

# TEMPLE SINAI

January 2024  
Tevet/Shevat 5784

# BULLETIN

Wishing you  
love, light & more  
in 2024!





# SHABBAT SERVICES - JANUARY 2024



All of our services will continue to be available online through Zoom and livestreamed on our website and Facebook Live for those who are unable to join us in-person.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

**6:00PM** Shabbat Shalom *Nosh* Reception

**6:30PM** Shabbat Service with our Monthly Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

**Torah Portion:** *SHEMOT* (Ex. 1:1 – 6:1)

**9:15AM** Torah Study

**10:30AM** Shabbat Morning & Bar Mitzvah Service for Ben DiCristina

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

**6:00PM** Early Shabbat Evening Service

**7:15PM** Congregational Shabbat Dinner (please make a reservation)

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

**Torah Portion:** *VA'EIRA* (EX. 6:2 – 9:35)

**9:15AM** Torah Study

**10:30AM** Shabbat Morning Service

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

**5:30PM** Bim Bam Kids Club Shabbat

**6:00PM** Shabbat Shalom *Nosh* Reception

**6:30PM** Shabbat Evening Service

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

**Torah Portion:** *BO* (Ex. 10:1 – 13:16)

**9:15AM** Torah Study

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 | SHABBAT B'SHIR

**6:00PM** Shabbat Shalom *Nosh* Reception

**6:30PM** **Shabbat B'Shir:** Special Musical Shabbat Service

“Shabbat B'Shir – Sabbath in Song:” Join us for a joyful Shabbat Evening Service with singing and additional instrumentalists

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

**Torah Portion:** *BESHALLACH* (Ex. 13:17 – 17:16)

**9:15AM** Torah Study

**10:30AM** Shabbat Morning Service

## Temple Sinai Board

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TEMPLE SINAI  
NEW ORLEANS

## MISSION STATEMENT

Temple Sinai of New Orleans is a warm and welcoming Reform Jewish congregation founded in 1870. We are an inclusive and diverse community engaging our members through worship, building connections from generation to generation, providing opportunities for Jewish learning and serving our greater community.

Temple Sinai is where tradition meets the modern Jewish world.



# RABBI'S MESSAGE

## “HOPE FOR THE NEW YEAR”

Rabbi Daniel M. Sherman

I want to begin by wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year: may 2024 be filled with peace, love, health, joy, and blessing for all of us.

In many ways, I am not ready for 2023 to end. This has been a big year for us at Temple Sinai. There have been many highlights, many wonderful moments and exciting events shared by our community. I want to thank you, our Temple Sinai Family, for all of your support, your participation, your love and concern for our congregation and community – for all that you do. Please know how much it means to me and to our staff, leadership, members, and beyond.

As I write this column, I am forced to look ahead to the new year. I am excited about 2024 and looking forward to a busy and meaningful year. Our goal is to provide everyone opportunities to connect: to connect with me and Cantor Garfein, connect with your Judaism, with our community, and with our people. We try to offer something for everyone, from our youngest to our oldest, our most involved and to our not as active members. Please remember: the more you put into your involvement in Temple life, the more you will get out of it. And we always love to see you.

I hope in 2024 you will consider attending our Shabbat services, as well as holiday observances and educational opportunities – in addition to our social action projects and social functions.

There is something special happening each Shabbat at Temple this month. We begin on Friday, January 5 with our monthly anniversary and birthday blessings. On Saturday, January 6 we will welcome Ben DiCristina as a Bar Mitzvah during our Shabbat morning service – *Mazal Tov* to Ben and his entire family! On Friday, January 12 our Shabbat Evening Service shifts to 6:00PM, and all are invited to our monthly Congregational Shabbat Dinner – please plan on joining us and making your reservation in advance. On Friday, January 19 we will hold our Bim Bam Kids Club Shabbat at 5:30PM – a special way of welcoming Shabbat with our youngest kids and their families. I

hope you will join Cantor Garfein and me for a fun Friday evening experience. Friday, January 26 is *Shabbat Shirah* – the Sabbath of Song, as we read the Song of the Sea from the Book of Exodus. To make this Shabbat even more joyful and special we will be holding our second *Shabbat B'Shir* Service, featuring additional musicians and lots of singing.

