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RABBI'S MESSAGE

RABBI MARK DAVID FINKEL

A word of introduction. I sometimes get strange mail. It often comes addressed: "Rabbi Pine Brook Jewish Center" with vague return addresses. It has usually been mimeographed (literally) and looks like it was typed on my mother's old Royal typewriter. The font is usually "courier" because that was the only font that those machines knew. The writers want me (especially as a leader of the Jewish people) to know "the truth." Sometimes it is "the truth" about the Jewish people, and just as often, it is "the truth" about the forces marshalled against the Jewish People. I have occasionally shown those letters to law authorities who have told me that they are difficult to trace. For better or for worse, I have grown somewhat immune to it, except that my children note that *my* cell has the cell of the chief of police on speed dial. The letters are usually written in the style of a Robin Williams *z*'l monologue, with references that, when I'm lucky, I catch the stream of consciousness and I am able to note its connection to some conspiracy theory or another.

Purim is a holiday when we note "a" planned genocide of the Jewish people, yet we have turned the story into a melodrama, filled with irony and reversal of fortunes, and we have the audacity to laugh *at* it (and, I think, *with* it). I have not yet received any letters (to my knowledge) from QAnon, but I assume, rightly or wrongly, that when I do, they will be written in that same style.

I hope that what I have written below will give a moment of pause, given what we have seen over the past weeks or longer, but in the spirit of *Purim*, let us, for the moment, laugh. We, as Jews, can find time to cry about it later; and so I present a parody from probably my darkest reaches:

A QAnon Guide to *Purim*

by Morningstar Schneider Vert

If one asks about *Purim*, someone will probably tell you that it is a silly, innocuous holiday, based on a long, silly story that occurred 2,500 years ago in Persia. Beware! *Purim* is the key to understanding the most feared international conspiracy in the world. Oh yes! People will tell you that what they like most about *Purim* is eating *hamantaschen*, which come with various fillings. One will hear people talking amongst themselves, asking: Who likes cherry? Who likes apricot? Who likes chocolate? Who likes prune? Who likes poppy seed? But beware what I tell you of these sly and crafty people. None of this is as it appears to be! *Hamantaschen*, these triangular-shaped cookies are believed to be a code word for the Trilateral Commission, the infamous anti-democratic scheme to abolish sovereignty of nations and establish one world government. The five popular flavors are thought to represent the five populated continents. (Europe and Asia are actually one landmass. Look at a world map. DO NOT rely on "experts.")

Let us start with the story: it is a story about how "a people" manipulated *Ahashveros*, the Emperor of Persia, the superpower of its day, by embedding a woman "with a secret identity" as the emperor's wife, and then spoiling the plans of the emperor's viceroy, Haman, by replacing him by the end of the story with the embedded woman's uncle or cousin (even the confusion of the actual relationship between the woman and the man makes the whole story seem fishy; they could not even keep their stories straight).

They call the story *Megillah*, probably a purposeful misspelling of "Magillah" (though often pronounced "Magillah" if one listens closely). Magilla Gorilla was a cartoon in the 1960's by a group connected to both Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and Warner Brothers (many **M**embers **O**f the **T**ribe - MOT) in Hollywood (a seat of the conspiracy), but this may also be connected to illegal animal poaching, New York furriers, and some among "them" who identify with wearing fur hats.

The truth is that this story is an allegory: the world knows that the great Satan are the Ayatollahs in Iran. I ask you: Where is Persia? It is Iran. This is a story of how a woman (maybe more: the story was written without vowels (very suspicious), so maybe it wasn't woman, but women), secretly embedded amongst the Ayatollahs,

symbolized by *Ahashveros*, a not too smart leader, to get their hands on the levers of power to control the world. The name of the heroine, Esther, means “hidden;” her real name was *Hadassah*, the same name as the international health organization. This organization admits to membership of 330,000 women around the world. Could it be the women’s division of an international spy network? It also may not be a coincidence that three of the most infamous female propagandists of the 20th century were Axis Sally, Tokyo Rose, and Hanoi Hannah. Many of “their” women are named Sally, Rose, and Hannah. Don’t you find that odd?

