

TheBA Bulletin

The newsletter of Congregation B'nai Amoona

Winter 2023

GIFTS FOR GOD?



With the “December dilemma” and the “holiday season” a fading memory, it may take you a moment to recall the “gifts and gifts.” At times there may be the urge to “get into the spirit” with our Christian counterparts, and there is nothing wrong with being festive (and quite opportune that Hanukkah fell right into the same time frame).

Jews, too, are gift givers, just taking a slightly different slant. With Purim approaching, our “M.O.” is to give gifts to each other in two different ways. Mishloach Manot, which are typically gifts of food or drink sent to friends, relatives, neighbors, teachers and business associates, along with Matanot La'Evyonim, which are gifts to the poor. You pick the mode and method as the Jewish and non-Jewish array is legion.

It is interesting that all of our Torah portions (Parshiot) around the same time of Purim from the Book of Exodus involve gifts, except these gifts are for God. As we are marching through the wilderness, we begin to build the Tabernacle with God constantly on our minds and in our hearts: in Parashat Terumah, where we are given instructions on how to build the Tabernacle, through Parashat Vayekhel/Pekudei, in which the instructions are repeated with specific details about the gifts to bring to God.

The question for us today is: “What does it mean to bring gifts for God into our lives?” We no longer live in a sacrificial society or bring building material to adorn the Tabernacle and later the Temple. Can we still give gifts to our Creator? One need only look at our beautiful Wolff Family Sanctuary to see our ancestors “gifts to God.”

Conversely, we should constantly think of the gifts God has provided us. Every Shabbat we announce God's salvation daily (Basru M'yom L'yom Yeshuato) in Psalm 95, not by just acknowledging God's openly miraculous beings but the mundane happenings that are also Heavenly gifts. We are granted the opportunity over the next few months leading into Passover to re-evaluate and “see” ourselves during this time of the year and determine if we are adhering to our Rosh Hashanah resolutions.

My challenge for all of us is to use this time to think about the many-fold gifts we already have in our lives and how we can aid those around us. These next few months instead of thinking about material gifts, think about those gifts you can give to Klal Yisrael, B'nai Amoona, and the world at large; the opportunities are limitless.

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Mazel Tov to the following BA members for being named as 2023 JProStl Peer Award Honorees:

Liessa Alperin,

B'nai Amoona Director of Innovative Learning, Youth, & Engagement,
Career Achievement Award

Jennifer Bernstein,

NCJWSTL Advocacy Manager,
Pillar Award

Debbi Braunstein,

Shasheret Supports STL Program Manager at The J,
Chesed/Kindness Award

The JProStl community will also recognize **Lynn Wittels**,
President & CEO of the St. Louis JCC for her impact on
The J and the St. Louis Jewish community.

You are invited to join us in celebrating all of the 2023 JProStl honorees
on Thursday, March 9, in-person at The J. Doors open at 2 and
program begins at 3:00 pm. Register online at www.jfedstl.org.



CONGREGATION
B'NAI AMOONA PRESENTS:

PURIM

PALOOZA

UNDER THE BIG TENT

MONDAY, MARCH 6 5:00 PM

5:00 PM: EVENT BEGINS
5:30 PM: DINNER
6:15 PM: MINCHA & MA'ARIV
6:30 PM: MEGILLAH!

THE GREATEST SHUL ON EARTH!

ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDES:
STROLLING PERFORMERS ▲ FACE PAINTING ▲ BALLOON ARTISTS
CIRCUS SHOW ▲ CIRCUS LESSONS ▲ SENSORY ROOM

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL ATTENDEES
AND FOR ORDERING DINNER

Menu: hamburgers/hot dogs/veggie burgers, chips,
veggie & hummus cup, beverage

Today Rabbah to our Spectacular Sponsors:
Arleen & Phillip Korenblat, Rhonda & Andy Oberman,
and Andrew Schwebel

save the date

SECOND NIGHT PASSOVER FAMILY SEDER

**THURSDAY, APRIL 6
5:30 PM**

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Passover information, including our schedule
and forms for Maot Chittim (gifts for those in
need) and Mechirat Chametz (selling chametz),
can be found online at:
www.bnaiaamoonaa.com/Passover5783

What is an Annual “Rolling” Fundraiser, & Why Should You Care?