In January we will also observe Tu B'Shevat – the 15th day of the Hebrew month Shevat. Tu B'Shevat is known as the “birthday of the trees.” It is when we celebrate nature and are reminded of our dependence on the earth and of our obligation to take good care of our environment. In addition to being our “green holiday,” Tu B'Shevat also connects us with the land of Israel. In Israel, the worst parts of the winter are over and the first new buds – usually on the *shekeidiyah*, the almond tree – begin to appear. New life appears and reminds us that the circle and flow of life continue.

I think this is especially important for us this year. 2023 is ending with Israel still at war with Hamas, fighting a brutal enemy for its survival. There are still more than 100 hostages being held in Gaza, and rockets continue to fall in both the south and the north of Israel. Israel is under attack; Israel is scared. Too many innocent people have been killed – both in Israel and in Gaza. Too many soldiers have lost their lives.

As we enter 2024 and look forward to the first buds of new life, we pray that they will bring hope for a better tomorrow for the land and people of Israel and for all of Israel's neighbors. May they be blessed with peace and friendship. May 2024 see an end to this war and a new beginning of safety and security for all in the region. And may this be the year that sees a decrease in anti-semitism, hatred, prejudice, and violence – and an increase in love, compassion, care, and friendship, when enemies become partners, with all working together to make this world a better place.

*KEN YIHEE RATSON* – May it be God's will.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Josh Danzig  
*President*

Happy 2024! It was truly inspiring to see everyone enjoying The Festival of Lights at last month's Chanukah on the Avenue, as well as the Sisterhood's "Vodka & Latkes" party.

January is filled with more engaging activities, starting with the Temple Sinai Young Professionals first-ever Trivia Night at Urban South on January 9th. January 12th is our Monthly Shabbat Dinner, with a 6PM early Shabbat evening service followed by dinner from Five Happiness. Then, on January 14th join your Temple Sinai family as we have a special guided tour of MSJE's new exhibit. Finally, January 23rd is Temple Sinai Night at the Pelicans game.

If you'd like to be a part of the growth and evolution at Temple Sinai, please consider joining a committee. Many

committees could use your help, including the Gala Committee, Membership, Programming, and more. For more info, contact Executive VP Matt Gladowski, and join us on Sunday morning, January 21st, for 2024's first Committee Meeting Day.

Speaking of the Gala Committee, please save-the-date for our Gala on March 3rd. This year's Gala will feature Cantor Rebecca Garfein's captivating one-woman show, Cantorfull!, as well as a Patron party, specialty cocktails and food, and more. If you have yet to buy tickets, or want to consider sponsoring, please do so today by visiting: <https://www.templestinainola.com/2024annualgala>

Thank you to all who contributed during year-end giving. We're excited to see Emil Frei & Associates start the second half of our Stained Glass Window Initiative on January 4. Please consider helping with restoration by sponsoring a medallion window. Your gift will be recognized on a plaque in the Temple Foyer. For more information on bestowing naming rights, please contact the office or visit: <https://www.templestinainola.com/windowrestoration>

Finally, a welcome to Melissa Goldberg who will now be leading our Chavurah@Sinai Religious School. Thank you to Claire Newman for her help during the fall. We look forward to an exciting spring semester.

## We Want to Hear Your Voice!

Join a Temple Sinai Committee and  
attend Committee Meeting Day.  
Light breakfast will be served.

**Sunday, Jan. 21 | 10AM**  
**GET INSPIRED**  
**THROUGH GIVING BACK!**



TEMPLE  
SINAI  
NOLA



I cannot believe it is January! Happy Secular New Year! I hope that you enjoyed the holiday season. We had a fantastic Chanukah here at Temple Sinai and for me the biggest highlight was having the Children's Choir participate in our Chanukah service! Huge thanks to choir members, Isaiah and Elie Bitoun, Rose Glodowski, Rayna Wait Krochmal, Petra Rauchwerk and Eli Solomon; You all did an amazing job and I look forward to continuing choir after Sunday School starting January 14, 2024 from 11-11:30a.m.! It is definitely not too late to join us-we're just getting started! Feel free to call or email me at the synagogue with any questions you may have- cantorgarfein@templesinaino.org.