By the end of the story, Esther’s relative, Mordechai, becomes the new viceroy of Persia, a sign that all of “them,” men and women united, are a part of this crusade (you should pardon that expression, but if you don’t pardon it, President Trump will pardon it during his second term in office). But I digress. If the name Esther has a secret meaning, could Mordechai also hold a secret meaning?

Obviously, we are dealing with people who have an affinity for secret languages. They mix “their language” with medieval German and call it Jargon. They mix “their language” with medieval Spanish and call it Ladino. Leyzer Levi Zamenhof (MOT) created Esperanto in the 1870’s and 80’s as an international language, obviously, a tool of the international conspiracy. Might one surmise that with Zamenhof’s middle name “Levi”, perhaps he was also tied to the hidden secrets of the “Lost” Ark of the Covenant, last seen in possession of the tribe of Levi? But that discussion is for another time, except to say: Why do these people keep losing things? Some people lose car keys. They lose an Ark of the Covenant and 10 tribes. It sounds suspicious to me. Perhaps these lost items could be found if we had full access to Area 51 or Roswell, New Mexico.

Mordechai is a mix of “their language” and French: “Mort et Chai,” meaning “death and life.” Yes, they are serious in their pursuit of the international conspiracy. For them, the mission is a matter of death and life. Please note: most people use the expression “life and death.” It should be noted that the translation of Mordechai is the reverse, based upon the fact that “their language” goes from right to left. The reversing of the words are the fingerprints of the hands that control this conspiracy.

Let us go back to the description of *Purim* as an “innocuous” holiday. The use of the word “innocuous” is not an accident. It is to remind us of the word “inoculation.” Think of the history of inoculation. Who are the names that we associate with this so-called “miracle of science?” Salk? Sabin? (MOT) Again, the conspiracy. It should further be noted that Sabin became the President of the Institute for Science, named after a man (MOT) who served as President of his country for nine months *before* he was actually elected to that position (talk about election fraud). The *Purim* story is also a cover for the manipulation in the delivery of the Covid inoculations. Why was the program called “warp speed?” It was a reference to Star Trek, made famous by 2 MOT, William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy, and Nimoy played Spock, a reference to the doctor (MOT) whose famous book on child rearing has led to permissiveness and decay in America, since the mid-20th century.

As I shared above: on *Purim*, the words we hear are: Who likes cherry? Who likes apricot? Who likes chocolate? Who likes prune? Who likes poppy seed? But things are often not as they seem to be. Some disagree with the above theory that *hamantaschen* represent the Trilateral Commission and their goal of one world government. Others believe that the flavors of *hamantaschen* do not represent continents, but neither are they mere flavors of cookie filling. They represent the big pharma manufacturing Covid vaccine: cherry is Pfizer; apricot is Moderna; chocolate is Johnson & Johnson; prune is AstraZeneca. Poppy seed is, however, the joker in the deck. It is not one of these manufacturers. It is a hidden reference to a drug distributor of another sort: the Comet Ping Pong Pizzeria in Washington, DC.

So do not let the sound of the groggers blot out the truth: *Purim* is dangerous. It falls on the 15th of *Adar*, which usually falls closest to the Ides (15th) of March, so “Beware!”

Seriously, my friends: Happy Purim. Stay safe. Stay well,

R’MDF

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

EVAN ZUCKERMAN

President

I guess my New Year's wish for the New York Islanders to win the Stanley Cup is not looking so promising at this point in time. My only solace is that the New York Rangers and the New Jersey Devils are far worse than my team. However, my hope that PBJC continues to offer interesting and varied programming during these times continues to be fulfilled. There are a few programs happening this month at PBJC that I want to highlight for everyone.

Working in a healthcare organization, I have heard many stories recently about people who are in the golden years of their life feeling upset and discouraged that they have lost some of their remaining time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I know that my mother and my in-laws feel this way and they, like all of us, look forward to the time when life will return to some semblance of "normal." We all talk about what we are going to do when the pandemic is more under control; where we will travel, who we will visit, what events we will attend, and more simply - where we will eat out.

I mention this because we have a wonderful speaker that is being brought to our community by OneMontville that is being co-sponsored by PBJC. Toby Levy was a Holocaust survivor born in Poland in 1933. She survived the Holocaust by hiding for two years in a small room with nine other people. Her survival is nothing less than a miracle, but the war took many of her youthful years away from her. Now she is living through a time where COVID is taking her later years of activity from her. While we cannot compare the Holocaust with the current pandemic, Toby will talk about the unique perspective of her life, having lived through both. Toby will be speaking via zoom on Tuesday, February 23rd at 7 PM and all the information will be in the weekly announcements.