Every year organizations fundraise for a variety of reasons. At B'nai Amoona, we fundraise to supplement and balance our budget. Although mentioned many times before, it bears repeating:

“Dues alone do NOT serve to sustain the operating budget.” Our budget is supplemented by the extraordinary generosity of our Benefactors and by each member who supports our programs, events, and fundraising efforts. It is also supported by our amazing volunteers who step up to assist, further saving B'nai Amoona precious dollars. However, additional funds are always needed to balance our budget and ensure fiscal viability.

This year, to engage an even greater number of our members, an annual “rolling” fundraiser was designed – “From Play (LRECC) to Pray (BA)” – celebrating the LRECC’s 50th anniversary and sustaining and supporting 50 more years of excellence for BA. There have been a variety of fundraising opportunities, to date, and there will continue to be more opportunities in the next months. Ideally, one or more of these “mini” or “rolling” fundraisers will resonate with, and ultimately involve, a larger group of our members in support.

Sunday, March 26, we will hold our LRECC 50 Years Reunion Brunch, another “mini” fundraiser, for all past teachers, students, parents, and more.

Please mark your calendar!

For those who are able, we are also offering sponsorship opportunities for a one-time gift of support for our annual “From Play to Pray” fundraiser. The following are sponsor gift categories:

- \$360 - \$539 Give & Grow
- \$540 - \$1,079 Share & Care
- \$1,080 - \$1,799 Gracious Giver
- \$1,800 - \$3,599 Imagining the Future
- \$3,600 - \$5,399 Visionary
- \$5,400 and above... Dream Maker

We raised \$21,730, as of early January, from our generous members who have stepped up to the plate as sponsors.

Our most special thanks to:
Anonymous
Rabbi Jeffrey & Lauren Abraham
Shelley & Bruce Edwards
Diane & Paul Gallant
Nikki & Andrew Goldfeder
Harvey Greenstein
Enid Weisberg-Frank & Bruce Frank
Anita & Ken Kraus
Shelly & Barry Milder
Cantor Sharon & Michael Nathanson
Linda & Michael Rosenblatt
Jackson Salasky
Beth Saltzman
Jennifer & Matt Smith
Rachel & Alan Taxman
Phyllis & Gary Traub
Amy & Eric Wallerstein

We have the critically important goal of raising \$110,000 (or more!) to fulfill our budgetary obligation. By early January, 2023, we raised a total of \$50,891 (including sponsorships). I share specific numbers with our Congregation to both say thank you to those of you who have given and reach out with our specific need(s) to those who have not.

Finally, we will culminate our year of fundraising with a complimentary early June Jubilee – a celebratory day of fun activities for all to enjoy as our way of showing our gratitude – a thank you for being BA members, a thank you for being a part of our LRECC, a thank you for caring, a thank you for participating, and especially, a huge thank you, Todah Rabbah, for giving!

For me, “development” and “opportunity” are synonymous. Opportunities abound at B'nai Amoona! Success will best be measured if our members are aware of the opportunities, share in the excitement and ultimately, through their giving, receive fulfillment and joy. No gift is ever too small for that gratifying process to take place.

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Yasher Koach (Great Job) Benjamin Kruger & Chase Waldman

Sixteen year olds Benjamin Kruger and Chase Waldman spoke during our MLK Shabbat Commemoration on January 14. They shared their experiences participating in Cultural Leadership and spoke about the importance of working for peace and racial equality. We are proud to share their speeches with you.

I could describe for you the itinerary. I could tell you where we went, what we did, and who we spoke to. I could speak about the Emmet Till Memorial off the side of Money, Mississippi, or the hallowed steps of 16th Street Saint Baptist Church, or the vacant synagogue in Selma, Alabama where a congregation used to live. I could tell you how my hands shook at the Lynching Museum in Montgomery, or how my heart ached in the Holocaust museum in DC. I could tell you how the prejudice, the oppression, and the hate made my soul cry.

