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New Organization Unites the Jews of RVC

By Herb Friend

While we have had several Temples in Rockville Centre for many years, we have not had a united Jewish community. With the worldwide increase in anti-Semitism, it is vitally important that we stand together. Local demographics faced by our temples also necessitates that we change our mind set from "Them" and "Us" to "We".

We are pleased to announce the formation of the **Jewish Council of Rockville Centre**. Its goals are: (i) to promote the activities of the Rockville Centre Jewish community, (ii) to work with civic, religious and government organizations, (iii) to educate the public, and (iv) to further its interests.

The **Jewish Council of Rockville Centre** will spearhead the formation of joint synagogue committees, joint events and making information available about each temple's scheduled events. The Rabbis of our three Temples - B'nai Sholom-Beth David, Central Synagogue, and Beth Emeth - have met. Joint functions were agreed to and will be announced.

Our Temples joined together to make a charitable contribution on behalf of the Jewish community of Rockville Centre. The donation was made to the De La Salle School on behalf of the Bevilacqua family who had tragically lost their son, Mark, in an auto accident. Mr. Bevilacqua makes those amazing ice sculptures on his front lawn on North Village Avenue.

There is much to do. We have taken the first step. The founding committee members of the **Jewish Council of Rockville Centre** are: Barry Hochhauser, Elinor Appel, James Gelman, Gordon Stern, Fred Levine, Helene Parsons and Herb Friend.

Jewish Learning Center Hebrew Reading Initiative

By Dan Seid, Educational Director

When you think about Jewish learning and Judaic enrichment programs the words *Hebrew School* are often used. In fact, we do much more at the JLC than just teach Hebrew. We try to enrich the lives of our children and families with a rich exposure to Judaica. This exposure includes holidays, Israeli studies, Bible study and, of course, Hebrew reading and prayers.

In the coming year we are focusing on our children's Hebrew reading and prayer abilities. If children are exposed to Hebrew and prayers at an earlier age, their skills will be mastered by the time they reach their Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

Not only do we want Hebrew reading to be a gateway of exposure to Jewish learning for our children, but also for their parents and B'nai Sholom-Beth David's adult community. There are numerous resources online that anyone can use to increase their Hebrew and prayer abilities. Here are two I recommend:

Siddur Audio: <http://www.sidduraudio.com/>

This site allows users to follow along in the conservative Siddur Sim Shalom and learn the melodies and tunes to popular Shabbat, holiday and weekday prayers.

For Hebrew Reading: <http://www.behrmanhouse.com/students>

Behrman House has produced an online digital website and curriculum you can use to gain mastery in Hebrew reading.

Together let's work on making traditional Jewish prayers and Hebrew reading an integral part of our community.

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SPECIAL SHABBAT DINNER

By Ary Rosenbaum

Two of the greatest things in food collide - Chinese Food and Shabbat Dinner! Join us for this glatt kosher feast featuring egg rolls, chicken with Chinese vegetables, vegetable lo mein, sautéed dumplings, sesame chicken and fried rice. Reserve your place by calling the Temple office (516-764-4100). You can also pay the \$36 dinner fee online. Learning Center parents can use their participation fee for this not-to-be missed event.

The President's Corner

By Keith Friedman

We would like to welcome Marlene Walsh, our new Official Assistant, to our office. Please stop in and say hello when you have a chance. I really appreciate all the hard work the office staff puts in every week.

A special thanks to our auctioneer extraordinaire, Don Schiller, for all his hard work and effort put into the auction. Thanks, too, to Barry Hochhauser and the entire committee for all of their help. The auction is another endeavor that allows us to continue to be a force within our community.

I'd like to thank Nanci Moskowitz for the wonderful Simcha Shabbat program. Please join us for Shabbat services or even one of our weekday minyanim.

I greatly appreciate Jason Greenberg, Joel Greenlinger, and Ary Rosenbaum for being at the helm and bringing new life to the Men's Club. It is exciting to see all of the new things that are happening.

Hope you have a chance to check out our beautiful new restrooms. Each facility is supplied with a baby changing table and the rooms are handicap accessible. Also note that in the spirit of egalitarianism, the tallis rack is available for both men and women.