I am very much looking forward to this year's Gala on Sunday, March 3, 2024 at 4p.m.! I look forward to sharing my one-woman show, "Cantorful!" with our community. I will be joined by my friend, Bob Egan, pianist and music director who helped me create Cantorful! and has performed the show with me a number of times, the most recent being at well-known cabaret, "Don't Tell Mama," on restaurant row in New York City. We are bringing this NYC style cabaret show to you. You don't even have to shlep to NYC to see it!

Cantorful! is mostly autobiographical illustrated with songs ranging from musical theater to Jewish and folk/rock. You may even hear a little Springsteen mixed in! I hope you will find much to laugh about mixed with moments of poignant remembrances and a strong message of resiliency throughout. It is truly a joy to be able to share this show with my new Temple Sinai family!

Bob Egan and I became connected during Covid when Bob began a virtual twice weekly online cabaret show. During that year of covid, Bob gave me and so many the opportunity to create music virtually and that in turn kept so many of us sane during that difficult time. Bob would send me piano tracks with which to record a video at home. Subsequently, those videos would air



Cantor Rebecca Garfein

on his show. Eventually, Bob was able to go back to in person performances and we would collaborate on his live show. Once his open mic restarted in Asbury Park, Alexander and I were regulars, singing with Bob almost every week! Besides our collaboration on Cantorful!, Bob was my High Holy Day accompanist in Rumson, NJ and that was his first introduction to those services. It has been amazing to work with Bob over these years and not only is he extraordinarily talented, but you will also experience what an uber mensch Bob is! I look forward to your attending the Gala and hope to greet so many of you there!

I am also looking forward to my family experiencing Mardi Gras, now as residents of this amazing city that we now call home. Thank you so much for welcoming us with open arms. We look forward to sharing many more amazing days together with you, our Sinai family!

*B'Shalom,*  
Cantor Rebecca Garfein

# SHABBAT B'SHIR

FEATURING MEMBERS OF PANORAMA BAND

## Friday, January 26

## 6:30PM



Shabbat B'Shir is our musical Shabbat experience enhanced by instruments and will feature Ben Schenck from Panorama on clarinet, as well as accordion and drums. Much of the music you will hear is very familiar, while there will also be a few new tunes as well. Your presence and participation will make our service a warm and exciting experience. We look forward to seeing you there!



# Temple Sinai Sisterhood Camp Scholarship is **BACK!**

**\$500** scholarship to one camper

**Eligible if attending URJ Henry S. Jacobs Camp**

Must be a Temple Sinai member in good standing

Must attend a full session

Application must be received by **January 31, 2024.**

Notification of scholarship will be made by February 15, 2024.



## Sisterhood's SALAD & KING CAKE TASTING

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24  
@ 6PM AT TEMPLE SINAI.**

Cost: Free to Sisterhood members  
and \$15 to non-Sisterhood members.

*\*Please email contact Sisterhood President Elizabeth Brodt at [eliz.brodt@gmail.com](mailto:eliz.brodt@gmail.com) if you would like transportation to the event.*

**RSVP >**



# SINAI TZEDEK

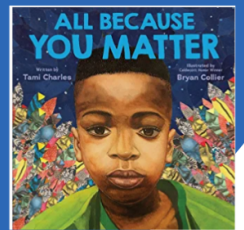
Temple Sinai's Social Action Community

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is-  
What are you doing for others?"  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In January, we recognize the efforts of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to bring about justice for the Black/African American community, and commemorate his life. Our Jewish faith also calls each of us with a resounding voice: *Tzedek, tzedek tirdof* - Justice, justice shall you pursue.

Answer this call today by contributing new books for children and young adults which explore and celebrate the Black/African American culture. They will be donated to schools with few materials.

