writer, photographer and educator based in the San Francisco Bay area, who spent over seven years in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, will explore the history of Jewish Kurdistan through the lens of lived experience, personal stories, and cultural preservation, tracing how Jewish life in Kurdistan both shaped and was shaped by its surrounding cultures.

Thursday, April 30 @ 8:30 PM: Kristen Fermaglich, Professor of History and Jewish Studies at Michigan State University will discuss her recent book, A Rosenberg by Any Other Name: Jewish Name Changing in the 20th Century, noting how our

name changing are frequently clichés: movie stars who adopted new names or Ellis Island officials who changed immigrants' names. Kirsten Fermaglich upends these clichés by examining previously unexplored name change petitions. In twentieth-century New York City, thousands of ordinary Jews legally changed their names to respond to institutionalized antisemitism. While name changing allowed Jewish families to achieve middle-class status, the practice also became a source of family pain and community stigma.

MAZAL TOV TO...

Xia & Gabriel Banschick, on the birth of their daughter, Rayla Lily Louise Banschick on January 21, 2026.

Andrea & Steven Goldenberg and Shelley & Jon Dreyer, on the birth of their granddaughter, Noa Josephine Dreyer on November 14, 2025!

SISTERHOOD JUDAIC SHOP NEWS

The sisterhood gift shop will be discounting all Passover items during the month of March 20% just in time for to treat yourself to a new seder item or purchase a hostess gift to bring to a seder. The shop has seder plates, matzah plates, matzah covers, afikomen bags and much more.

Sisterhood members, if it's your birthday month, come shop and receive 20% off any one full price item excluding mezuzah scrolls. Remember all jewelry items are now 40% off.

You can stop by Sunday mornings during Hebrew school 9-12 or call and arrange to shop with one of the following sisterhood members:

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Have a Zissen Pesach.

News From The SISTERHOOD

Sisterhood Members and Congregants -

This has been a tough winter for many of us. It has been cold, dark, and fraught with what can seem like an overwhelming and chaotic 24-hour news cycle. The political climate feels increasingly polarized, and many are feeling anxious, angry, and unsettled. Even in our everyday conversations, it's clear that people are carrying a lot. It can be hard to find steady ground when the world feels so noisy and uncertain.

During difficult times, the comfort of community becomes even more important. We are reminded that Sisterhood is not just a calendar of events, but a network of care and connection. I have been lucky enough to attend weekly Mah Jongg lessons alongside longtime friends and new Sisters, which has become a midweek spark of joy in a space filled with laughter, patience, and the simple pleasure of learning together. These gatherings have been a reminder that even small rituals of togetherness can restore our spirits.

I was also among those who volunteered at Sisterhood's recent Tu B'Shevat collaboration with the Rabbi Philip and Ruth Lazowski Religious School. Watching the 2nd-4th grade families celebrate the birthday of the trees, planting and decorating their unique terrariums, felt especially meaningful this year. Tu B'Shevat invites us to notice growth that happens quietly, beneath the surface, long before we see the bloom. In many ways, our community works the same way: through shared time, kindness, and participation, we nurture roots that sustain us when times feel hard.



Participants created Terrariums at Sisterhood's Tu B'Shevat Program

Moments like these show the power of showing up for our synagogue, for one another, and for ourselves.

Whether it's attending a program, volunteering, learning something new, or simply sitting and talking over coffee, Sisterhood offers countless opportunities to reconnect and recharge. As we move toward the lighter days of spring, I hope we continue to lean into these spaces of warmth and friendship. They remind us that while we cannot control the wider world, we can build pockets of joy, purpose, and belonging together.