After this program, we move directly into Purim. I normally associate Purim with the month of March. After all, since the year 2000, Purim has only fallen in February four times and it only fell in February seven times between 1950-1999. That being said, Sisterhood will be distributing Purim baskets to the congregation a bit differently this year. They are asking everyone to pick up the baskets via a car line to ensure the safest distribution method possible. Likewise, I will miss attending the *Megillah* reading in person this year as we will have the reading and service via Zoom. It saddens me that we all cannot get together in person to have some fun, take a few drinks of whatever is being passed around, and shake the noisemakers and yell whenever Haman's name is mentioned in the story. We will have to do all the above with our families in our homes this year while we hope and pray that we can come together to celebrate in-person next year. We do feel confident that we can all still enjoy the Megillah reading virtually this year even though it might look and feel a bit different. Both our Nursery School and Religious School have plans for fun activities for their students and, as of this writing, we are working on some more potential programming around Purim, so be sure to keep checking your PBJC emails.

Finally, if you or your family needs anything, please reach out to the synagogue office, the clergy, or me for help. We are one community and we are there to help meet everyone's needs – just please ask. I always talk about community and how a strong community comes together in times of need – and that is what PBJC is about and what we strive to continue to be.

Stay strong, stay safe, and stay well,

Evan

NURSERY SCHOOL

LISA LERMAN and JILL BUCKLER
Nursery School Co-Directors

PBJC Nursery School kicked off 2021 in high gear! January reminded us that winter weather encourages us to read exciting stories, create wonderful projects, and even have some outdoor fun. As we move into the second half of our school year and anxiously await the arrival of spring, we look forward to many exciting programs including learning about dental health, the arrival of the baby chicks and butterflies, Purim, Passover, *Yom Ha'Atzmaut*, and so much more.

We are a state - licensed Early Childhood program which also includes the fabulous fun in the sun PBJC Day Camp. Our vibrant programs are highlighted by age-appropriate activities under the care of experienced, loving, and professional staff and a curriculum designed for Kindergarten preparation. Weekly in-school enrichment classes including physical education, science, music, and art round out our dynamic program. At PBJC Nursery, we encourage children to become independent, self-confident, and inquisitive learners!

Registration will be opening very soon for the 2021-22 school year at PBJC Nursery and Giggle Zone. We will be offering classes for 18 month olds through Pre K 4's. Additionally, the Giggle Zone, our expanded care program, complements our current preschool classes, and is available for children ages 18 months to 5 years from 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. We continually strive to enhance our dynamic, highly-regarded nursery programs which are open to children of all faiths. Prospective families are invited to schedule a virtual tour! We would love to show off our wonderful, secure, modern facility. Come speak with our staff and learn more about our highly-regarded preschool programs! Help us spread the word and share this information with your friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

Planning for PBJC Day Camp is in full swing! Summer 2021 is right around the corner and children ages 18 months to 5 years are welcome to attend this terrific camp program. We offer an 8-week program highlighted by fabulous weekly themes and programming that includes water play, arts and crafts, music, games, sports, special events and more! Registration will be available in the Nursery School office or on our website.

Be sure to regularly check the PBJC website and like us on Facebook. We will be sharing all sorts of information, updates, and photos.

As always, our door is open to anyone who would like more information about any of our Nursery or Giggle Zone programs.

Warm Regards,
Lisa Lerman and Jill Buckler
Nursery School Co-Directors

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

MARY SHEYDWASSER

Educational Director

Creating a warm and welcoming community is a key goal of our religious school.

We honored this tradition of a *Kehilla*, (community), when our Kitah Gimel parents and students came together via zoom to learn about Shabbat and the meaning of the Kiddush. Each family made a Kiddush cup, an heirloom that can be passed on to future generations. More importantly, they learned about each another and shared past family experiences. Take a moment and consider the following questions to stimulate a discussion with your peers and children:

- Describe an instance which you were especially aware of being Jewish?
- Which person has had the most impact on your life as a Jew?
- What do you value most about being Jewish?
- What kind of Jew makes you feel most proud?
- What is your most prized possession?
- Have you ever felt embarrassed being a Jew?
- Did you celebrate Shabbat in your home when you were a child?
- What is one piece of Jewish advice or wisdom you received from your parents?