Our synagogue is a vibrant place with many different activities for people of all interests. There is something for everyone. If there are any concerns, please feel free to reach out to me. I will be happy to discuss any issues and try my best to resolve them.

Please note the new dues bills will arrive soon. We encourage everyone to make payment promptly or to arrange a payment plan that will allow us to continue to do our good work.

Bonnie, Matthew, Brooke and I would like to wish everyone a happy 2016. May the glow of the menorah lights continue to shine upon us!



Marlene Walsh, Official Assistant
a recent addition to the office staff

Message from the Rabbi - It's a Woman Thing

By Rabbi Howard Diamond

The general rule in Halachah (Jewish Law) is that women are not obligated in time-bound positive mitzvot (commandments): that is, positive commandments to be performed at a specific time—for example, listening to the Shofar or dwelling in the Sukkah.

However, they are obligated in certain time-bound positive mitzvot. These include lighting the lights of Hanukkah, or answering “amen” to the brachot (blessings) recited by someone else who is obligated, and the reading of Megillat Esther on Purim.

The reason for the exception made, in both cases, is that “they (i.e. women) were also involved in the same miracle (as men)!”

Beginning with Purim, since the historical events on which it is based preceded the Hanukkah-related events, women, as well as men, were directly threatened by the genocidal plot of Haman, viceroy to King Achashverosh of Persia, and benefited equally from the miracle which overthrew Haman and which saved the Jewish people.

On Hanukkah as well, women were threatened by the attack by Greeks and the Hellenists on the lifestyle of the Jewish people, in some respects, even more than men. One major example of this is that each Jewish bride had to submit to the Greek military governor prior to her wedding. Until, that is, Yedhudit, the daughter of Yochanan, fed that individual a large amount of cheese (which incidentally, is the source of the custom to eat cheese on Hanukkah), which made him sleepy, then lots of wine, which made him drunk, then beheaded him. When she carried his head to Yerushalayim on a platter and his troops saw the horrible spectacle, they panicked and ran.

Therefore, women certainly benefited from the Miracle of the Oil and even contributed, in a direct way, to the military victory of the Chashmonaim, which allowed the Jewish people to rededicate the Temple.

We Care

By Rachel Guinsburg

GET WELL WISHES

- Claire Powitz
- Judith Faltischek

MAZEL TOV

- The Perlman and Kurtz families on the engagement of Harold & Judy's grandson, and Richard and Melissa's son, Elliot, to Melissa.
- Leslie and Joel Greenberg on the engagement of their son, Adam, to Stacy.
- Bernice and Howard Stein on the birth of their grandson, Seth Gregory.
- Mr. & Mrs. Roiter for William's Bar Mitzvah.
- Mr. & Mrs. Adam Newman for Jeremy's Bar Mitzvah.
- Mr. & Mrs. Barry Silverman for Daniel's Bar Mitzvah.
- Ms. Jackie Beck for the B'nai Mitzvot of Skyler and Zachary.
- Wendy Weis and Rich Damm for Michael's upcoming Bar Mitzvah.

CONDOLENCES

- Helen Murray on the loss of her brother, Martin Goffe.
- Michael and Richard Levinson and their families on the loss of their father and our long-time congregant, Joseph Levinson.
- To the family of our long time congregant, Charlotte Rudner.

Please contact me with anything to share in the next edition of *Chai Lights*. 516-825-1002; rjguins@aol.com



Thank You - Todah Rabah

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Lazarowitz on being selected Simchat

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IN MEMORY OF Husband Oscar Geller



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IN MEMORY OF Father Max Thaler

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Barbara Kaplan's Simcha Torah Honors;

Barbara's Birthday 12/25

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Father Irving A. (Dick) Kaplan; Barbara's

Father David Baumgarten

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The Life of Helen Frey ...

