
Shalom from Rabbi Adam Chalom *“More Light is Coming ”*



It's not an accident that many cultures light lights as the days get shorter and the darkness grows. Perhaps it stems from imitative magic, wanting to show the sun how to burn brighter and brighter - and it works every year! Or maybe it was an early psychological insight that human creation and effort can counteract the indifference of nature. If there is less light outside, we can make light ourselves to be a little less cold, a little less dark, a little less alone.

So there are deep human roots and needs behind Hanukkah, and Diwali, and Christmas lights, and Kwanzaa, and the Roman festival of the Unconquered Sun (marked on December 25, by the way) among others. As we face a challenging winter in 2021 between COVID spread, shutdown blues, economic difficulties and political turmoil, we could use some reminders of light and hope and future.

Despite the rising cases, there has been some progress in dealing with the coronavirus - better treatments for those infected, progress on a vaccine in record time using revolutionary new

techniques, and thus a light at the end of the tunnel from shutdowns and isolation. It may still be another year until we can gather together again “like normal,” but there is a horizon. Now if only we can convince more people to keep their distance sufficient and their masks on for that time....

We have also seen millions of people do the right thing - cancel family events, avoid taking trips, wearing their masks, walking around us in grocery store aisles. We remember the jerks, the viral videos, the hypocritical politicians telling us to stay home....from their vacation in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico (see Mayor of Austin, TX). But the large numbers of people being considerate of others and staying safe get less attention than they deserve.

There are all those people working to help others - the hospital and nursing home staff, essential personnel, teachers facing novel challenges whether online or in-person, grocery store employees, and so many more. Some of us may be retired, or able to work from home relatively easily, so our lives may have been more limited but not more dangerous over the last several months. But we would be helpless without the help of others in more ways than we even know.

And there is the power of life. People are still getting married, and sometimes more people can attend online than would have been able to celebrate in person before the pandemic! Children have still been born and adopted and fostered, pets have found new homes, gardens have been planted and harvested. We still have sunny days and starry nights and brilliant moons, and while we live and breathe we can laugh and sing.

The darkness is real, but so too is the light we create, alone and together. Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Help is Available

As you may or may not know, Rabbi Chalom has access to a Rabbi's Discretionary Fund to provide confidential financial assistance to those in need. Funds donated may only be used for charitable purposes, which can include paying utility, medical or rent bills for those in need. If you or someone you know is in need of a little help, please contact Rabbi Chalom at rabbi@kolhadash.com. Help us to help others!

Connections Update

(connections@KolHadash.com)

The Kol Hadash Connections Committee focuses on keeping KH members happy and engaged, and in making potential new members aware of KH. We met (virtually) on 22 December to review winter activities. We may be cooped up during the upcoming cold months, but there are many different fun and engaging activities planned in the coming months:

- Tue 12 Jan:** Kickoff planning meeting for KH's 20th anniversary (June 2021)! Please help us make a great celebration.
- Sat 17 Jan:** Blanket Making Class with Values in Action to benefit Chai Lifeline.
- Thu 21 Jan:** SciFi Book Club (The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August)—An extraordinary story of a life lived again and again from Award-winning author Claire North.
- Sun 24 Jan:** Theater Club ("Ma Rainey's Black Bottom")—Watch on Netflix, and then we'll discuss with resident theatre expert, Eva Friedman.
- Thu 28 Jan:** Virtual Visit to an art expo at the Holocaust Museum (work of Erich Lichtbalu Leskly)—While imprisoned in Theresienstadt (Terezin), he artistically depicted the daily lives of its residents.
- Fri 29 Jan:** Tu B'Shevat Schmooze (hosted by Marla Davishoff)—Many Jewish holidays are about eating and schmoozing. Please join us for the latter!
- Sun 31 Jan:** French Onion Soup cooking class (registration required)—Our 3rd annual soup-a-thon!
- Thu 4 Feb:** Steering Committee meeting—all are welcome to observe and share ideas.
- Sat 13 Feb:** Toast Darwin's Birthday (hosted by Marla Davishoff)—Toast Darwin on what have been his 212th birthday!
- Wed 17 Feb:** Book Club (The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett)—"Desiree and Stella's story unfolds with a deft delicateness in a book that is astonishingly accomplished and sweeping, and yet so very intimate."
- Sun 21 Feb:** Purim Hamantashen Tasting (hosted by Marla Davishoff)
- Sun 28 Feb:** Movie Club ("Road to Perdition"), starring Tom Hanks, Paul Newman, Jude Law, and Daniel Craig.
- Thu 4 Mar:** Steering Committee meeting—all are welcome to observe and share ideas.