Thank you to everyone who has facilitated or supported a Sisterhood program in the last few months and for our upcoming programs, especially:

- Jennifer Molinari, Co-VP of Programming, for planning and leading the Tu B'Shevat Terrarium family program
- Carolyn Topol, Co-VP of Programming and Co-Chair of Sisterhood Shabbat, who supported the planning of the Terrarium program and organized our Mah Jongg lessons
- Barbara Fink, Principal of the Rabbi Philip and Ruth Lazowski Religious School, for collaborating in planning the Terrarium program
- Allie Kraushaar, Owner of MossLife, for facilitating the Terrarium program and providing all of the necessary supplies and instructions
- Cheryl Rosenbaum and Jaime Smolin, for helping facilitate the Terrarium program
- Fern Cohen, President Emeritus and Co-Chair of Sisterhood Shabbat
- Randie Fierberg, Mah Jongg Instructor Extraordinaire

As always, we invite you to take part in our upcoming Sisterhood programs and events; some dates are listed at the end of this column, but keep an eye on your email and the Synagogue e-blasts for more information! We hope to see you at Sisterhood Shabbat in February and at other future Sisterhood events and programs.

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):
March 15, 2026 - Women's League for Conservative Judaism
- North Atlantic Region Conference (Camp Ramah, Palmer, MA)
April 19, 2026 - Coffee Tasting and Book Swap
July 12-15, 2026 - Women's League for Conservative Judaism
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LUKE GURCHIN's Bar Mitzvah
Jan & Syd Elkin
The birth of Jonathan Mehlman, great-grandson of GLADYS
MONDSHEIN
Jan & Syd Elkin

In Memory of
ADAM KAPLAN
Jan & Syd Elkin

DANIEL & JOAN FINE FUND

In Memory of
BERTHA & HENRY SONTZ and BEATRICE FINE
ABRAMS
Daniel & Joan Fine

ROBERT & HEDYTH FISHMAN FUND

In Memory of
my beloved husband, father and grandfather, BOB
Hedyth Fishman

GENERAL FUND

In Appreciation of
THE EMANUEL for allowing us to use space for our
meetings
Larrabee Fund Assoc. of Greater Hartford
OUR ALIYAHS
Alan & Wendy Mandelbaum
THE EMANUEL SYNAGOGUE
Mark & Jacqueline Berkowitz

In Honor of
the 100th birthday of JACK BASSOK
Abraham & Beverly Glassman
RENA MILLER
Estelle Gonsalves
MICHALEE MERRITT on her new job
Marc & Sandi Needelman
the arrival of HANNAH LENKIEWICZ
Raymond Schneider
ALAN GOODMAN's 80th birthday
Richard & Debbie Gutcheon, Stuart & Sheryl Kopel
birth of TAMMI KRAUSHAAR's granddaughter, Esme Ivy
Kraushaar Hennig
Rona Gollob, Judd & Bella Fink
the birth of granddaughter of LISA & MICHAEL
LENKIEWICZ
Sheryl & Stu Kopel
MARTIN YANOFSKY's birthday
Sheryl & Stuart Kopel
the birth of TAMMI KRAUSHAAR's grandson &
granddaughter
Stuart & Sheryl Kopel

In Memory of
STEPHEN FINK
Dan & Joni Fine
ROZA MANDLER
Gail & Jeff Adler, Rachel & Mitch Marcus, Stuart &
Sheryl Kopel
MORRIS P. DORMAN
Hollis G Dorman
DR. ROBERT CONE
Jen Ruth
RUTH CAPLAN
Joyce & Mickey Libbin
IRA LIBBIN
Joyce & Mickey Libbin
RHODA STEINBERG
Lewis & Roberta Kurlantzick

SUSAN & PAUL GOLDBERG FAMILY FUND

In Honor of
SUSAN GOLDBERG's 80th birthday
Elaine & Howard Smith, Gail & Jeff Adler, Phyllis & Mel
Leitner

ANDREA & STEVEN GOLDENBERG FUND

In Honor of
ANDREA & STEVEN GOLDENBERG, on the birth of
their granddaughter, Noa Josephine Dreyer
Carolyn & David Topol, Don & Regina Miller, Francene
& Jeremy Weingast