We will have the opportunity to “see” our Gimel students lead and participate in their Kabbalat Shabbat service on **Friday, February 19th**. Please mark your calendars, join us and “shep nachus” from our children.

Purim is around the corner, and as always, our faculty is rising to the challenge of planning a fun and interactive school - wide program, scheduled for **Sunday, February 28th**. We cannot be in person to **boo** Haman, but we will certainly do our best in creating a fun – filled morning!

Our Kitah Hey students had the opportunity to speak with Ann Arnold, Mark Schonwetter’s daughter, who wrote a book on her father’s survival during the Holocaust, **Together: A Journey for Survival**. She shares her family’s journey through Poland’s countryside as a war of nations thunders around them. The story displays the magnificent strength of a mother’s love and the incredible courage of good people during the worst of times.

I cannot emphasize enough on how hard our educators are working, teaching our students the *tefillot*, values, and ethics, as well as what Judaism stands for. We realize how difficult it is for our children to learn via Zoom. I must take this opportunity to acknowledge our teaching professionals, our students, and our parents for the dedication and commitment that is needed to make this all work. *Todah Rabah!* I would also be remiss if I do not recognize Robin Mangino for communicating with the families and keeping us all on track. We are fortunate to have Joshua Gonzalez teaching our primary students songs and taking care of the Zoom that we are so dependent on.

B’Shalom,

Mary Sheydwasser

ELIOT SAKOLSKY AARON MELZER SCHOLARSHIP

Arlene and David Sakolsky, along with their three sons, Eliot, Harvey, and Bill, were pillars of the Jewish community. Eliot was the United Synagogue Youth (USY) leader at Congregation Beth Shalom in Pompton Lakes. He passed away at the age of thirty-one.

A scholarship fund was established by Congregation Beth Shalom in Eliot's memory. The goal of the fund is to provide financial aid to youth participating in Jewish activities, such as Kadima, USY, Camp Ramah, Israel trips, and other Jewish educational activities.

Congregation Beth Shalom has transferred the fund to Pine Brook Jewish Center, where it will continue to perpetuate Eliot's memory. May his memory be a blessing to your youth.

Eliot's brothers, Harvey and Bill, are current members of Pine Brook Jewish Center. Upon learning of the sudden and tragic loss of Aaron Melzer, a Pine Brook Jewish Center Religious School student, Congregation Beth Shalom honored the Melzer family by rededicating the fund as the Eliot Sakolsky Aaron Melzer Scholarship Fund.

Aaron is the son of Margo and Jason Melzer, and the older brother of triplets, Anna, Brielle, and Brian. Aaron was a Religious School Student at Pine Brook Jewish Center, beginning at the age of two in its Nursery School. Aaron was a kind, loving, thoughtful and empathetic young man who was looking forward to his Bar Mitzvah. It was Aaron's dream to travel to Israel, but he never did, as a result of his sudden passing at the age of eleven. The Melzer family shares the Sakolsky family's mission to offer financial assistance to Religious School students so that they can further their Jewish studies at home and abroad.

In memory of Eliot Sakolsky and Aaron Melzer, this fund will continue to financially assist Jewish youth to obtain a meaningful Jewish education and to fulfill their own individual dreams. Please note that recipients of this scholarship must be members of Pine Brook Jewish Center and students in high school or college. All decisions related to this fund will be governed by the Eliot Sakolsky Aaron Melzer Scholarship Fund Committee.

Please contact the Eliot Sakolsky Aaron Melzer Scholarship Fund Committee chairperson, Beverly Berkowitz, at sakolsky-melzer-scholarship@pbjc.org with any questions.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE SAKOLSKY/MELZER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION](#)

SISTERHOOD

ILENE THAILER and FRAN SIMMONS

Co-Presidents

We would like to say a huge thank you to Staci Handler and Jess Edelstein for putting together our Zoom Paid Up Event with Mentalist David Jaison. Thanks to all the ladies who delivered the wine and chocolates. The treats added to a fun night and amazement at David's talent. (We loved our number:217485936: Pine Brook!) We are also thrilled that we had 77 participants on Zoom. Great job, ladies!!

