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**Sunday, February 26**

We will play several movies nominated for an Academy Award this year. You can choose one to watch followed by a live stream of the Oscars during dinner.

Cost: \$20 per adult, \$10 per child over 7 years old  
(includes ticket to one movie, dinner and livestreaming of the Oscars)

Babysitting provided for \$5 per child with advanced registration.  
(Parents are responsible for diaper changes)

The movies offered and show times will be announced at the beginning of February. A PG rated movie will play for children 7 years and up.

To register, please call the office at 215-677-1600 or online.

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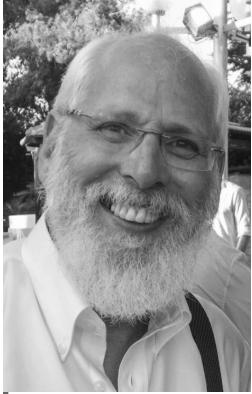
**SUPER SUNDAY @ JRA**

February 12, 2017 | 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For more information  
about **Super Sunday**,  
see page 17

# A FEW WORDS FROM RAV BARRY:

## Shiva means Seven



I wrote these words on Sunday, January 8, the Fast of the Tenth of Tevet, after we finished davening in my parents' home and got up from Shiva.

Although the local municipal Chevra Kaddisha in Jerusalem follows Jewish law meticulously, preferring to bury on the day of death, they permitted a delay of the burial until I arrived from the States on Sunday evening.

My mother's funeral took place at 18:00 (6pm) on January 1st. Following the chapel service, we accompanied my mother to her eternal rest. Hand in hand, my father, brother, sister, and many family and friends walked in the darkness to the gravesite on Har HaMenuchot—the mountain of consolation—following the hearse. Clothed in traditional linen shrouds, my mom was laid to rest in the city of Jerusalem, the ground she loved, where she had lived with my father for 37 years. After the funeral, we began sitting as mourners for “Shiva yamim”, seven days—from early morning until night, except for Shabbat.

It is thought that the source for the seven Shiva days of mourning is Breisheet 50:1-14 in which Joseph mourns the death of his father Jacob (Israel) for seven days. Chazal (Rabbis in the Talmudic period) have instructed that people who have lost a parent, a spouse, siblings, or children must sit and grieve in their home for seven days.

During this seven day period, the mourner “takes times out” to process the loss, shed a tear, reflect and reminisce without interruption. Routine daily activities, work, and other responsibilities are suspended. The front door of the mourner's home is left ajar. Family, friends, and acquaintances enter freely to “pay a shiva call”; they visit and sit with the mourners and offer their condolences while attempting to ease the mourner's pain. The visits allow the bereaved to express his/her grief, and share thoughts and memories about the

deceased relative.

This was my first shiva, the first time I sat in one of those low “shiva chairs” looking up to those wonderful people with whom I spent quality time talking about my mother, her characteristics, her athletic skills, her scrabble games, her love of family and friends, her wonderful qualities as well as her internal and external beauty.

Wearing the same torn shirts for the duration of Shiva (except for the 25 hours on Shabbat), the four of us stayed in the Shiva house, davening three times a day and accepting consolers and blessings of condolence from 7:30am until 10:00pm.

We were truly blessed to have hundreds of people taking the time to visit us, email us, phone us, or send cards. As sad as we were, we were strengthened by the sympathy and support which was showered upon us from the moment it became known that my mom had died.

Although Shiva may sound like the Hebrew word “lashevet”, to sit, it actually means “seven”. Friends, you can't “sit Shiva” for two days, because Shiva means “seven”. I must thank the Rabbis of old for making this demand of me.

Grieving takes time but should not take forever. The Rabbis allocated 7 days for tears and grief and then thirty days throughout a year for mourning and acclimating oneself to the new status as a bereaved person.

Those Jews who suffer loss would benefit greatly by observing the traditional Jewish seven days of mourning and the customs that accompany this period of time. There are those who believe that sitting Shiva is “an unwelcome burden and an exhausting intrusion”, but I would agree with the person who said Shiva is “remarkable; a catharsis; one of the great Jewish institutions.”

May all the mourners of Israel be consoled among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Rav Barry

## CONDOLENCES

*May you be comforted among the other mourners for Zion and Jerusalem.*

The Congregation mourns the passing of former member, Bertha Roth. Condolences are sent to Rav Barry Schlesinger on the loss of his mother, Phyllis Schlesinger.

The Congregation mourns the passing of long time member, Fanny Chernoff.

## STUDENT TRIPS TO ISRAEL

Are you a Student planning a trip to Israel? If so, contact the shul office. The Jeffrey Allen Memorial Fund is set up to help students fund their trips to Israel.



# MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,  
Happy 2017!

It is the season where everyone seems to be interested in “fixing” us. The morning TV shows offer improvement plans for time management, diet, exercise, finances, and fashion. In the papers, there are articles about goal setting and jokes about New Year’s resolutions made and broken in the same week.

January self improvement is big business. There may have been a few tips, a few recipes, that we saw and tried to incorporate into our lives. Will the remedies prescribed by popular culture really lead us to the life changing stuff? When I think about all those “change your life” bestsellers by famous people that hit the market at holiday times, it seems more likely that I am helping them than that they are helping me!

Where do we go for help in a complicated world? It was in the Haftorah for Chanukah, this past December where I thought about that. In Zechariah 3:6, the Lord says, “Not by might, not by power, but by My spirit.”