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Ms. Sheri Ikin's Birthday

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Nanci Moskowitz

IN MEMORY OF

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IN HONOR OF

Helen & Al Murray's 65th Anniversary;

Judy & Harold Pearlman's 64th Anniversary;

Barbara & Jay Kaplan's 50th Anniversary

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Carol Shulz on the Birth of 3 Grandchildren

Helen Murray

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IN MEMORY OF Jay Feller

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IN MEMORY OF Parents Anne & Jack Osher

Ellen Osher

IN MEMORY OF Mother Anne Osher

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New Grandsons

IN APPRECIATION OF

Rabbi Diamond's Patience & Teachings

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IN HONOR OF Her Recent Aliyahs

Ruth Kumins

IN HONOR OF

Granddaughter Trisha Brooke Stein's
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Rabbi Diamond & Fran on the Birth of 2

New Grandsons

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The Birth of Rabbi Diamond & Fran's

Grandsons Amiel & Shalom

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Fran & Rabbi Diamond's New Grandsons

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Ira & Rose Wasserman

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Marriage of their Son Adam to Stacey

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Lynn and Jay's Anniversary - 10/26;

Nephew Shawn Fogel's Birthday - 12/12

Phyllis & Sy Entin

IN CELEBRATION OF

Phyllis's Birthday; Sy's Birthday;

Sy & Phyllis's Grandson Jamie's Engagement

CeCe & Jack Friedman

IN CELEBRATION OF

Ron & Pam Friedman's Birthdays

Granddaughter Carley's 16th Birthday - 12/4

Grandson Skylar's 8th Birthday - 12/24

Lee & Amy Friedman's Anniversary



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IN CELEBRATION OF

Pamela Grossman's November Birthday;
Arnold Grossman's November Birthday

Rachel & Jim Guinsburg

IN CELEBRATION OF

Rachel's Birthday - 11/3; Birth of Rabbi
& Rebittzen Fran's Grandsons

Jay Kaplan

IN CELEBRATION OF

Barbara Kaplan's Birthday - 12/25

Beverly Krosky & Bernie Genzer

IN CELEBRATION OF

Many Family Birthdays; Grandson Brian's
Wedding; Granddaughter Sarah's
Physician Assistant White Coat
Ceremony at North Eastern University

Judy & Harold Perlman

IN CELEBRATION OF

Melissa Kurtz & Elliott's Engagement - 11/1;
Judy Perlman's Birthday - 12/9;
Peter's Birthday - 12/8; Granddaughter's
Birthdays: Rebecca LaFazia - 10/10,
Kerri Kurtz - 10/30, Melissa Kurtz - 11/14

Jane & Bob Scherer

IN CELEBRATION OF

Jane & Bobs 35th Anniversary - 8/17;
Bob's 83rd Birthday - 9/29

Tracey & Ellis Simon

IN CELEBRATION OF

Ellis's Birthday - 12/14; Emma Simon's
Graduation from Charles Sposatos
School of Education 10/12

Muriel & Hy Smith

IN CELEBRATION OF

Muriel & Hy's 15th Wedding Anniversary - 11/12

Journal Dinner a Success

By Nancy Hochhauser

On October 17, approximately 100 people gathered at B'nai Sholom-Beth David's Journal Dinner honoring CeCe & Jack Friedman and St. Marks Cooperative Nursery School.

CeCe and Jack, active long-time members of the congregation, were honored because of their deep involvement in our Temple and the Jewish community at large. CeCe is President of the local section of the National Council of Jewish Women. Jack, a former President and Chairman of the Board of the Temple, is very involved in scouting, especially with the Israeli scouts, who, because of Jack, perform at our Temple every year. Jack is also spearheading the Temple's effort to support the food pantry that services the Five Towns. In addition to the Proclamations they received, the congregation presented CeCe with a Mah-Jongg menorah and Jack with a new tallis and tallis bag.

St. Marks Cooperative Nursery School, a non-denominational school that has long served the community of Rockville Centre, and now the newest addition to our building, was also honored. Shirley Perri accepted a hand-made wooden box with a plaque commemorating the evening on behalf of the nursery school.

Many local politicians made presentations to the honorees, including the Honorable Mayor Francis X. Murray of Rockville Centre. An electronic journal where everyone could express their wishes to the honorees was shown on a monitor throughout the evening. The electronic journal and pictures from the night will soon be available for all to see on our website. Catering was provided by New Star Caterers and music by CJ Kostaras.