But I'd prefer to speak about hope. It is the dream that the human race will do better. And it was the reality for the people of Cultural Leadership Class of 2017. Because no matter how heartbreaking the day had been, we would stay up all night vivaciously debating the conditions of a perfect society, the moral justification of the death penalty, and the best way to eat an Oreo.

With the theme of hope, and the experience of the transformational journey, I've come to an understanding about my own identity. I was born a Jew, but that's not why I'm Jewish. To be Jewish means to choose Judaism every day. It means to be a part of a Kehillah, a community. It means waking up every day with a blessing, grateful for another opportunity to put good into the world. It means living

each day with the intent to honor the ignored, advocate for the quiet, and fight for the oppressed.

Unfortunately, choosing Jewish identity can be a dangerous thing. At every moment of its existence: every joyous dance, every thoughtful prayer, and every song of worship, the endless threat of anti-semitism lurks nearby.

But the Jews are a people held together by hope. Hope that the Jew will resist the allure of evil and wrongdoing. Hope that the Jew will live to uphold the tenets of their faith, treating every human with dignity and respect. Hope that the day will come when the Jew no longer fears the destruction of their physical body by the external hatred of their spiritual identity. And hope that when the world screams out in hatred, the Jew will remember the beautiful, harrowing words of Martin Luther King Jr:

“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.”

Thank you.

Benjamin
Benjamin Kruger

Hello, my name is Chase Waldman, and I am a troublemaker of the best kind.

In the Cultural Leadership program, that is one of the best qualities to have. How I interpret being a “troublemaker of the best kind” is the ability to notice problems in society and be willing to do what it takes to help effectively change it.

One way is through education, and during our trip last summer we learned a lot about different aspects of the oppressions that make up society.

There were two very influential locations for me that we visited during the trip, like when we went to Money, Mississippi, which is where Emmett Till was lynched.

For those who may not know, Emmett Till was a young black boy accused of flirting with a white woman at a grocery store in 1955.

We visited the grocery store. Seeing what the grocery store looks like now, and how destroyed it is, is just awful. This left me furious, because of what the owners allowed the building to become, and how they still want to sell it for 4 million dollars.

The lynching that happened there is known as the catalyst for the civil rights movement, and now the location is treated like actual garbage. That sentence, by itself, is enough to cause frustration.

And that frustration is part of what

Cultural Leadership and all social activists use to create change. Sometimes it is violent frustration, but usually it's peaceful frustration, like for the people who marched in Bloody Sunday. Bloody Sunday occurred on the Edmund Pettus Bridge, in Selma, Alabama, and we were fortunate enough to be able to not only visit, but walk on the bridge.

We walked down in two lines and the moment was surreal as I was reflecting on the events that occurred in 1965 on the very road I was standing on.

It took a lot for me to fully understand that the very pavement I was walking on, once had blood running down it and regular people, peacefully making a statement, were killed.

All in all, the experience was one of a kind and something never to forget. The ability to see different locations that caused such a change can give anyone the sense of the problems we have in our country and in the world.

There are problems we need to act on immediately, and with the help of lessons learned in Cultural Leadership and everyone here, we can achieve equality.

Thank you.

Chase
Chase Waldman

Under the Big Tent



I've always loved the circus! When our kids were little (and not so little) we went to see Circus Flora every single year! Jessica Hentoff, Artistic/Executive Director and Founder of Circus Harmony, has always been someone I admire. I will admit my love for the circus is not because of any particular act or performance. My admiration and appreciation is for the underlying messaging of circus life.

Where else can you find a place where so many diverse personalities, talents, strengths, and life choices can be found ALL UNDER ONE BIG TENT!?!?! I believe in diversity. I believe in

inclusion. I believe in viewing life from a strengths perspective. I believe that each individual is created B'tzelem Eloheim, inspired by God.