HARRIS FAMILY FUND

In Memory of
VICTOR HARRIS and LILLIAN HARRIS
David & Merle Harris
LEAH WIENER
David & Merle Harris

RABBI NATHAN & LOTTE HERSHFELD FUND

In Honor of
LOTTEE HERSHFELD's 95th Birthday
Susan & Ed Schwartz

JEWISH CAMPER GRANTS

In Honor of
ALAN GOODMAN's 80th birthday
Ellie Feldman
the birth of LISA & MICHAEL LENKIEWICZ's
granddaughter Hannah Maeve
Judd & Bella Fink

SEYMOUR & LEONARD KAPLAN FUND

In Memory of
HARRY ELANSKY
Rhoda E. Kaplan

SELMA & DAVID KAYE FUND

In Honor of
DAVID KAYE's 98th birthday
Ronald & Ellen Yazmer

STUART & SHERYL KOPEL FUND

In Memory of
SELIG LESNOY
Sheryl & Stuart Kopel
BRYON KOPEL
Sheryl & Stuart Kopel

ROBERT & JOAN LEBOVITZ FUND

In Memory of
mother NATALIE LEBOVITZ & cousin SAMUEL MOND
LEBOVITZ
Sandra & Michael Myers

LORETTA & LARRY LEVY FUND

In Honor of
LUKE GURCHIN's bar mitzvah
Loretta Levy

In Memory of
My beloved husband, LARRY LEVY
Loretta Levy
My beloved mother, ALICE MEYER on her Yahrzeit
Loretta Levy

MORRIS & EDITH MANCOLL FUND

In Memory of
EDITH MANCOLL on her yahrzeit
Anita Mancoll

SEYMOUR & JUDY MELNICK FUND

In Memory of
SEYMOUR MELNICK
The Rifkin Family & Wendy Gordon

MINYONAIRES FUND

In Honor of
ALAN GOODMAN on his 80th birthday
Alan & Donna Gittleman
GLADYS MONDSHEIN's new great grandson
Myles & Suzanne Connell

In Memory of
HARRIET GOCHROS on her yahrzeit
Alan & Donna Gittleman
ESTHER GARBER on her yahrzeit
Alan & Donna Gittleman
JENNIE GITTLEMAN on her yahrzeit
Alan & Donna Gittleman
ERNEST GITTLEMAN on his yahrzeit
Alan & Donna Gittleman
FRANK ENES on his yahrzeit
Alan & Donna Gittleman
ARNOLD HARRIS on his yahrzeit
Alan & Donna Gittleman

JESSIE ROSENTHAL, mother
Ann Rosenthal
RESI SPANIER on her 22nd yahrzeit anniversary
Linda Margolin, Ruth Kuzma
the Yahrzeit of WERNER SPANIER
Ruth Kuzma

HAROLD & GLADYS MONDSHEIN FUND

In Honor of
the birth of GLADYS MONDSHEIN's great grandson
Bella & Judd Fink, Don & Regina Miller, Saul & Joanne
Pasternack

MUSIC FUND

In Appreciation of
HAZZAN DANIELLA RISMAN for all your hard work
and beautiful vocalization
Toby & Larry Risman

In Memory of
LEONARD GLAZIER
Michael Glazier & Jody Brown

SAUL & JOANNE PASTERNAK FUND

In Honor of
SAUL & JOANNE PASTERNAK's 59th anniversary
Bea Mirlak, Harriet Samuels, Howard & Elaine Smith,
Judd & Bella Fink, Judith Borus, Ken & Pam Simon
SAUL PASTERNAK's 91st birthday
Harriet Samuels, Bea Mirlak, Judd & Bella Fink, Ken &
Pam Simon, Stuart & Sheryl Kopel

RABBI LAZOWSKI DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Appreciation of
RABBI LAZOWSKI's thoughtfulness and sympathy at Elaine
Dobrutsky's time of passing
The family of Elaine L. Dobrutsky