In addition, Rabbi Chalom will be holding regular Shabbat services (generally every other Friday) and Adult Education classes (most Tuesday evenings). Check out the KH Women's group, which meets every Monday at 1:30p, alternating between "chat group" and Feldenkrais (movement) classes.

Details will appear in the weekly email and in the KH calendar, and you can contact Jeremy (info@kolhadash.com) any time for additional information. Bring a friend!

Women's Group Update

(WE@KolHadash.com)



The WE group has been a wonderful bridge to many members of the Temple who before the group did not know each other beyond a nod before or after services. During the last two years we have grown and it has really become fun, supportive, and very interesting. The Women's Group has been even more important during the pandemic and keeps us connected and looking out for each other in this very difficult and isolating time.

Our canasta group used to meet on Mondays at 1:30. When we could no longer meet in person, we still had a need to somehow see and talk to each other. We decided to Zoom every other Monday at 1:30 and soon realized we needed to make this a group that all in our community could feel comfortable joining when they felt the need.

This time gives us a chance to share the good and bad that we are experiencing during this time of isolation. We all take turns talking about what is going on in our lives and share movies, books, forms of exercising we are doing to pass the time. At times when it seems like things will never get back to normal talking and listening with the group helps to remind us that this will end and when it does the relationships we have built during this time will be stronger.

We would love to have more of our membership join our group whenever you feel the need. The zoom link is always posted in the weekly email. We hope this group, and the other programs that have developed out of the pandemic will continue to grow and stay around long after we are all back to seeing people in person!

Shabbat Services

Friday, January 8, 7:30pm

Shabbat Service: Positive Progress: Evolution or Revolution? The Year in Review - 2020

Who's ready to look back at 2020??? Back in January 2020, we might have expected presidential impeachment to be the story of the year. Little did we suspect then that the defining event of 2020 had already started with the first coronavirus infections. Join us for Rabbi Chalom's annual review of the year that was - and, this time, good riddance!

Friday, January 22, 7:30pm

Music Shabbat Service: Positive Progress: Evolution or Revolution? {January Yahrzeit Service}

What is the best way to change something that needs changing - radical revolution or gradual evolution? Religion, politics, institutional culture, social injustice all provide evidence on both sides of the debate. To decide which is more effective, we must push ourselves to stretch past our own temperament and comfort levels. This shabbat following Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we will explore this key question.

Friday, February 19, 7:30pm

Music Shabbat Service: The Power and Perils of Science

As vaccine distribution proceeds, we are reminded of the tremendous power of science, a universal collective human project, to improve the world. As we see the challenges our recent health care crisis has highlighted, and the suspicion with which some regard vaccines, we also understand that there are some problems science cannot solve, and some that science itself has created. Join us to mark Evolution Weekend and Darwin Day with this important conversation.

Friday, February 26, 7:30pm

Shabbat Service: Purim under COVID - Take 2 {February Yahrzeit Service}

Our first COVID lockdown happened just before Purim last year. In some ways, the holiday provides useful parallels, particularly living under the fear of massive destruction. But celebrating joyful deliverance feels both premature and insensitive with so many lost. How should we find the balance of "a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance"?