For all these reasons and more, I love the circus...and I recognize how B'nai Amoona is also just like a circus, everyone under One Big Tent. Each day I get to spend time with members under our Big Tent! Our Kehillah (community) is filled with people with stories to share, lives to learn from, and experiences to have.

February is Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion month. Although I feel like it should be all year, I recognize that a month to highlight how important it is has significance. B'nai Amoona has open doors, windows, and scaffolding that

supports all people. When we are doing things well; no person should feel separated from our community. We are all under the same "Big Tent."

In March we will celebrate the holiday of Purim, a holiday where there are many characters. One of my favorites is Esther, for she used her voice for good. It took strength, courage, and assurance from her family, but ultimately she learned not to hide her identity; rather she learned to proudly share who she was and support others. Where everyone had a voice and a place in the One BigTent.

I hope each of you will join me on **Monday, March 6th** under our One Big.Tent. We are having a joyful and fun night together, celebrating Purim with Circus Harmony! There will be

people here with all types of talents sharing who they are, telling their stories, and giving each of us new experiences. Then we will chant and retell the Megillah Esther! Together, in our Sanctuary, we will hear how one individual used their voice for good and made a difference for everyone living in the tent. We all belong here. We are all B'tzelem Eloheim. We all have a place under our One Big Tent.

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What's Happening in the LRECC



Where did you go to preschool? Ahhh, the age old St. Louis question but with a twist! If you are in your mid 50's you may be one of our first alumni! We have a reunion planned on Sunday, March 26, to celebrate The Linda Rotskoff ECC turning 50 this year and we invite you to join us. All past teachers, students, parents, and more are invited to this "mini" fundraiser to reminisce and commemorate this momentous occasion.

BA and LRECC have several mini fundraisers planned as we work towards raising \$100,000 for the "Play to Pray" campaign this year. While we may not have 50 mini fundraisers planned, we do have many opportunities and ways to support our LRECC during this milestone year. In early February many of you showed your support and helped us move closer to our GOAL by participating in our Super Bowl inspired game, Super Squares. Congrats to our

winners!

Keep an eye out on all the ways you participate and help us make LRECC available for future generations. Large or small, every contribution is going to help, every dollar counts towards our goal.

This is turning out to be a very special and fun year for LRECC. And, the best is still to come! Thank you for any help and support you give.

While we may not have met yet, please know my door is always open. I would love to show you around the school. Amazing moments are happening here. Give me a call and come take a peek for yourself!

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LRECC 2023-2024 Registration Now Open:
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Looking to Make a Difference?



We Need YOU!

The B'nai Amoona Camps (ages 6 weeks - 8th Grade) are looking to hire counselors, lifeguards, and swim instructors entering 9th Grade and older for a memorable summer of fun and leadership development.


Contact Kyla Gersten, kyla@bnaiamoona.com
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Thank you to our new and returning camp families who joined us for our Winter Camp Meet-Up! It was a blast!

Feel free to contact me with any camp questions you have.

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The Art Gallery at B'nai Amoona – Winter Exhibition

B'nai Amoona is privileged to exhibit the extraordinary art of five prominent St. Louis artists. Four of the artists, Lenore Pepper, Jill Nassau, Mark Koritz, and Jonathan Levy have their work hanging in the Krupat Oberman Community Lounge and the Guller Chapel lobby. The fifth artist Dganit Moreno is a ceramicist and her striking pottery is in the display case opposite our History Timeline Wall. Each artist offers a different and impressive style that you will find exciting.

The next time you are in Shul take the time to view this outstanding exhibit. The art is available for purchase at a variety of price points. You may find a piece to brighten a wall or freshen up a nook in your home. Whether you acquire a piece or simply view the works, you will be enlightened and in awe.

The exhibit started on January 23 and will end on March 17th. There will also be a reception Sunday, March 12th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm to meet the artists. Our open house reception will include wine and cheese.

Everyone is encouraged to view the exhibit and attend the reception. Tell a friend, and bring a non-member!