For local purchases, please visit these Black-Owned Bookstores:  
**The Community Book Center OR Baldwin & Co.**



## Memories of Martin Luther King, Jr. Verdie Richburg, Committee Member

President Reagan signed a bill in 1983 to create a federal holiday to honor Dr. King due to his commitment to equal rights and justice for all, and the first observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 20, 1986. As I thought of the January 2024 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, I reflected on my family's direct involvement in the civil rights movement, at my mom's "dining room sessions," helping with education and voter registration. The older girls (myself included) served refreshments as my mom coached the rural citizens in our community so that they could recite the Preamble to the Constitution in order to vote; my dad provided transportation to the polls. This was critical work given the large-scale disenfranchisement of Black voters. At a time of great inequality, Dr. King believed that peace and economic justice were critical human rights for all people across the country regardless of race, color, or creed. He demanded those rights through peaceful protest, but violence ended his life when he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

As we celebrate his life and work, I offer a few notes of interest about his life: When he was five years old, his name changed from Michael King, Jr. to Martin Luther King, Jr. because his father was so impressed by the history of Protestant Reformation leader Martin Luther; he received a bachelor's degree at age 19 from Moorehouse College and earned a Doctorate Degree in systematic theology from Boston University in 1955; he led the Montgomery bus

boycott that lasted 385 days when on December 1, 1955, a seamstress named Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a city bus; he delivered some of the most iconic speeches of the 20th century, including the most well-known "I Have A Dream" one he made on August 28, 1963 at the March on Washington held at the Lincoln Memorial; he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 for his civil rights and social justice activism that were enacted into law with the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

On a final personal note, as a young college student in North Carolina during the 60's, I remember my cousin and I playing a prank so that we could meet Dr. King during a visit to our campus. Also, in August 1963, tired and exhausted, I left my older sister behind at the March on Washington!

Finally, as Sinai's Tzedek Chair, Luz Molina, reminds us, Temple Sinai has a long history of involvement in our community's social justice issues that are consistent with our Jewish values. American Jews played a significant role in the founding and funding of some of the most important civil rights organizations, including the NAACP, the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).



# WELCOME RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR



Dear Temple Sinai Families,

Thank you for being part of the Temple Sinai community and sending your children and teens to religious school. My name is Melissa Goldberg, and I'm excited to serve as the incoming Religious School Administrator. I look forward to getting to know you and sharing weekly updates about what your kids are learning at Chavurah@Sinai.

I've spent the past ten years working with people to help them build confidence and communicate what's important to them. Recently, I've focused on working with children, serving as a Jewish outdoor educator at the Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center. I love working with children to inspire deeper spiritual connection, to build confidence, and to invite in the joy and meaning Judaism can add to their lives.

In addition to serving as your Religious School Administrator, I will be teaching Management Communication courses at Tulane University. You'll see me at pick up and drop off beginning January 17th.

Warmly and many thanks,  
Melissa Goldberg

## ABOUT MELISSA

**Melissa Goldberg grew up in Rockville, MD, where she became a Bat Mitzvah and was Confirmed in a Reform congregation. She was actively involved as a leader in her Temple Youth Group and in NFTY. After earning her BA at Washington University in St. Louis, Melissa started her own company to teach public speaking skills and has spent the past ten years as a coach, trainer and educator, helping people build confidence and communication skills.**

**She has worked in a Jewish camp setting, overseeing teams of counselors, and as a Jewish outdoor educator at Isabella Freedman Jewish Retreat Center. She sees Judaism as a source of great joy, as a way to celebrate the miracles of life, and as a motivator to make the world a better place.**

**In addition to serving as our Religious School Administrator, Melissa teaches Management Communication at Tulane University.**





# BIM BAM KIDS CLUB

## TU B'SHEVAT EDITION

Wear your green and get ready to celebrate the birthday of the trees! All families will receive a mini-plant to take home and are welcome to join us for the Tu B'shevat-themed Nosh at 6:00PM.

**FRIDAY, 1/19**  
**@5:30PM**

## Tu B'Shevat Nosh

Let's Get Ready to Celebrate the Birthday of the Trees! Tu B'Shevat Nosh on Friday, January 19 at 6:00pm, will be vegetarian and highlight the special foods of Tu B'Shevat, with a brief explainer that evening from Cantor Rebecca Garfein.