In Honor of
ALAN GOODMAN on his 80th birthday
Gail & Jeff Adler
RABBI & RUTH LAZOWSKI on their 70th wedding
anniversary
Marshall Soltz
ALAN GOODMAN on his 80th birthday and in
appreciation of all he does for the Emanuel Synagogue
Marshall Soltz

In Memory of
PHYLLIS SEGALMAN
Barry & Helaine Hanenbaum
LEONARD ZUCKERMAN
Marshall Soltz
MERRILL SOLTZ on his 34th yahrzeit
Marshall Soltz
MAX SOLTZ on his 69th yahrzeit
Marshall Soltz
ELAINE DOBRUTSKY
The Rifkin Family

RABBI PHILIP & RUTH LAZOWSKI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In Memory of
BARUCK MEIR BEN ESTHER MALKA, GILANA
LEVAVI's father
Nadine Goldman, The Jacobson's, Rachel & Zachary
Arnett

RABBI SMALL & FAMILY ENDOWMENT FUND

In Honor of
LOTTE HERSHFELD on her 95th birthday
Ruth & Myron Weiner

RABBI SMALL DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Appreciation of
RABBI SMALL
Abraham Baidoo, Alan & Wendy Mandelbaum
RABBI SMALL and his assistance during the passing of
Stanley Newton
Alene Galin
RABBI SMALL & Happy Hanukah
Alvin & Sandy Parven, Ed & Valerie Michaels
THE EMANUEL SYNAGOGUE for sending Yahrzeit
notifications
Audrey Mancini
RABBI SMALL for continuing to share his knowledge and
insight
Barry & Lisa Feigenbaum
RABBI SMALL, for his beautiful and meaningful blessing and
words to David Topol, on his special birthday
Carolyn & David Topol

THE NEW MEMBER "GOODY BOX"

Steven Warner
In Honor of
birth of twin grandsons of RABBI SMALL & DEBBIE
CHAMEIDES
Alan & Donna Gittleman, Alan & Marilyn Goodman,
Ann Rosenthal, Faith Helene, Harriet Samuels
birth of twin great grandsons to LEON CHAMEIDES
Alan & Donna Gittleman
BONNIE & RICK LASKER's 29th wedding anniversary and
BONNIE's special birthday
Bruce & Sue Bergman

In Memory of
ALAN ROSENTHAL
Alan & Donna Gittleman
My parents JULIUS & ADA BERIN
Ann Berin
ALISON GERSTEN & ADELLE GERSTEN
Ann Berin
STEPHEN FINK
Howard & Elaine Smith
the 26 LIVES LOST IN NEWTOWN
Norman & Linda Hecht
LILLIAN G. KESSLER
Sharyn & Joyce Kessler
RUTH GRAFF on her yahrzeit
Steven & Ruth Graff
LEONARD SWADE
Stuart & Sheryl Kopel

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In Honor of
SHARON THOMASON & ANDY MAGIN becoming
Grandparents
Judy & Fred Fox
In Memory of
SHARON SCHMELZER
Barbara Snyder

RITUAL DIRECTOR DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Honor of
the birth of MOSHE PINCHOVER's granddaughter, Maya
Sarah Rapaport
Anita Mancoll

In Memory of
beloved father, JOSEPH GOTTLIEB, on his yahrzeit
Lori Gottlieb
SARA LEMCOFF
Norberto O. Lemcoff

RALPH ROSENBERG & HILDA SLIVKA FUND

In Honor of
RALPH ROSENBERG's birthday
William Rosenbaum & Sandra Tesler-Rosenbaum
Wishing Good Health to
RALPH ROSENBERG
Gail & Jeff Adler

BEN & SYLVIA ROSENBERG FUND

In Memory of
SYLVIA ROSENBERG, MARY DENOWITZ and JACK
DENOWITZ
Marc & Nancy Bazilian