Above photo Left to right: Keith Friedman, Temple President; Honorees St Mark's Co-op Nursery School Co-President Alison Sapan, Shirley Perri, Director, Co-President Jeanine Paulson; Mayor Murray of Rockville Centre; Honorees CeCe and Jack Friedman; Rabbi Diamond; Barry Hochhauser, Past President and Trustee

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Temple First

By Larry Mack

In writing this column I have had the opportunity to work with so many people who have been moved to help our Temple regain its financial footing. I want to share with all of you how thankful I am that you have chosen to step up and help keep B'nai Sholom-Beth David not only solvent, but on track to regaining its financial health. The difficulties we faced as a Temple membership have enabled us to form new lifelong relationships. None of us will forget the meetings we held last year, during which times we questioned whether our Temple would be around in another year or two. Make no mistake, we will have to continue to support our Temple in the coming years just as we have done this past year.

It is with a great deal of admiration that I humbly thank all of you who have given from your hearts and your wallets. It is the feelings of inclusion and commitment which continue to bind all of us together as Jews. For this reason we must continue to maintain our gifting in the New Year and in all the years to come. In keeping with the TEMPLE FIRST concept please send in donations to celebrate, honor or remember those loved ones or events in your lives. There is no better way to share such occurrences with our fellow congregants while keeping our Temple healthy. Communication has been restored with the renewal of our newsletter, *Chai Lights*, which keeps us informed and in each other's lives.

I wish all of you a wonderful, healthy and happy 2016. Please keep those donations coming. Remember, TEMPLE FIRST!

Men's Club News

By Ary Rosenbaum

The Men's Club continues to hold and plan exciting events for our members.

On November 22nd, we had a Membership Breakfast featuring renowned cartoonist Sy Barry. Sy was great, especially when he was entertaining the children from the Jewish Learning Center with his drawings and explanations on how the comic drawing process works. Many thanks to Robert and Helene Parsons for sponsoring the breakfast!

Future events include a New York Islanders vs. Vancouver Canucks game on Sunday, January 17, 2016 at 4:00pm. Tickets are \$45 each; a Super Bowl 50 viewing party on Sunday evening, February 7, 2016 in the Youth Lounge; and a Wrestlemania XXII viewing party on Sunday night, April 3, 2016.

There are additional breakfasts and other entertaining events in the planning stages for 2016. Always check out our emails as well as ads on the B'nai Sholom-Beth David Facebook page.

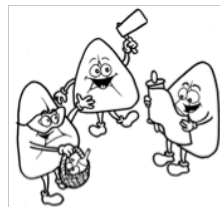


Sy Barry at his desk drawing *The Phantom*

Purim Basket Fundraiser Going Online

By The Purim Committee

Nancy Hochhauser, Elisa Matas-Skolnick



Starting this year, ordering Shalach Manot Purim baskets, sponsored by Sisterhood, will be easier than ever.

In January you will receive an email from cbsbd@happypurim.com with a personal access code and simple instructions on how to place your order online. Credit card and check payment options will be available. For congregants who do not have an email address on file, a hard copy printout will be mailed to you. If you are not comfortable ordering online, come to the office to order.

Here are just a couple of changes to point out in advance:

- There will be an option to give baskets to family and friends who are not on the list. These baskets will have to be picked up at the Temple.
- Anyone giving baskets to the entire list will receive a mystery gift.

Purim is just a few short months away starting the evening of March 23rd and ending the evening of March 24th. We look forward to all of our Temple family participating in this beautiful and festive Mitzvah.



Hanukkah Candlelighting and Latkes Galore

By Barbara Kaplan

The evening of December 9th was balmy - the perfect weather for a shared Hanukkah celebration on the steps of our Temple orchestrated by the master of ceremonies, Rabbi Diamond. The convivial crowd of more than 200 from B'nai Sholom-Beth David, Temple Beth Emeth and Central Synagogue joined in with Cantor Kohlbrenner of Central and our own Cantor Mendelson to sing Hanukkah songs and recite the prayers as the fourth candle on the menorah was lit. Mayor Murray of Rockville Centre gave a brief speech in which he stressed the theme of lights. Rabbi Skiddell of Beth Emeth and Rabbi Gruber of Central also briefly commented on the same theme. After the 'thank you's,' Rabbi Diamond turned to the crowd and invited everyone inside for a feast of latkes enlivened by music from a high energy, two-piece ensemble.