**January 19 @ 6PM**







TEMPLE SINAI  
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# JANUARY MONTHLY SHABBAT DINNER

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

FOLLOWING 6PM\*  
SHABBAT SERVICE

**RSVP REQUIRED!**

*\*please note earlier service time*



# SINAI'S DAY AT THE MUSEUM

MUSEUM OF THE  
**SOUTHERN  
JEWISH**  
EXPERIENCE

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14  
2PM | 818 HOWARD AVE.**

**TICKETS - \$12 >**

Join your Temple Sinai family as we have a special guided tour of MSJE's new exhibit, "A Better Life for Their Children: Julius Rosenwald, Booker T. Washington, and the 4,978 Schools that Changed America."

*Through photographs and stories collected by photographer Andrew Feiler, a 5th generation Jewish Georgian, the exhibit tells the unique history of how Sears Roebuck co-founder Julius Rosenwald and Tuskegee Institute leader Booker T. Washington together conceived of a plan to provide better educational opportunities for black children across 15 Southern states between 1912-1932.*

## A Better Life for Their Children

JULIUS ROSENWALD, BOOKER T. WASHINGTON,  
AND THE 4,978 SCHOOLS THAT CHANGED AMERICA  
PHOTOGRAPHS AND STORIES BY ANDREW FEILER  
WITH A FOREWORD BY CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS



# SINAI NIGHT

AT THE PELICANS



**5:30PM** Happy Hour in Smoothie King Center (exact location will be emailed closer to gameday).  
**7PM** Pelicans vs. Utah Jazz. Includes group picture on the basketball court of all Temple Sinai attendees!  
**Cost: \$12 per ticket.**

**RSVP BY JAN. 12 >**

**JANUARY 23**  
**@7PM**

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**VS**



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT**

**LIVE**

**7PM | ZOOM**

**Rabbi Daniel Sherman**

**JANUARY 10**  
**JANUARY 17**

Join us on-line on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm for study and discussion, as we explore a variety of topics. This month we will continue to discuss the situation in Israel and the war with Hamas. We will also discuss other current events and Jewish news items that affect us locally, nationally, and around the world.

*If you would like to suggest topics for future classes and discussions, please contact Rabbi Sherman.*



# Trivia Night

Join JNOLA and the Temple Sinai  
Young Professionals in a trivia  
competition!

6:30PM  
Tuesday, January 9th

\*Community lead  
program!

Urban South  
1645 Tchoupitoulas St



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MARCH  
SUNDAY | 03 | 4:00 PM  
2024

TEMPLE SINAI'S ANNUAL

# GALA

featuring Cantor Rebecca Garfein's  
captivating one-woman show,  
*Cantorful!*

*Patron party, raffle, specialty cocktail,  
wine & hors d'oeuvres*

Event Chairs:  
Jack & Jennifer Benjamin



SCAN FOR TICKETS

Pavilion of the Two Sisters  
at City Park  
3 Victory Ave.



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TICKETS MUST BE  
PURCHASED BY  
JANUARY 15 TO BE  
INCLUDED IN THE  
PRINTED INVITATION





## GOLDRING JEWISH SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE GRANT

**APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 1, 2024**

First-time campers are eligible for a one-time-only incentive grant of up to \$1,500 to attend a nonprofit Jewish summer camp and must meet grant criteria:

- Camp must be on the approved list
- For campers entering grades 1 through 9
- Grants are not based on financial need, both parents need not be Jewish

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# Hatikvah HOPE REBORN

SAVE THE DATE FOR A MUSICAL EVENT EXPLORING THE  
INCREDIBLE ORIGINS OF ISRAEL'S NATIONAL ANTHEM

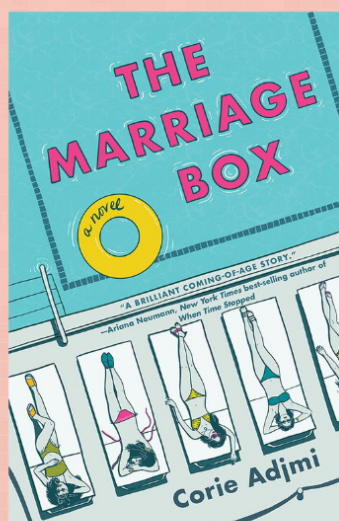
Saturday, February 24, 2024 | 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Louis J. Roussel Performance Hall  
Loyola University New Orleans