SATURDAY KIDDUSH FUND

In Appreciation of
PHIL & KAREN SCHLOSSBERG
Cantor Wayne & Nancy Krieger
PHIL SCHLOSSBERG
Jeffrey S. Wasser
CHAPEL MINYAN
Jeremy & Naomi Rubock, Anonymous
RABBI SMALL
Rabbi Richard & Lisa Plavin

In Honor of
the healing of my mother-in-law MISS LOR
Mike Manolios
RABBI SMALL & DEBBIE CHAMEIDES becoming
grandparents again
Paul & Sharone Kornman
LARRY RISMAN's 80th Birthday
Shoshana Risman & David Manowitz
In Memory of
ADAM KAPLAN
Paul & Sharone Kornman

SECURITY FUND

In Honor of
ALAN GOODMAN's 80th birthday
David & Paula Baram

HERBERT & JUDY SILVER FUND

Wishing Good Health to
JUDY SILVER
Gail & Jeff Adler

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

In Memory of
RHODA STEINBERG
David & Merle Harris
LOIS SILVERMAN
Laurie & Isaac Silverman
JOEL COHEN
Laurie Silverman

VIVIAN & ROBERT SPIVAK FUND

In Memory of
VIVIAN BERSON SPIVAK
Melton Spivak & Arlan Lieblick

TOPOL & LeVINE FAMILY FUND

In Honor of
TAMMI KRAUSHAAR, on the birth of her granddaughter,
Esme Ivy Kraushaar Hennig
Carolyn & David Topol
LISA & MICHAEL LENKIEWICZ on the birth of their
granddaughter, Hannah Maeve Lenkiewicz
Carolyn & David Topol
ANDY MAGIN & SHARON THOMASON, on the birth
of their grandson, Micah Magin Corkran
Carolyn & David Topol
THE TOPOL & LeVINE FAMILIES
Iris LeVine

TORAH REPAIR FUND

In Honor of
DOUG & DEVORA GINSBERG on becoming grandparents
Lee & Michele Brooks
MEL & RAZELLE GINSBERG on becoming great-
grandparents again
Lee & Michele Brooks

TURKEN/WEINGAST FUND

In Honor of
ANDY MAGIN & SHARON THOMASON becoming
grandparents
Francene & Jeremy Weingast

BERNARD & BERNICE WALDMAN FUND

In Memory of
of our beloved mother and grandmother, BERNICE
WALDMAN on the yahrzeit of her death
Jaime & Mark Seltzer

LEONARD & JOAN WEINBERG FUND

In Memory of
ROZA MANDLER
Ellen & Howard Rosenberg

HARRIS & ELLEN WEINGOLD FUND

In Memory of
ADAM MATTHEW KAPLAN
Carolyn & David Topol, Anita Mancoll, Judd & Bella
Fink, Carolyn Levine, Dan & Joni Fine, Don & Regina
Miller, Francene & Jeremy Weingast, Howard & Elaine
Smith, Judye & Fred Fox, Michael Sperling, Myles &
Suzanne Connell, Peter & Deborah Mehlman, Saul &
Joanne Pasternack, Sue & Bruce Bergman

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

In Honor of
BRAYDEN SHVED's Bar Mitzvah
Judy & Allen Kronick

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

Adam Matthew Kaplan, Mother, Ellen Kaplan Weingold; sister, Rebecca Kaplan; daughter, Rachel Kaplan

Susan Levine, Husband, Harvey Levine; son, Matthew Levine (Debra); daughters, Jennifer Levine (Ryan Albrycht), and Michelle Levine

Stephen H. Fink, Sister, Beverly (Cookie) Sloat, brother-in-law, William Sloat

Leonard Zuckerman, Wife, Ellen Zuckerman; daughters, Deborah Zuckerman and Naomi (Seth) Cohen