Adult Education

Establishing Rabbinic Judaism

Tuesday, January 12, 7:30pm

Out of the ashes of the destroyed Jerusalem Temple, a new interpretation of Judaism emerges. Its new clergy are rabbis (not priests), its new ritual is prayer and study (not sacrifice), and its new Scripture is a double Torah-written and oral. The changes they make in this era will be the tradition we inherit directly.

The Islamic Empire

Tuesday, January 19, 7:30pm

The Jewish experience under Islam defines the Middle Ages. As a tolerated minority, Jews were generally more successful and comfortable than under Christendom. The Islamic Empire enabled Jewish trade, religious uniformity (and schism), and cultural and intellectual exchange. How far Jewish-Muslim relations were then from where they are now!

Sephardic Judaism

Tuesday, January 26, 7:30pm

Eight hundred years ago, Sephardic Jews dominated Jewish life. Their sages (e.g., Maimonides) were pre-eminent; their battles between philosophy and mysticism defined medieval Judaism; their creative interaction with Muslim and Christian cultures expanded Jewish culture; and their material and political rise and fall - from Golden Age to Inquisition and Expulsion - was an epic drama.

Modern Exodus: What Leaving Hasidism Can Teach Us about Judaism

Sunday, January 31, 7:00pm

Sociologist Schneur Zalman Newfield, who went through this process himself, has interviewed dozens of ultra-Orthodox Hasidic Jews who left their communities. Why did they leave? How do they make sense of their personal Exodus, and what do they think of their religious upbringing now? Newfield joins our Rabbi Adam Chalom for a fascinating conversation. Contact Jeremy for registration info at info@KolHadash.com

Ashkenazic Jewry

Sunday, February 2, 9:30am

In the Middle Ages, many Jews were invited to leave Western Europe and move east. They came, but they brought their language with them and created a thriving thousand-year culture in Yiddish. And if they suffered under Christendom, they also sang and studied and laughed.

Kabbalah & Hasidism

Tuesday, February 9, 7:30pm

Jewish mysticism was a minority movement, yet it influenced major rabbis and significant Jewish communities. From its excesses under the "mystical messiah" Ahavvetai Zvi, Kabbalah made a comeback in the pietistic movement called Hasidism, whose descendants we still see in the Jewish world today.

Enlightenment & Emancipation

Tuesday, February 16, 7:30pm

In the early modern period, the two most transformative experiences for Jews were the Enlightenment's challenges to tradition and the unprecedented opportunities to participate as citizens in Western nations that were presented to Jews. The American and French Revolutions opened new doors but also offered new challenges - to Jews and to Judaism.

Activities

Women's Chat Group

January 11, 25, and February 8, 22 at 1:30pm

The Women's Group gets together to chat and suggest cultural things to do during quarantine. WE@KolHadash.com

Women's Group: Feldenkrais Class

January 4, 18, and February 1, 15, at 1:30pm

Join us for a Feldenkrais class taught by Joyce Hirsch. Feldenkrais is a method that improves each person's awareness for moving with ease and thus reducing stress and anxiety. WE@KolHadash.com

Values in Action Blanket Making Class

Sunday, January 17, 3:00pm

Join Values in Action for a fleece blanket making Zoom class. **Registration Deadline: Monday, January 11**
The Values in Action Committee will collect blankets for donation to Chai Lifeline. valuesinaction@KolHadash.com

Sci-Fi Book Club: The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August by Claire North

Thursday, January 21, 7:30pm

This month our book selection is *The First Fifteen Lives of Harry August* by Claire North. scifibookclub@KolHadash.com

Theatre Club: Ma Rainey's Black Bottom

Sunday, January 24, 4:00pm

Watch *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom* on Netflix, then join us for a discussion led by resident theatre expert Eva Friedman.

They Shall Be Counted—Virtual Visit to a Holocaust Museum

Thursday, January 28, 2:00pm

Visit this Holocaust Museum art exhibition of the work Erich Lichtbalu Leskly. info@KolHadash.com.