We would also like to thank Rachel Ehudin and Erin Wilner for putting together another BINGO night! Thank you, Rachel, for calling out numbers and mazel tov to all the winners! Our next bingo nights are February 8 and February 22.

Another thank you goes to all the Sisterhood members who participated in the Sisterhood/Men's Club Shabbat service on January 30. It was great to see everyone on Zoom and hear everyone's voices!

Mark your calendars for Thursday evening, February 18 when our Sisterhood programming chairs Rachel Ehudin and Erin Wilner will be bringing us a fun night of trivia with prizes to be won! We can't wait to play, and we look forward to this fun night!

Sisterhood will continue with our Purim tradition of delivering Mishloach Manot baskets. You should already have received an email with the details. Information is also on the following page of the *Candlestick*. Due to COVID-19 we will not be delivering bags to individual homes. The bags will be available for pick-up on February 21 between 10 AM and 12 PM. Purim starts on the eve of Thursday, February 25.

As always, we welcome your comments, ideas, and continued involvement in Sisterhood. Please contact us if you have any questions or want to get involved!

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Fran Simmons - 973-650-0566 fmsimmons@hotmail.com

SISTERHOOD

Mishloach Manot / Purim Basket Sponsorship Time!

Dear Fellow PBJC Congregants,

Purim 2021 begins the evening of Thursday, February 25 and ends the evening of Friday, February 26. Be a part of the 2021 PBJC Sisterhood *Mishloach Manot!* In keeping with the traditional mitzvah of giving gifts and charity during the Purim Holiday, Sisterhood members will be preparing gift baskets for all synagogue members.

We are doing things a little differently this year. There are many ways to be a part of this tradition:

- Become a PLATINUM SPONSOR and send a basket to all members of PBJC for \$180
- Become a GOLD SPONSOR and send a basket to all members of PBJC for \$118
- Become a SILVER SPONSOR and send a basket to all members of PBJC for \$72
- Become a BRONZE SPONSOR and send a basket to all members of PBJC for \$54
- Become a CORPORATE DONOR to help with the cost of the baskets for \$250
- Donate or sponsor a particular item in the baskets (email us at purimbaskets@pbjc.org with interest in this option)

****All donors and sponsors will be listed on the scrolls sent to the entire congregation***

****All donations are tax deductible***

****Individual basket sponsorships are not available this year***

CLICK HERE TO SPONSOR OUR PURIM BASKETS (online form with required online payment via ACH or credit card) Note: This is the preferred method to use for sponsorships.

If you would like to pay by check, please make your check payable to "PBJC Sisterhood" and mail it to:

PBJC Sisterhood
174 Changebridge Road
Montville, NJ 07045
Attn: Purim Baskets

Note: All sponsorships are due by Monday, February 15th.

As we do every year, Sisterhood will be donating a portion of the funds raised to a charitable organization. More details will be provided in the Purim Basket scroll.

Due to the current pandemic Purim baskets will NOT BE DELIVERED this year but will be available for pickup at the synagogue on **Sunday, February 21 between 10 AM and 12 PM**. If you are out of town and want the basket shipped to you please let us know your shipping address via email to purimbaskets@pbjc.org. You can also reach out to your friends and neighbors and make arrangements to pick up bags for one another!

For more information or to secure your sponsorship please contact Mindy and Marcy at purimbaskets@pbjc.org

Mindy Baker (201) 401-8374

Marcy Guilder (973) 420-3157

Thank you for supporting Sisterhood and Happy Purim!



BETTY CRANE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

SHEILA BASEM
ELAINE NACHSHEN
Club Coordinators

January was a busy month. Many of us got a COVID-19 vaccine, so we are on the way to a healthier spring. Hopefully, we will be able to have some in-person meetings soon. We were able to have two Zoom meetings in January. Hadas Toren kept us moving with an excellent "Stretch and Tone" class on January 19th. On January 27, Jeff Kampt tried to present a nostalgic musical program. We hope many of you got to see and enjoy the YouTube recording he sent the following day.