Baruch Meir (Michael) Levavi, Wife, Chana (Anne Marie) Levavi; children, Gilana Levavi, Eliana Levavi, Avital Rosilio (Itzik), and Etan Levavi

Sharon Schmelzer, Sister, Kathie-Jo Arnoff

Marilyn Benson, Daughters, Joy and Terry; son, Peter; stepchildren, Ruth and Michael; 5 grandchildren; 2 step-grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren

Rita Kaplan, Son, Marshall Kaplan (Margaret); daughter, Ruth Kaplan Cohen (Larry); four granddaughters, nine great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 12 Adar Shaharit 8am Religious School 9am Brotherhood Breakfast 9:30am Mincha/Maariv 5:30pm	2 13 Adar <i>Tanit Esther Erev Purim</i> Shaharit 7am Wild West Purim Fest 5:15pm Mincha/Maariv 5:30pm Megillah Reading 6pm Fest 7:30pm	3 14 Adar <i>Purim Day</i> Shaharit 7am at Beth El Temple Mincha/Maariv 5:30pm	4 15 Adar Shaharit 7am Religious School 4pm Mincha/Maariv 5:30pm ADL Center for Antisemitism Research program 8:30pm	5 16 Adar Shaharit 7am Ziplow 10:30am Kibbitz & Nosh 11am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Mincha/Maariv 5:30pm Executive Committee 7:30pm	6 17 Adar Shaharit 7am Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 5:15pm Candle Lighting 5:29pm	7 18 Adar Parah Shaharit 9am Tot Shabbat, Family Services 10:30am Mincha/Maariv 5:45pm Havdalah 6:28pm Camper Grants, Low Darts 7pm
8 19 Adar <i>Daylight Savings Begins</i> Shaharit 8am Religious School 9am 4th Grade Family Program 9am Adult Ed 1pm Mincha/Maariv 6:30pm	9 20 Adar Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 6:30pm Brotherhood Board Meeting 7:30pm	10 21 Adar Shaharit 7am Books & Banter Book Club 11am Mincha/Maariv 6:30pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:30pm	11 22 Adar Shaharit 7am Rosh Chodesh Group 10:30am Religious School 4pm Mincha/Maariv 6:30pm	12 23 Adar Shaharit 7am Ziplow 10:30am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Mincha/Maariv 6:30pm	13 24 Adar Shaharit 7am Mincha 5pm Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 5:15pm Community Shabbat Dinner 6:15pm Candle Lighting 6:37pm	14 25 Adar Hachodesh Shaharit 9am Chapel Minyan 9:30am Mincha/Maariv 6:45pm Havdalah 7:36pm
15 26 Adar Shaharit 8am Religious School 9am Mincha/Maariv 6:45pm	16 27 Adar Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 6:45pm	17 28 Adar Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 6:45pm BOT Meeting 7:30pm	18 29 Adar Shaharit 7am Religious School 4pm Mincha/Maariv 6:45pm Reading the New Testament with AJ Levine 7:15pm	19 1 Nisan Shaharit 7am Ziplow 10:30am Kibbitz & Nosh 11am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Rising Song Circle 5:30pm Mincha/Maariv 6:45pm Adult Ed 8:30pm	20 2 Nisan Shaharit 7am Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 6pm Candle Lighting 6:45pm	21 3 Nisan Vayikra Bat Mitzvah of Elisabeth Smolin 9am Shaharit 9am Mincha/Maariv 7pm Havdalah 7:44pm
22 4 Nisan Shaharit 8am Religious School 9am First Grade Shabbat Celebration 10:30am Mincha/Maariv 7pm	23 5 Nisan Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 7pm	24 6 Nisan Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 7pm Sisterhood Diabetes Program 7pm	25 7 Nisan Shaharit 7am Religious School 4pm Brotherhood Dinner with the Rabbi 6:30pm Mincha/Maariv 7pm	26 8 Nisan Shaharit 7am Ziplow 10:30am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Mincha/Maariv 7pm Adult Ed Program 7:30pm	27 9 Nisan Shaharit 7am Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 6pm Candle Lighting 6:53pm	28 10 Nisan Tzav Third Grade Matan Siddur Ceremony 9am Shaharit 9am Mincha/Maariv 7:15pm Havdalah 7:52pm
29 11 Nisan Shaharit 8am Religious School 9am 6th grade Family Program and Matan Tanach 9am 3rd and 4th grade Community Pesach program 9:15am Mincha/Maariv 7pm	30 12 Nisan Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 7pm	31 13 Nisan Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 7pm				