Tu B'Shevat Schmooze

Friday, January 29, 7:30pm

Many Jewish holidays are about eating and schmoozing. Please join us for the latter on Tu B'Shevat as we kibbutz virtually

Women's Group: Soup-A-Thon

Sunday, January 31, 4:00pm

Join us for our third annual soup-a-thon!
We'll be joining Gorton Center for their French Onion Soup cooking class. WE@KolHadash.com

Toast to Darwin's 212th Birthday

Saturday, February 13, 7:30pm

During these cold and dark winter days we look for any excuse to get together and celebrate.
Please join us on February 12th to toast Darwin on what have been his 212th birthday!

Book Club: The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett

Wednesday, February 17, 7:30pm

This month our book selection is *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett. All are welcome to join us! bookclub@KolHadash.com

Purim Hamantaschen Tasting

Sunday, February 21, 7:30pm

Celebrate Purim with a Happy Hour Hamantaschen Tasting – more info to come soon!

Movie Club: Road to Perdition

Sunday, January 10, 4:00pm

Watch *Road to Perdition*, then join us for a discussion. movies@KolHadash.com



Blanket Making Class to benefit Chai Lifeline

Sunday, January 17, 3:00pm



Join Values in Action virtually for a fleece blanket making project for [Chai Lifeline](#).

Chai Lifeline is a leading international children's health support network, providing social, emotional, and financial assistance to children with life-threatening and lifelong illnesses and their families through a variety of year-round programs and services.

This activity is perfect for all ages! Blanket making kits and zoom info will be provided once you register. The supplies will be dropped off at your home, all you need is scissors that can cut fabric.

Blankets will be picked up and donated to Chai Lifeline. [Register now by clicking this link](#), You will receive Zoom information upon registration.

Registration Deadline: Monday, January 11

They Shall Be Counted Virtual Visit to a Holocaust Museum art exhibition of the work of Erich Lichtblau Leskly

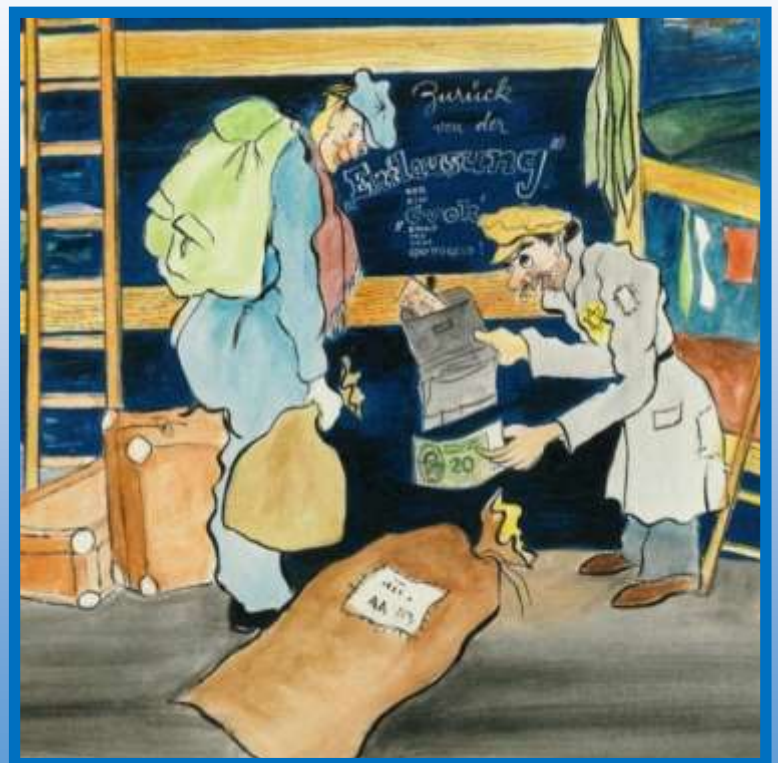
Thursday, January 28, 2:00pm

[*They Shall Be Counted*](#) is a gallery of original paintings and drawings by Erich Lichtblau-Leskly. While imprisoned in Theresienstadt (Terezin) Ghetto, he artistically depicted the daily lives of its residents, poignantly capturing the complications and ironies of ghetto life.