Coming in February, on Tuesday the 16th, our program via Zoom, will be Engelbert Humperdinck's concert, "Totally Amazing 2006". This concert is very entertaining and one we are sure you will enjoy. On Tuesday, February 23 at 10:30 AM, Hadas Toren returns with another "Stretch and Tone" session. For those who wish to add a little resistance, this time she suggests including weights with the routine. You can hold light dumbbells, water bottles, or food cans, or any other weighted product you have around the house when doing the routine.

We look forward to seeing you in February.

B'Shalom

Sheila & Elaine

SASS

ELAINE NACHSHEN
Coordinator

One month into 2021, and we have been dealing with the Coronavirus pandemic for approximately an entire year. No one thought it would ever last this long. We are not out of the woods yet, but two vaccines are already being distributed, and there are a few others that look promising – which gives hope that we will soon all be vaccinated. We wish the process were faster, but we must be patient. I am hopeful that when winter ends and warm weather returns, we will again be able to go back to what we used to call “our normal lives”. Certainly, nothing has been very normal this year. I cannot wait to see everyone and start programming for our wonderful group of “Socially Active Single Seniors” In the meantime, wear a mask, practice social distancing, be safe, and stay well. Please contact me with any questions about SASS.

B'Shalom,

Elaine Nachshen nachshen@aol.com 973-219-3798

I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped PBJC help nourish.NJ in January. Due to the generosity of our congregants, we collected \$931 in cash donations and once again delivered a full car load of food to people in need. Given the current circumstances with the pandemic, these donations are so greatly appreciated.

I also would like to send a special thank you to Aiden and Max Blumenthal who for their mitzvah project put together 100 breakfast bags. Thank you for thinking of nourish.NJ. for your project!!

Our next formal collection for nourish.NJ will be in May.

I'd like to send a special thanks to:

Mindy and Dean Baker
Sheila and Jordan Basem
Beverly Berkowitz
Wendy and Jay Birnbaum
Aileen and Jonathan Cabelly
Sue Charnet
Diane and Frank Dalton
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Myra Sumka
Ilene and Jay Thailer
Brooke and Lance Zacker
Michelle and Evan Zuckerman

IMPORTANT LINKS AND INFORMATION

[Click Here for the full PBJC Calendar](#)

February Events (all via Zoom):

Wednesday, February 3 at 8:00 PM - Chevra Board Meeting

Sunday, February 7 at 9:30 AM - Men's Club Virtual World Wide Wrap in conjunction with the Northern NJ Region of the FJMC

Monday, February 8 at 8:00 PM - Sisterhood BINGO Night

Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 PM - Cooking with Cantor Toren: Hamantaschen for Purim

Monday, February 15 – Deadline to Sponsor Sisterhood Purim Baskets

Tuesday, February 16 at 7:15 PM - Betty Crane Friendship Club presents Englehart Humperdinck Live in Concert, "Totally Amazing" performed in 2006

Thursday, February 18 at 8:00 PM - Sisterhood Trivia Night

Sunday, February 21 between 10 AM and 12 PM- Pick-up of Sisterhood Purim Baskets

Sunday, February 21 (times TBD) – PBJC Pelothon

Monday, February 22, at 8:00 PM - Sisterhood BINGO Night

Tuesday, February 23 at 10:30 AM - Betty Crane Friendship Club presents Stretch and Tone with Hadas Toren

Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 PM - An Evening with Holocaust Survivor Toby Levy: Reflections of Surviving the Holocaust and the COVID-19 Pandemic (sponsored in conjunction with OneMontville and the Chabad of Montville)

Thursday, February 25 at 7:00 PM - Megillah Reading

Shabbat Services

Friday evening and Saturday morning Shabbat services for the month of February will be via Zoom and Live Stream except for the following dates. Congregants may register to attend services in-person on the following dates in February:

Friday, February 12 at 8:00 PM – [REGISTER HERE](#)

Saturday, February 27 at 9:30 AM – [REGISTER HERE](#)

Click on the links above to register or contact the PBJC office for assistance. Please note that registration will close if the maximum attendance allowed for a service is reached. Registration will close by 12 PM on Fridays for that weekend's services.

**Be sure to regularly check the calendar on the PBJC website as updated flyers and event/program information will be added.*

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Happy Anniversary to...