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 14 Nisan Erev Pesach Shaharit 7am Siyum after Minyan Mincha 1:30pm Candle Lighting 6:58pm	2 15 Nisan Pesach I Shaharit 9am Mincha 1:30pm Community Second Seder 5:30pm Candle Lighting 7:59pm	3 16 Nisan Pesach II Shaharit 9am Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 6pm Candle Lighting 7pm	4 17 Nisan Chol Hamoed Pesach Shaharit 9am Mincha/Maariv 7:15pm Havdalah 7:59pm
5 18 Nisan Chol Hamoed Pesach Shaharit 8am Mincha/Maariv 7pm	6 19 Nisan Chol Hamoed Pesach Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 7pm	7 20 Nisan Chol Hamoed Pesach Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 6pm Candle Lighting 7:05pm	8 21 Nisan Yom Tov, Pesach VII Shaharit 9am Mincha/Maariv 6pm Candle Lighting 8:06pm	9 22 Nisan Yom Tov Pesach VIII Shaharit 9am Yizkor 11am Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Havdalah 8:05pm	10 23 Nisan Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 6pm Candle Lighting 7:08pm	11 24 Nisan Shmini Shaharit 9am Chpl Minyan 9:30am Mincha/Maariv 7:15pm Havdalah 8:07pm
12 25 Nisan Shaharit 8am Mincha/Maariv 7pm	13 26 Nisan Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 7pm Brotherhood Board Meeting 7:45pm	14 27 Nisan Shaharit 7am Books & Banter 11am Mincha/Maariv 7pm Sisterhood Board Meeting 7:30pm	15 28 Nisan Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 7pm Exec Committee 7:30pm	16 29 Nisan Shaharit 7am Ziplow 10:30am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Mincha/Maariv 7pm	17 30 Nisan Shaharit 7am Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 5pm Morrison Dinner 6:15pm Candle Lighting 7:16pm	18 1 Iyyar Tazria-Metzora Shaharit 9am Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Havdalah 8:15pm
19 2 Iyyar Shaharit 8am Mincha 12pm Sisterhood Coffee Tasting and Recycling 2pm Mincha/Maariv 7pm	20 3 Iyyar Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 7pm	21 4 Iyyar Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 7pm BOT Meeting 7:30pm	22 5 Iyyar Shaharit 7am Religious School 4pm Mincha/Maariv 7pm	23 6 Iyyar Shaharit 7am Ziplow 10:30am Kibbitz & Nosh 11am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Rising Song 5:30pm Mincha/Maariv 7pm Adult Ed 8:30pm	24 7 Iyyar Shaharit 7am Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv 6pm Candle Lighting 7:23pm	25 8 Iyyar Achrei Mot-Kedoshim Shaharit 9am Bat Mitzvah of Sadie Poland 9am Mincha/Maariv 7:30pm Havdalah 8:23pm
26 9 Iyyar Shaharit 8am Religious School 9am 6th grade Trip 9am Mincha/Maariv 7pm	27 10 Iyyar Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 7pm	28 11 Iyyar Shaharit 7am Mincha/Maariv 7pm	29 12 Iyyar Shaharit 7am Religious School 4pm Mincha/Maariv 7pm Sisterhood College Admissions event 7:30pm	30 13 Iyyar Shaharit 7am Ziplow 10:30am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Mincha/Maariv 7pm Adult Ed 8:30pm		