In the spring of 1945, Lichtblau-Leskly cut most of his artwork into pieces. His wife, Elsa Lichtblau, hid the fragmented artwork under the floorboards of the barracks, and Lichtblau-Leskly was able to retrieve it after liberation. While living in Israel during the 1950s and 1960s, he reworked these fragments into larger watercolor illustrations.

All are welcome. Join us to commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

[Register now by clicking this link](#). You will receive Zoom information upon registration.



Youth Education

Blanket Making Class

January 17, 3:00pm

Join Values in Action for these fleece blanket making Zoom. This is a perfect project for all ages.

The Values in Action Committee will collect blankets and donate them to Chai Lifeline.

Register on the Kol Hadash Calendar or the Weekly Email

Preschool Jewish Discovery

Virtual Class—please register on our website

Free monthly enrichment class! Open to everyone!

January 24: Tu B'Shevat

February 21: Purim

Children ages 2-6 with a grown-up join Rabbi Adam Chalom and veteran preschool teacher Lynn Miller as they explore a Jewish holiday or cultural value along with interactive songs, books, and hands-on activities. There is time for the children and parents to socialize, too. At-home resources will also be provided.

Youth Education Committee Meeting

Sunday, January 24, 9:30am

Kol Hadash's Youth Education Committee (YEC) is like a PTO for our Youth Education program. We meet about every six weeks during Sunday School while our children are in class. Come to one or all the meetings -- and, get to know other parents, too.

Family Education Beyond the Seder: Tu B'Shevat

Sunday, January 31, 10:30am

Tu B'Shevat began as a New Year for Trees, and grew into a seder with fruits, nuts and wine. In the last generation, it has become an opportunity to learn about environmental issues and find solution to the problems people have created with pollution and waste. We may not be able to eat together, but we can certainly learn together!

Please be sure to check your weekly email for scheduling changes due to coronavirus protocol.
Youth Education and Family Events: Contact Ilana Shaffer, youthed@KolHadash.com, 773-209-8266

2nd/3rd Grade Shabbat Service

Friday, February 12, 7:30pm

Each Sunday School class creates and leads a Kol Hadash Shabbat Service focused on the theme of their curriculum. Everyone is welcome to attend this special service!

Family Purim Celebration

Sunday, February 28, 10:30am

Join us for a fun virtual Purim Celebration!



Meet A Member



Cindi Emerson

Cindi Emerson joined Kol Hadash this year. She's met Rabbi Adam and other members of the congregation only via Zoom calls. When the pandemic is over, that probably won't change, since Cindi lives in North Carolina.

She worked in HIV/AIDS research at Duke University and UNC for 25 years. She left academia and moved to Belize to volunteer with an AIDS organization and SCUBA dive! She returned to the States two years ago for emergency spinal cord surgery. She's doing great; just a bit of right leg weakness!

She is a voracious reader, a pescatarian, a tree hugger, and pretends she can cook. She's a political activist who attended the Women's March in Washington the day after the Trump inauguration and has the tattoo to prove it! She has two adult children, a son, Daniel and a daughter, Dustin.

If she did live nearby, Ellen would definitely recruit her for the choir. She sang with the North Carolina Opera until 2018!

Ellen Shepard & John Behling

Ellen has been a member of Kol Hadash, and our predecessor congregation, Beth Or, on and off her whole life. (Her parents were founding members of Beth Or.)

She and her partner John Behling, along with their dog Heidi and Heidi's cat, Dot, live in Chicago, near Lincoln Square. Ellen is CEO of Community Allies, a community and economic development consultancy that works with nonprofits, funders, and government agencies. John is a professional jazz guitarist and ethnomusicologist.