The night was a great success due in no small part to the generous mounds of latkes fried up by a volunteer crew led by Mark Skolnick, dressed in chef whites. Even President Keith Friedman manned a frying pan flanked by his son and other Jewish Learning Center students. Everyone who volunteered to help make the delicious latkes deserves a Yasher Koach!



Mark Skolnick, master latke chef

Sisterhood News

By Co-Presidents Caryn Morgenbesser and Ethel Oppenheimer

HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2016 TO ALL!

The year 2015 had a lot to offer –we ended the year enjoying a light bite with Ellen Meister speaking on her Dorothy Parker series. Another program was a presentation by a very interesting speaker, Evie Litwok, regarding her incarceration in federal prison for tax evasion and her turn to Judaism.

Our membership dinner at kosher Chinese restaurant Chosen in Cedarhurst was a fun, delicious evening for all. We had fun together doing ceramic painting and, of course, Cooking with Fran. Our Book Club and Mah-Jongg events are both very popular. We hope you'll join us in 2016 as we look forward to a Sweet and Greet evening and many other events on the horizon.

It is not too late to pay your Sisterhood dues of \$40. Your check can be mailed to the Temple -attention Sisterhood. Keep warm and we hope to see you soon.

Setting the Record Straight

In the November-December 2015 edition of *Chai Lights*, we forgot to mention that Ziv Zamir manned the grill alongside Barry Goldberg at the Hebrew High School BBQ. Al Weiser and his trio provided the entertainment.



Ben Shahn's "Decalogue" Hangs in Our Foyer

By Ellis Simon

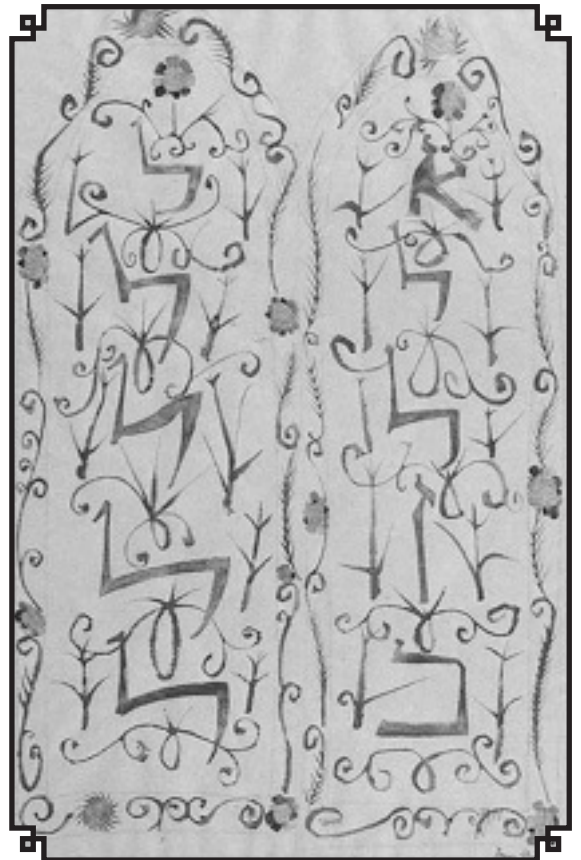
Ben Shahn, a 20th Century American artist who was born in Lithuania, is best known for his works of social realism that explore themes of urban life, organized labor, immigration and injustice. His most iconic piece, a mosaic tile mural of "The Passion of Sacco and Vanzetti," adorns the side of an academic building at Syracuse University.

Less well known is Shahn's body of religious themed works, which includes "Decalogue," a serigraph or original silk screen print. A signed copy of "Decalogue" hangs in the foyer of Congregation B'nai Sholom-Beth David. Shahn produced the work in 1961. It is hand colored with applied gold leaf for the initials of the Ten Commandments. Copies of "Decalogue" can also be found in the collections of the Jewish Museum and Harvard University, among others.