- 2/6 – Judith and Mark Lipsky
- 2/8 – Dara and David Manheim
- 2/18 – Randee and Glenn Fox
- 2/27 – Debra Scharfstein and Michael Margiotta

Happy Birthday to...

- 2/1 – Leo Dos Santos, Daniel Miller
- 2/2 – Henry Bernstein, Sabrina Jacobs, Robert Kesselman, Zoey Leibowitz, Michael Marchant, Walter Schenker, Jordan Suomela, Steven Tuckman, Jonathan Weiner
- 2/3 – Joshua Blumenthal, Jack Flusty, Hayley Zwickel
- 2/4 – Bernard Ulrich
- 2/5 – Judy Gothelf
- 2/6 – Meri Rosen
- 2/7 – Addison Schwartz
- 2/8 – Max Simmons
- 2/9 – Logan Hall, Ethan Kraut
- 2/10 – Gayle Isacson, Jennifer Levene Bruno, Lori Weiner
- 2/11 – Heather Reiser, Betsy Steckelman
- 2/12 – Mary Sue Rossinow
- 2/13 – Daniel Eskinazi, David Manheim
- 2/14 – Joshua Estrin, Sydney Rosenkranz, Sondra Schuman
- 2/15 – Judith Lipsky, Warren Nadler, Danielle Tuckman
- 2/16 – Dawn Baron, Sheldon Eisen
- 2/17 – Reese Agrusti, Aiden Blumenthal, Max Blumenthal, Michael Fuchs, Louis Lees, Paul Martino, Jan Pett,
- 2/18 – Abe Goll, Jordan Rothenberg
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- 2/21 – Rachel Abramson, Ira Drawer, Mickey Gilbert, Ruthanne Mirchin
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- 2/25 – Ann Mariash, Estelle Stein, Sheila Weinreb
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2/6/21 – 24 Shevat

Max Adelman
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2/7/21 – 25 Shevat

Paul Weiner
William Harry Eckman

2/8/21 – 26 Shevat

Harry Ader
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Jennie Tell
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2/9/21 – 27 Shevat

Harry Weitman
Etta Dichowski
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Rose Fisherman
Harry Hart
Frances Lazarus
Ada Mariash
Julius Rubin
Charles J. Fishman

2/10/21 – 28 Shevat

Fannie Schneider
Rachel Pokorne
Erica Mathias
Pearl Kramer
Rose Brodsky
Audrey Brecher
Sylvia Shwartz
Jennier Feig Goldberg
David Louis Wolfe
Abraham Greenfield
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Rosella Berman
Abraham Medwin

2/11/21 – 29 Shevat

Jennie Weissman
Irvin O'Koon
Howard Leicht
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Esther Charnet
Howard Leicht
Louis Lerner
Frieda Greenspan
Ray Levin
Shimon Isaac Rutenberg
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Francine Bonis Fast
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Louis Weiss
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Louis Alan Fenton
Joseph Lambert

2/12/21 – 30 Shevat

Sidney Lerner
Dolly Leibowitz
Louis Sirotkin
Claire Cohen
Eli Sloan
Samuel Konner
Erwin Stanton
Leon Fisch
Benjamin O. Ginsberg
Meyer Margolies
Leon Rosen
Anna Stern

READ ON FRI/SAT, 2/12 and 2/13

2/13/21 – 1 Adar

Robert Rosenberg
Pearl Cohen
Arthur Fechter
Nathan Chanin
Jean Roesch
Samuel Robinson
Ilene Joyce Domash
Milton Gordon
David Gross, Jr.
Florence Stein
Irving Feigenbaum

2/14/21 – 2 Adar

Leo Zuckerman
Helen R. Cohn
Elsie Wallman
Bernard S. Leon
Erna Schoenfeld
Samuel Ershowsky

2/15/21 – 3 Adar

Louis Schulsinger
Samuel Mariash
Edward Kaufman
Alfred Tenenbaum
Sarah Schneider
Sarah Melnik
Irving Kruger
Esther Rubin
Herbert Leo Aber
Richele Blake
Edward Sukoneck

2/16/21 – 4 Adar

Jules Braver
Myrna Tarkan
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Florence J. Metzger
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Tillie Rifkin
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**READ ON FRI/SAT,
2/12 and 2/13 (CONTINUED)**