Ellen loves to sing in the Kol Hadash choir. She also loves old time and mountain gospel music; playing the banjo, guitar and piano; and Cajun and Zydeco dancing. She and John play occasional gigs together, performing jazz standards.

She is grateful for the growth of the Humanistic Jewish community, the continuation of the traditions and values from her childhood, and for Kol Hadash's dedication to becoming more explicitly inclusive and inviting to a wide range of people and ideas.



Guess the Masked Members

At our Yom Kippur services Rabbi Chalom asked for everyone to send in selfies showing off your Kol Hadash masks. Here are a few of those pictures. Do you recognize these faces? Answers can be found on page four!



January Yahrtzeits

*The following names will be read at the **January 22** Shabbat service.*

Bill Brinkman	Joseph Eisenberg	Harold Kirsner	Marilyn Muroff	Sharon Shepard	Sol Spiegel	James Weiss
Sheldon Brottman	Roland Finkelman	Ernest Linick	Sylvia Nissenson	Bessie Shlensky	Mary Spiegel	Lois Wolens
Helen Chase	Miriam Gurewitz	Esther Linick	Bobbye Sarasohn	Morris Shlensky	Diane Teich	
Richard Crane	Shepard Kass	Fannie Moses	William Sheck	Bertha Sonshine	Charles Weigley	

February Yahrtzeits

*The following names will be read at the **February 26** Shabbat service.*

Joseph Aaron	Steven Croft	Allen Goldstein	Louis Lason	Rafael Madrigal	Laura Morgan	Catherine Vanderbeck
Joan Berger	Alfred Eichner	Ann Jerris	Terry Lason	Samuel Mayer	Eve Niport	Norman Wauldron
Moshek Biniamin Podrobnik	Betty Fishkin	Helen Kass	Sheila Lieb	Milton Miller	June Rothstein	George White
Joseph Birnbaum	Harry Goldman	Nina Kroft	Isadore Lieberman	Jerome Miller	Lena Miller Simon	

Tributes

Susan & Roger Addelson, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Susan & Roger Addelson, General Fund, In celebration of Lynn and Elliot Miller's new grandchild: Harper Louis and In memory of Sylvia Ruth Telser and In memory of Chris Jackson

Chris Blevins, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Jay Blumberg, General Fund, in memory of Mitzi Handelsman

Alexandra & Bill Brook, General Fund, General Fund: In memory of: Chris Jackson, Maxine Handelsman, and Sam Gilbert

Alexandra & Bill Brook, Youth Education Fund

Andrea & Mark Friedlander, General Fund, in memory of Sam Gilbert, Mitzi Handelsman, Chris Jackson, and Sylvia Telser

Dawn & Mark Friedman, General Fund, in memory of Chris Jackson, Maxine Handelsman, and Sylvia Telser

Becky Gustafson, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, Thank you to Rabbi Chalom for the amazing job you did officiating at Paul's memorable funeral. You captured the essence of the man making the funeral very special.

Nan Weiss-Ham & Eldon Ham, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund,

Paula & David Harris, General Fund, in memory of Mitzi Handelsman, and Sam Gilbert

Happy Stone & Rick Henriksen, Choir Fund, in honor of Happy's recent hospital stay and ongoing medical treatment

Happy Stone & Rick Henriksen, Tzedakah Fund, in memory of Mitzi Handelsman

Happy Stone & Rick Henriksen, Youth Group Fund

Glynis & David Hirsch, Annual Appeal Fund, in memory of Betty Soren, and Sam Gilbert

Glynis & David Hirsch, General Fund, in memory of Chris Jackson, Mitzi Handelsman, Sylvia Telser,

Joyce & Richard Hirsch, General Fund, in memory of Chris Jackson, Mitzi Handelsman, Sylvia Telser, and Sam Gilbert