Jewish Federation  
of Greater New Orleans

# The Marriage Box



Book talk with  
**Corie Adjmi**



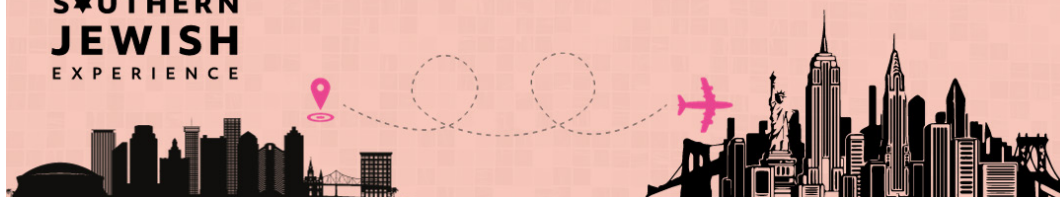
Wednesday,  
January 10 | 6:30PM

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two cities and two Jewish worlds

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The Temple Sinai Sisterhood

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### CHANUKAH ON THE AVENUE

The Temple Sinai Sisterhood

### GLASS HALF FULL RECYCLING PROGRAM

Jolene Fehler and Robert Rothman

Judy Schwartz and Christopher Schneidau

## MAZAL TOV!

Ella Joann Haspel born 11/20/23 to proud parents **Caroline and Sean Haspel**, granddaughter of **Amy & John Haspel**.

Presley Greenberg, daughter of Diana and Sean Greenberg, granddaughter of **Barbara Greenberg and late Mark Greenberg, z"l**, became a Bat Mitzvah at Temple Beth Shalom in Austin, TX on December 2, 2023.

Rae Lee Nierman, born on 12/4/23 to proud parents, **Jonathan & Jennifer Nierman**, grandparents **Stanley & Jane Cohn, Ronald & Jacalyn Nierman** and greatgrandmother, **Ina Lee Sear**

## MAZAL TOV ON BECOMING A BAR MITZVAH!

# Benjamin Joseph DiCristina

January 6 2024  
25 Tevet 5784



Benjamin's first and middle names are Hebrew. Benjamin means *son of the right hand*. Benjamin's older sister, Abigail, chose his name more than two years before he was born. Benjamin loves that his nickname, Ben, means *son*. Abby could not have chosen a more perfect name for her baby brother, Ben.

Abby and Ben's parents, Lara and Shane DiCristina, chose Ben's Hebrew name. His Hebrew and middle name is Joseph after his maternal great-grandfather, Dr. Joseph Namer. Joseph means *G-d will add*. After years of prayers, G-d added Ben to the DiCristina family on the sixth night of Hanukkah in 2010. Ben's family considers Ben to be their Hanukkah miracle. Ben can be best described using a single Yiddish word: *mensch*. *Mensch* is a Yiddish word meaning "a person of integrity and honor". Ben has a strong moral compass. Ben quickly identifies the child who is shy, lonely, or struggling and befriends him or her.

He advocates for children who are being teased or left out. He rescues animals and often adopts his rescues as pets. Ben loves to laugh. Overhearing someone refer to Ben as a *mensch*, typically triggers his infectious laughter. He is convinced that Yiddish is a language that makes nearly every word sound hilarious. Ben is very proud of being Jewish and welcomes the opportunity to teach others about his religion. Ben loves sports. Ben's dad coaches him in nearly every sport at Pontiff Playground. Ben's teams have won several championships. Ben loves that his dad coaches him, his lifelong best friend, Jack, and his best friends from Haynes Academy. In addition to playing sports at Pontiff Playground, Ben is on the Haynes Academy soccer, basketball, and football teams. Ben also plans to try out for the track team. Ben has a grey belt in JuJitsu. During the summer, Ben trains at the Duke Academy Sports Performance Camp. Ben is a natural leader. He is the class president at Haynes Academy, a position he has held for two consecutive years. Ben has a large extended family. His sister Abby, his grandparents, numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins, bonus aunts, bonus uncles, and bonus cousins, and his best friends are at the top of his list of favorite people.