THE ART GALLERY AT B'NAI AMOONA PROUDLY PRESENTS:

The Art of



Mark Koritz
Abstract Painter



Jill Nassau
Mixed Media Figurative Artist



Jonathan Levy
Painter



Lenore Pepper
Painter



Dganit Moreno
Contemporary Ceramist

For Display & Purchase

Exhibit January 23 through March 17

You are invited to meet the artists at a reception Sunday, March 12 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm

The Art Committee

B'NAI AMOONA SISTERHOOD

We hope your new year is off to a great start!! We have many new programs this spring and hope you will take advantage of them. If you're not a current member, it's not too late to join. Just go to www.bnaiamoona.com/sisterhood.

We had a wonderful soup and salad cooking program with Rachel Persellin-Armoza. Everything was delicious! Along with Men's Club, we hosted the staff Hanukkah lunch, catered by Papa Mark Catering (Jon Hoffman). Everyone enjoyed it.

And...so many of our members joined in on the Culinary History of Jews in America with comedian Seth Front. It was so fun laughing with the other 20 Sisterhood chapters from around the country.

Please help share the love of Purim by supporting our main fundraiser, **Sisterhood is Loved Beyond Measure**. Become a Mishloach Manot sponsor and your name will be included on the gift bag card for Klei Kodesh and Sisterhood members.

Donation levels are:

Shushan - \$36

Mordechai - \$54

Vashti - \$72

Hamantaschen - \$180

Queen Esther - \$360

The Whole Megillah - \$540

Deadline is February 16. To sponsor, please go online.

Also, please mark your calendars for Sunday morning March 12th as we take a tour of the new Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum. This is a Sisterhood only event and registration is required. If you aren't a member yet, please join online at bnaiamoona.com/form/sis22mmbr

You are also invited to join us on Sunday, April 16th for our Passover Mimouna program. It is an exuberant Moroccan custom not to be missed - watch for details.

On Monday evening, May 22nd, we will present The Conversation Project with Rabbi Jessica Shafirin, manager of pastoral care at SSM St. Joseph Hospitals – St. Charles, Lake St. Louis and Wentzville. We will be discussing advance directives, living wills and other topics.

Your co-presidents,

Diane & Elise

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MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT



**SAVE THE DATE
SHABBAT MORNING,
MARCH 4**



PASSOVER

Wednesday Evening, April 5 - Thursday, April 13

All are invited to join us for our Pesach services and events including our family-friendly, congregational Second Seder on Thursday, April 6! Please visit our Passover Webpage for our full schedule as well as Maot Chittim (gifts for those in need) and Mechirat Chametz (selling Chametz).

Main Passover Webpage:
www.bnaiamoona.com/Passover5783

We will also have printed Passover packets available at our front desk and anyone who would like to request a mailed packet may do so by calling our office at 314-576-9990.

Mazel Tovs

Leonard J. Frankel, husband of **Julie Frankel**, for being honored with the 2022 Interfaith Achievement Award to commemorate his years of service and activism in the St. Louis interfaith community.

Gloria and Mark Roberts and Sharon and Jerry Schnayer of Glencoe, IL on the birth of their granddaughter, Natalie Kira Schnayer. Proud parents are Stacey and Jonathan Schnayer of Deerfield, IL. Big brother is Levi Richard Schnayer. Great-grandparents are Reva and Paul Roberts of Memphis, TN.

Our BA members who were honored as Unsung Heroes: **Sam Deutsch, Julie Frankel, and Caroline Goldenberg**.

Gloria and Sandy (Z”L) Spitzer on the birth of their great-grandson, Zakai David born to Rabbi Rafi Spitzer and Rachael Besser, and **Mazel Tov** to **Linda and Richard Gavatin** on the birth of their great-nephew. Proud grandparents are Jeffrey and Rabbi Miriam Spitzer. Very excited older siblings are Ellie and Jonah.

Diane and Paul Gallant on being honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award by JSU (Jewish Student Union).