Betty & Paul Hurder, General Fund, in memory of Sam Gilbert

Karen Jackson, and Microsoft, General Fund, in memory of Chris Jackson

Karen Jackson, Youth Education Fund

Karen & Richard Juneau, Youth Education Fund

Terry & Geoff Kass, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Janene & Lee Kessler, Event Sponsorship (Hanukkah Havdalah)

Janene & Lee Kessler, Youth Education Fund

Sally Rosen & Rich Kleinman, Youth Education Fund

Leora Hatchwell & Tom McCune, Annual Appeal Fund, in memory of Mitzi Handelsman, and Sam Gilbert

Marsha Milstein, General Fund, in memory of Mitzi Handelsman

Liz & Mike Parent, Youth Education Fund

Ami & Daniel Polonsky, Youth Education Fund

Sara & Bill Race, Youth Education Fund

Judy & Steve Rosenzweig, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, in memory of Mitzi Handelsman

Judy & Steve Rosenzweig, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, in memory of Sylvia Telser

Jen Occhipinti & Rachel Samlan, Youth Education Fund

Abby & Jim Sayegh, Youth Education Fund

Tamar & Ron Schwartz, General Fund, in memory of Sam Gilbert

Cathy Weigley & Laurie Schiller, Event Sponsorship Hanukkah Havdalah)

Sheila & Ron Sebor, General Fund, in memory of Mitzi Handelsman

Nancy Sohn & Mike Simon, Rabbi's Discretionary Fund, in honor of David Hirsch's fundraising work for the congregation

Marlene Tambourine, General Fund, in memory of Mitzi Handelsman

Bradley White, Youth Education Fund

Annual Appeal Fund

Johanna & Warren Abend, Susan & Roger Addelson, Marsha & Rick Bolnick, Patricia Butler, Joan Chase, Irene & Allan Dorfman, Michelle Fishman, Suzie Garfield, Irene Chase & Jeremy Gibson, Joyce & William Goldman, Peggy Bartelstein & Bill Gurolnick, Pava & David Harris, Kathy & Stephen Harrison, Ronda & Robert Hart, Glynis & David Hirsch, Joyce & Richard Hirsch, Betty & Paul Hurder, Julia & Richard Katz, Susie & Andrew Kramer, Larry Kravitz, Roz & Art Kroft, Nina & K. Michael Lipkin, Rhita Lippitz, Hope Malis, Leora Hatchwell & Tom McCune, Margie Marcus, Linda Mislove, Louise Neidorf, Lita Passen, Rhonda Pawlan, Judith Perlman, Lorna & Butch Pfaelzer, Cathy Weigley & Laurie Schiller, Tamar & Ron Schwartz, Michele & Joel Shoolin, Merle & James Styer

Family News & Thank You

- Wishing Happy Stone a swift recovery from recent medical treatment
- Wishing Al Dorfman a swift recovery from recent medical treatment
- Deep Condolences to Susan Addelson & Roger Addelson on the loss of Susan's Mother, Mitzi Handelsman
- Deep Condolences to Becky Gustafson on the loss of her husband, Paul Gustafson
- Deep Condolences to Beth Gilbert on the loss of her husband, Sam Gilbert
- Deep Condolences to Karen Jackson on the loss of her husband, Chris Jackson
- Deep Condolences to Nancy Soren & Neal Katz on the loss of Nancy's mother Betty Soren.
- Thank you to Lynn Miller for helping to make the Hanukkah mailing a success!
- Thank you to Terry Kass, Sara Race and Victoria Ratnaswamy for going far and wide to deliver the Sunday School Family Hanukkah Bags.
- Thank you to the parents who joined our November virtual Youth Education Committee (YEC) meeting; and, also to those parents who give verbal and email feedback regularly. It is your involvement and sharing of ideas which strengthens our Sunday School and family programs.
- Thank you to our Sunday School teachers for creating an engaging experience and to all the parents for participating in Bring Your Parent to Sunday School.
- Our Virtual Family Hanukkah Celebration was wonderful with the help of David Hirsch as Breakout Room Organizer Extraordinaire and Laura Burk providing live, holiday music.

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