## Dec. 31-Jan.6

Jeffrey Barnett Ampolsk	Cora Steeg Goldberg	Rosa Levy Levy	Abraham Solomon
Max Antis	Henry Graeber	Margot Levy	Aaron Steeg
Herman M. Baginsky	Amelia Greenwald	Retta Fisher Loeb	Mollie Steinberg
Milton Berke	E. Jones Gutheim	Shirley Malkove	Bertha Rosenthal Stern
Gladys Levy Bernstein	Jonas Hiller	Leo M. Mervis	Bessye Lieber Stern
Saralyn Plantowsky Bronfin	Bernard Himan Hirsberg	Lazar Max Murov	Kenneth Thompson, III
Fred L. Chamness	Flora Okun Hirsberg	Walter C. Preston	Joan Tuchman
Bessie Clark Davis	Alphonse Hirsch	Jacob Rabinowitz	Margaret Veta
Joseph Hugo Epstein, Jr.	Mary Felicia Holub	Moise Schornstein, Jr.	Emma Annette Weinberger
Miriam Fendig Field	Soevah Sachs Jacobs	Audrey Horowitz Seltzer	August K. Worms
Rabbi Allen Isaac Freehling	Melvyn Kossover	Solomon "Sol" Shnaider	

## January 7-13

Rachael G. Benjamin	Werner Friedmann	Ruby K. Levy	Jane Blumenthal Steiner
Fannie Durman Bograd	Stephen Goldring	M. Waldo Mayer	Manfred Sternberg, Sr.
Lisa Brener	S. Herbert Hirsch	Emanuel Meyer	Joseph Taussig
Edith Levy Brenner	Bessye F. Holberg	Ellis Mintz	Roman Urbach
Stanley M. Bressler	Ellen Spear Jandorf	Claire D. Sternberg Preston	Edith S. Weil
Myron Burnstein	Raphael Rosenberg Jiedel	Dr. Herbert Bernard Rothschild	Barbara Glazer Weinstein
Beatrice Davis	Naum Khaimsky	Everett Francis Rubenstein	William Wolf Weiss
Lara Suzanne Deutsch	Elsie Landauer Kullman	Faye Barton Sherman	Samuel Zemurray, Jr.
Helen Dalrymple Dresner	Leonard B. Levy	William T. Shore	

## January 14-20

Juliet Wolf Adler	Rose Lazard Israel	Lena Sternfels Meyer	Warren Stern
Moise Alaynick	Ethel Landau Jacobs	David R. Miller	Essie Forcheimer Strauss
Dorlene L. Alaynick	Peggy Jacobs	Isabella H. Moutte	Meyer Sutton
David Baar	Ray Kahn	Bessie Blitz Rabinowitz	Emile Weil
Joan S. Berenson	Sadie Schwartz Kern	Arthur G. Rosenbaum	Sandra R. Weinstein
Theo Berkson	Adrian Stephen Kornman	Stanford H. Rosenthal	Louise Wolbrette Wolf
Rodney Davis, Jr.	Bernard J. Kullman, II	Sara Alcus Schornstein	Helen Wolff
Henry B. Elsas	Freida Levine	Pauline Schwerd	Robert Louis Yuspeh, Jr.
Amalia Isaac Emsheimer	Gus B. Levy	David H. Seelig	Robert Louis Yuspeh, Sr.
Joseph M. Greenberg	Rosalie Meyer Loeb	Samuel Harold Singer	Sol Zelman
Mary Newstadt Hyman	Shirley Malkove	Marion Bergson Steeg	

## January 21-27

Herbert Barton	Delphine Aron Hirsch	Sarah W. Marcuse	Lillian Shiff Stein
Nettie Brown Chaplin	Sara Kahn	Hattye Weil Meyer	Dr. Melvin D. Steiner
Irving B. Cohen	Sara Blum Klein	Dotty Gold Nathan	Bernard Tuchman
Joseph Dinkelspiel	Ida Rittenberg Kohlmeyer	Ariel B. Newman, Jr.	Dr. Edmund F. Walker
Ida Orkin Gamsu	Bruce George Levy	Sandra Peilen Heller	Joseph D. Weiner
Lynne Weinberger Goldman	Mathias Levy	Harold Rubin	Clarice G. Weinstein
Rose Mintz Goldstein	Jack London	Paula Shapiro	Betty Zelman
Richard Godchaux Hirsch	Ethel Segal Mansfield	Herman Sina	