Maria and Anthony Cohen and Chuck and Shari Warshaver on the birth of their grandson, Brooks Jacob Cohen. Proud parents are Steven and Liza Cohen.

Jessica and Brandon Rosen on the birth of their son, **Brady Samuel Rosen**. Proud grandparents are **Sharon and Michael Rosen**, Linda Sikora and Kevin Purdy. Great-grandparents are **Barbara and Harry Shechter**, Hans and Gisela (Z”L) Sikora and Harriet and Stanley (Z”L) Waxberg.

Leah and Brayan Marin on the birth of their daughter, **Olivia Grace Marin**. Proud grandparents are **Bruce & Faith Waxman**, Yanira Ramirez, and Edwin Marin, and proud great-grandparents, **Marvin & Sandy Greenberg**, and Charles and Gloria Waxman, (Z”L).

Sheryl Kalman on her acceptance into the Jewish Studio Project (JSP) Fellowship. JSP’s mission is to cultivate creativity as a Jewish practice for spiritual connection and social transformation.

February, March & April B’nai Mitzvah



February 4, 2023
Twilight Bar Mitzvah of Avi Whitson,
son of Emelynn Hasky and Paul Whitson



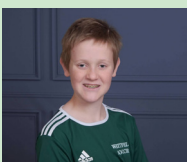
February 18, 2023:
Bat Mitzvah of Orly Cohn,
daughter of Plia and Creighton Cohn



March 25, 2023:
Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Schack,
son of Sara and Jonathan Schack



April 15, 2023:
Bar Mitzvah of Brayden Miederhoff,
son of Heather and Brant Miederhoff



April 22, 2023:
Bar Mitzvah of Asher Brown,
son of Kelli and Jeremy Brown



April 29, 2023:
Bar Mitzvah of Liam Peters,
son of Rachael and Neil Peters

As of 1/6/23

Condolences

The Congregation extends heartfelt
sympathy to the families of:

Marvin Beckerman
Carol Ann Blinder
Mildred “Millie” Feinberg
Rosellen “Rosie” Feinstein
Abraham Jacob “Jack” Finkelstein
Maurice Guller
Ronald L. Heller
Barry Iken
Ronald Kornblum

Leta Lipman
Allen Gary Madden
Dolores “Dolly” Newport
Ivonne Phillips
Sanford Jay “Sandy” Spitzer
Karen Suzanne “Sue” Tennenbaum
R. Thomas “Tom” Tucker

May their memories be a source of blessing!

As of 1/6/23



Amazon has recently announced that it will discontinue its AmazonSmile charitable contributions program on **Monday, February 20**. B’nai Amoona has benefitted greatly from AmazonSmile, and we encourage you to utilize it as much as possible before it closes.

Simply visit smile.amazon.com, choose B’nai Amoona as your preferred charity, and a portion of your purchase will go back to BA. Thank you and happy shopping!