2/17/21 – 5 Adar

Bernadine Kobre
David Schachter
Sylvia Kobre
Doris Stiel
David Schachter
George Aronowitz
David Schachter
Jennie Brick
Kali Akronowitz
Angie Polsky
David Schachter
Alice Brickman

2/18/21 – 6 Adar

Marvin Ulrich
Lester Heineman
Samuel Basem
Florence Zerman
Joel Grabell
Harry Greenetz
Hinda Ietelai Lebovitz
Miriam Manheim
Harry Gitomer
Samuel Bloom
Morton Goldsmith
Michael Reiser
Mina Atkins
Edward Lowenfish

2/19/21 – 7 Adar

Irving Brenner
Monroe Saul
Mary Wagner
Anne Scher
Ronda L. Bromberg
Gertrude Schofield
William Blumstein
Benjamin Kline
Jacob Blum

**READ ON FRI/SAT,
2/19 and 2/20**

2/20/21 – 8 Adar

Louis Saviet
Mollie Feinstein
Irving Reich
Sadie Kleiner Atkins
Evelyn Weiner
Morris Kriss
Bertha Ballenberg
Roslyn G. Gross
Menachem Mendel Rosenberg
Regina Rokower
Emma Liberman
Mollie Kleiner Schling
Ethel Silverberg
Fay Isacson- Rosenfeld
Mollie Kleiner Schling

2/21/21 – 9 Adar

Irving Lefkowitz
Ida Hirsch
Helen Levy
Mollie Zakarin

2/22/21 – 10 Adar

William Schwartz
Rose Harac
Dora Simon
Ruth Alster
Max Daniels
Doris Fader
Sadie Miller
Sandy Bond
Dora Simon

2/23/21 – 11 Adar

Stephen Cohn
Sidney Lesser
Jennie Schiff
Eliot J. Sakolsky
Linn Kurtin
Eliot J. Sakolsky
Max Rosen
Stanley Lewis Reichman
Mildred Roth
Marjory Goldstein

2/24/21 – 12 Adar

Dotty Karpel
Todd Alan Goldstein
Miriam Lieberman
Ruth Saul
Gertrude Mueller
Dr. Siegbert Bornstein
Rena Rodaman Altman

2/25/21 – 13 Adar

Harry Nesman
David Weiner
Paul Luchs
Irma R. Mergentime
Rose Rothberg
Leonard Handman
Minna Rosen
Israel Stein

2/26/21 – 14 Adar

Irving Kwasnik
Louis Morrison
Irving Baker
Kenneth Alan Miller
Phyllis Lutin
Diane Schneider
Jerome H. Meistrich
Esther Cohen
Hannah Schirn
Philip Lederman
Shirley Moskowitz

**READ ON FRI/SAT,
2/26 and 2/27**

2/27/21 – 15 Adar

Marjorie Salter
Clara Kleiner Goldberg
William Ottinger
Dave Cohen
Seymour Cohen
Morris Epstein
Ashur Massarsky

2/28/21 – 16 Adar

Stanley Diener
Abraham Krentcil
Sarah Stein
Samuel Anghel

3/1/21 – 17 Adar

Simon B Seltzer
Manus Isacson
Jacqueline Gellman
Rosenblum
Rose Kaplan
Dr. Kenneth A. Chazen
Muriel Goldsmith
Miriam Calvin
Eugene Morton Paster
Ethel F. Silverman

3/2/21 – 18 Adar

Florence L. Obstler
Morris M. Rosenfeld
Celia Barosin
Samuel Grubman
Louis Feinstein
Morris A. Cohen
Johanette Pischtschenok

3/3/21 – 19 Adar

Ruth L Fuller
Jack Kelman
Max Leopold Kleinman
Golda Rabenbauer
Bette Anne Rosen

3/4/21 – 20 Adar

Irving Silverman
Adam Glenn Belman
Miriam Bogert
Frieda Schutzer
Isidore Goldberg
Bernice E Shorr
Martin O. Greenberg
Stanley Rolnick

3/5/21 – 21 Adar

Leon Liebes
Aida Reingold
Myron Leslie Wayne
Leo Grabell
Robert Blitzstein
Charles Levine
Estelle Zohn
Zelda Rostoker
John Orris
Lowell Sherwin