## Jan. 28-Feb. 3

Irma Hirsch Ackerman	Marvin L. Goldman	Charlotte McArthur Kornman	Anna Soboloff
Jack Alden	Irving Goldstein	Lloyd Max Lowy	Moise S. Steeg, Sr.
Frank Mayer Bestoff	Emily Hart Rosen	Joseph Albert Miller	Hannah Betty Prins
Ruby Shayn Blumenthal	Therese R. Hausmann	Theresa B. Montague	Blumenthal Stich
Eva Forcheimer	Gabe Hausmann	Rose Newman Mopsik	Alice M. Weiss
Jean Frank	Babette "Babs" Isaacson	Hannah Lowy Neumann	Eva Simon Welsch
Rachel Wassman Gelfius	Jay Morton Jalenak	John H. Norman	Jules Wolbrette

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

### JANUARY 1

Alissa Bartkus  
Tatiana Tuman

### JANUARY 2

Robert Morris, IV  
Samuel Siegel  
Judy Simkin

### JANUARY 3

Maureen Fanberg  
Jeremy Tuman

### JANUARY 5

Kendra Glazer

### JANUARY 6

Alfred Abramson

### JANUARY 7

Jack Benjamin, III  
Shea McCoy  
Karen Pinsky  
Ruth Rosenthal

### JANUARY 8

Haley Fried  
Faith Weiss

### JANUARY 9

Parrish Abramson  
Elizabeth Brodt  
Frank Friedler

### JANUARY 10

Kevin Steiner  
Cathie Weinstein

### JANUARY 11

Alan Franco

### JANUARY 12

James Fried  
Harvey Herstein

### JANUARY 13

Michael Bronfin  
John Delamatre  
Emily Greenblatt

### JANUARY 14

Jeffrey Cohn  
Joan Feibelman  
Sheila Gold

Melissa Marshall

### JANUARY 15

Judge Robin M. Giarrusso

### JANUARY 16

Becca Brenner-Grooss

### JANUARY 17

Mary Daughtrey  
A. Keith Katz  
Daniel Tuman

### JANUARY 18

George Bradshaw  
Carin Entrekin  
Dora Africk

### JANUARY 19

Danielle Rosenfeld

### JANUARY 20

Aria Rickoll  
Wiley Thorpe

### JANUARY 21

Max Klein

### JANUARY 22

Kathy Kornman  
Jacob Walker

### JANUARY 23

Joseph Billiot  
Rachel Moring

### JANUARY 24

Ellis Murov  
Sarah Cahn  
Joshua Colman  
Martin Covert  
Deborah Fallis  
Beth Kessler  
Eli Lowenburg  
Stephen Sontheimer

### JANUARY 25

Jill Dupre  
Michael Perlstein  
Sue Warshauer-Hall

### JANUARY 26

Nathan Africk  
Philip Frank, Jr.  
Jeffrey Hardin  
Dr. Cedric Walker

### JANUARY 27

Dr. Marc Bernstein  
Terry Kronberger  
Phyllis Stern

### JANUARY 28

Lawrence Kornman  
Dr. Charles Simonson

### JANUARY 29

Billy Barker  
Jack Benjamin, Jr.  
Lauren Jacobs  
Maline Levy-Berenger  
Audrey Sternberg Raphael

### JANUARY 31

Joshua Mayer  
Max Merlin  
Eli Solomon  
Lynda Warshauer

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Sarah & Cory Cahn  
Alice Davidson & Peter M. Wolf  
Leslie & Scott Jacobs  
Mary & Lawrence Kornman

Pamela & Jack Lyles  
Nan & Robert MacMaster  
Andrea & Robert Morris, III  
Danielle & Wesley Rosenfeld

## ***THE DEPARTED WHOM WE NOW REMEMBER - MAY THEIR MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING***

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