"Decalogue" was purchased by friends of Montague T. Alterman, a member of the congregation who passed away July 9, 1963, and was given to the synagogue in his memory. Dr. Martin Greenberg, a current member of the congregation, photographed the piece for inclusion in the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's 1998 – 1999 calendar, which featured art holdings from synagogues around the country.

Next time you stop by the synagogue, take a few moments to see "Decalogue" and some of the other works of art hanging in the foyer. They are part of our congregation's heritage.

"Decalogue" - Serigraph with hand coloring and applied gold leaf. 1961



Goods & Services

By Nancy Hochhauser

Vacations, sports and theater tickets, gift certificates and memorabilia were auctioned off at our 2015 Goods & Services Auction on December 5th. Don Schiller, our own Executive Director, ably served as auctioneer. Don, in good voice throughout the evening, sold almost 60 lots of merchandise in addition to 20 silent auction items. Fundraising Committee thanks everyone for attending and looks forward to a bigger and better auction in the future. Special thanks to Ellis Simon for taking pictures throughout the night.



Don Schiller, auctioneer





Mark Your Calendar

January 2016

January 1	Candle Lighting 4:20 p.m. Early Minyan 4:37 p.m. Late Minyan 8:00 p.m.
January 2	Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m. Mincha 4:30 p.m. Shabbat Ends 5:25 p.m.
January 8	Candle Lighting 4:27 p.m. Early Minyan 4:44 p.m. Late Minyan 8:00 p.m.
January 9	Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m. Mincha 4:45 p.m. Shabbat Ends 5:30 p.m.
January 10	JLC-Mitzvah Bingo Gr. 5-8 Noon
January 15	Candle Lighting 4:34 p.m. Early Minyan 4:51 p.m. Late Minyan 8:00 p.m.
January 16	Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m. Mincha 4:45 p.m. Shabbat Ends 5:40 p.m.
January 17	NY Islanders Game 4:00 p.m. Barclay Center, Brooklyn
January 18	Rosh Hodesh w/Rebetzin Fran
January 22	Candle Lighting 4:42 p.m. Minyan 6:30 p.m. Followed by Shabbat Chinese Dinner (Reservation Required)
January 23	Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m. Mincha 4:50 p.m. Shabbat Ends 5:45 p.m.
January 24	JLC-Pizza Making & Dance Party-Gr. 3-8 Noon
January 29	Candle Lighting 4:50 p.m. Early Minyan 5:08 p.m. Late Minyan 8:00 p.m.
January 30	Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m. Mincha 5:00 p.m. Shabbat Ends 5:55 p.m.

February 2016

February 5	Candle Lighting 4:59 p.m. Early Minyan 5:16 p.m. Late Minyan 8:00 p.m.
February 6	Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m. Mincha 5:15 p.m. Shabbat Ends 6:05 p.m.
February 7	JLC-Scavenger Hunt All Grades Noon
February	Rosh Hodesh w/Rebetzin Fran date TBA
February 12	Candle Lighting 5:08 p.m. Early Minyan 5:25 p.m. Late Minyan 8:00 p.m.
February 13	Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m. Mincha 5:15 p.m. Shabbat Ends 6:10 p.m.
February 19	Candle Lighting 5:16 p.m. Early Minyan 5:33 p.m. Late Minyan 8:00 p.m.
February 20	Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m. Mincha 5:30 p.m. Shabbat Ends 6:20 p.m.
February 26	Candle Lighting 5:24 p.m. Early Minyan 5:42 p.m. Late Minyan 8:00 p.m.
February 27	Shabbat Services 9:00 a.m. Mincha 5:30 p.m. Shabbat Ends 6:25 p.m.
February 28	Chocolate Party -All Grades 1:00 p.m. (\$20.00/per person)

Ongoing

Rabbi Diamond's Talmud Class-Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.

Rabbi Diamond's Discussion Group-Wednesdays 8:30 p.m.

Sisterhood

Mah-Jongg -Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.

Book Club-Second Wednesday of each month-2:00 p.m.

Knitting Club-First Wednesday of each month-2:00 p.m.

Upcoming

Next Simcha Shabbat -March 5, 2016

Watch your mail (Email & USPS) for additional Synagogue events

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