Last date to make purchases through AmazonSmile: Monday, February 20

In Tribute

Yahrzeits in Memory of Arnold Tobin <i>Shelley & Barry Milder</i>	Betty Rosen Kahan <i>Ellen Kahan</i>	Jack Wallace, Gloria Karoll, Seymour Karoll, Rose Ann Kronick, Abraham Karoll <i>Leonard Karoll</i>	<i>Maria & Anthony Cohen Sue & Marc Lapp Amy & Larry Perlmutter Rachel & Alan Taxman</i>
Melvin Askuvich <i>J. Michael Askuvich</i>	Sadie Tzinberg, Joseph Tzinberg <i>Shirley Tzinberg</i>	Louis & Jeannette Sandler <i>Leatrice & Stephen Sandler</i>	Ron Heller <i>Arlene Rosen O'Connell Leslie & Ron Becker Lanie & Milton Goldenberg Bonnie & Steve Davis Barbara Green Beryl & Warren Davis Deanna & Lee Witt Cheryl Perl Fran & Harvey Cantor Sue & Marc Lapp and Jerry Lapp Denny & Carl Greenberg Laurie Prelutsky Barb & Stuart Meyer Estelle & Frank Keller Arlene Goodman & Stan Towerman Arleene Zawada Vivian Zvibleman Barbara & Jerry Opinsky Carla & Leonard Weintraub Dotty & Jim Ellis Marla & Gary Goldstein</i>
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Joe Hirschberg <i>Amy & Elie Bachar</i>	<i>Henry Lee Louise Frohlichstein</i>	Yale Drazen <i>Erica & Jeffrey Drazen</i>	
Lillian Schoenfeld <i>Anne & Marc Schoenfeld</i>	Judy Gold <i>Norman Gold</i>	Jeanne Milder <i>Shelly & Barry Milder</i>	
Issac Rotskoff, Estelle Slumpsky <i>Judi & Ken Rotskoff</i>	Jewel, Rose & Wil Simon <i>Sandy & Scott Simon</i>	Brian J. Smith <i>Rachael Green-Smith</i>	
Benjamin Tallin <i>Richard Tallin</i>	Eva Friedman <i>Marcia Schechter</i>	George Perlmutter <i>Larry Perlmutter</i>	
Ruzenna Levy <i>Milton Hieken</i>	Marion Perlmutter <i>Joel Perlmutter</i>	Wolf Hoffman <i>Barb & Bob Hoffman</i>	
Rose Gerstein Kanter <i>Wilma & Harvey Gerstein</i>	Harold Franklin <i>Syd Pessen</i>	Harry Fine <i>Marcia Handler</i>	Rachyl E. Cooke <i>John Duerson</i>
Freda Olschwanger <i>Barbara & Harry Shechter</i>	Francine Mariam, Helene Present <i>Nancy & Larry Present</i>	GENERAL FUND IN HONOR OF Those lending support to someone in need <i>Leah Rogers</i>	Rosellen Feinstein <i>Melody Binder & Kenneth Kolker</i>
Erwin Kreisman, Arleen Lois Kreisman Emert <i>Robert Kreisman</i>	Manuel Present <i>Nancy & Larry Present</i>	Marvin Rosengarten's birthday <i>Ilene Osherow</i>	Gary Madden <i>Irene & Jim Hirschfield Arlene Rosen O'Connell Fran & Morty Winter Nancy & Terry Layish Marty Oberman Lanie & Milton Goldenberg Julie & Lenny Frankel Patty & Norman Gold Rochelle Popkin Beverly Simowitz</i>
Mollie Handler <i>Marcia Handler</i>	Sam Goldenberg <i>Lanie & Milton Goldenberg</i>	<i>Carol Friedman's speedy recovery Carole & Zachary Mann</i>	
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Shabbat Service Schedule

February 11:	Yitro
February 18:	Mishpatim
	Shabbat Shekalim
February 25:	Terumah
March 4:	Tetzaveh
	Shabbat Zachor
March 11:	Ki Tissa
	Shabbat Parah
March 18:	Vayakel-Pekudei
	Shabbat HaChodesh
March 25:	Vaykra
April 1:	Tzav
	Shabbat Hagadol
April 8:	Pesach Day Three
	Shabbat Hol Chamoed
April 15:	Shemini
	Shabbat Meverachim HaChodesh
April 22:	Tazria-Metzor
	Shabbat HaChodesh
April 29:	Acharei Mot-Kedoshim
	Shabbat Rosh Chodesh

Feb-Apr Service Times

Morning Minyan: 7:00 am, M-F & 9:00 am, Sun
Evening Minyan: 6:15 pm, M-Th
In Person, Zoom, & BA Livestream

Friday Evening Services: 6:00 pm

Shabbat Morning Services: 9:00 am

Saturday Evening Services: Feb. 11: 4:30 pm

Feb. 18 & 25: 4:45 pm,

Mar. 4 & 11: 5:00 pm

Mar. 18: 6:00 pm

Mar. 25: 6:15 pm

Apr. 1: 6:30 pm

Havdalah Immediately Following

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