“That’s about us!” I thought. There is spirit in

everything we do at CSS, and you can feel it. Our dedicated clergy, staff, lay leadership, and out committed volunteers work together as a loyal, committed, and caring family. Joined by all our congregants, we spread the spirit as we pray together, eat together, celebrate together, provide support for ourselves and stand together with the larger community. You may have witnessed the beautiful spirit of our last Shabbat lunch: everyone sitting around tables long after the food was done and no one wanted to leave!

For me the spirit of CSS is also about getting the right things done. And getting them done right. “Right” means: including and welcoming our fellow congregants, being comfortable but not fancy, and, to paraphrase a recent bumper sticker, “being nice”.

The best self improvement plan has been here all along. We are waiting for you. Take your seat in the service and your place at the table. Come and feel the CSS spirit!

Fran Gabriel

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## ADULT EDUCATION

*Save the dates – May 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017*

A committee has been formed to plan the events for the **Israeli Art, Dance and Music Festival**, which Shaare Shamayim will be hosting from Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. This festival is a result of the Israel Cultural Grant that CSS received from Jewish Federation. We hope that we will include activities for all age groups to participate in. We are also working on making the events educational, informative, inspirational, and entertaining. The featured guest is world renown Jewish-Israeli artist Mordecai Rosenstein. During this event he will be creating an original painting for Shaare Shamayim. This will be given to our Congregation and then proudly displayed in the building. Please reserve these dates and stay tuned for further details and information.

Rav Barry continues to provide many adult

learning opportunities. 'Living Jewishly', which is held in the small chapel at 6:45pm on Monday evenings, is proving to be quite popular. Once a month Rav Barry hosts a discussion on the weekly Torah portion in Hebrew at 6:45pm in his home.

Are you an early riser and interested in learning more about the Midrash (a book of ancient Rabbinic commentary & thought on the first book of the Torah)? If you answered 'yes', you can join Rabbi and Shira at their home for a light bagels breakfast while discussing Midrash after the morning minyan. Classes are free. Check the Scroll, weekly Shabbat bulletin, weekly Congregation e-mails, and our Facebook page for updated schedules.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me or call the synagogue office.

Denise Ellner

Adult Education Chair

# Congregations of Shaare Shamayim

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 (5 of Shevat) MIDRASH BREISHEET RABBA 7AM  FUTURE OF CONSERVATIVE JUDIASM WITH RAV BARRY 6:45PM	2 (6 of Shevat)	3 (7 of Shevat) 5:05p Candle Lighting Traditional Service 5:05PM Egalitarian Service 7:45PM	4 (8 of Shevat) Parshat Bo Trad. Service 9AM & 4:30PM Egal. Service 9:30AM Jr. Congregation 10:45AM  PJ HAVDALAH PARTY 6:30PM
5 (9 of Shevat)	6 (10 of Shevat)	7 (11 of Shevat)  PARSHA CLASS FOR HEBREW SPEAKERS 6:45PM	8 (12 of Shevat)  MIDRASH BREISHEET RABBA 7AM  FUTURE OF CONSERVATIVE JUDIASM WITH RAV BARRY 6:45PM  MEN'S CLUB BOARD MTG 7PM EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG 8PM	9 (13 of Shevat)	10 (14 of Shevat) 5:13p Candle Lighting Traditional Service 5:15PM Egalitarian Service 7:45PM	11 (15 of Shevat) Parshat Beshalach Tu B'Shevat Trad. Service 9AM & 4:30PM Egal. Service 9:30AM Jr. Congregation 10:45AM  SING A LONG SHABBAT 10:45AM
12 (16 of Shevat)  PTA MEETING 9:15AM  SUPER SUNDAY AND JRA DAY 1PM	13 (17 of Shevat)  EDUCATION COMMITTEE MTG 7PM	14 (18 of Shevat)  SISTERHOOD GENERAL MTG 1PM	15 (19 of Shevat)  MIDRASH BREISHEET RABBA 7AM	16 (20 of Shevat)	17 (21 of Shevat) 5:21p Candle Lighting Traditional Service 5:25PM Egalitarian Service 7:45PM	18 (22 of Shevat) Parshat Yitro Trad. Service 9AM & 4:30PM Egal. Service 9:30AM Jr. Congregation 10:45AM  PARENT'S NIGHT OUT 6:30PM
19 (23 of Shevat)	20 (24 of Shevat) President's Day	21 (25 of Shevat)	22 (26 of Shevat)  MIDRASH BREISHEET RABBA 7AM  SISTERHOOD CRAFTSMEAN 1PM CONGREGATION BOARD MTG 8PM	23 (27 of Shevat)  MEN'S CLUB GENERAL MTG 7PM	24 (28 of Shevat) 5:29p Candle Lighting Traditional Service 5:30PM Egalitarian Service 7:45PM	25 (29 of Shevat) Parshat Mishpatim Trad. Service 9AM & 4:30PM Egal. Service 9:30AM Jr. Congregation 10:45AM
26 (30 of Shevat)  A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS	27 (1 of Adar) Rosh Chodesh	28 (2 of Adar)  SISTERHOOD BOARD MTG 1PM				

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Dear Friends,

I'd like to tell you a story. In 1998, I had my knee replaced. My friends knowing how much I love books brought me books, new and old. One of the books was Naomi Ragen's *The Ghost of Hannah Mendes*. It became one of my favorite books. I would lend it out to anyone and everyone. Then one

time it wasn't returned and I couldn't remember who borrowed it. Years went by. I became the shul librarian. Then one day in a bag of books, there was a copy of the book. When I opened it, much to my joy, there was my signature. My lost book!!

Almost 15 years had passed. I embraced my book, took it home, placed it on a shelf next to its sister. So, I only ask the person who borrowed *The Nightingale* to please not wait 15 years. I may not be here. It is not my book. It is a Congregations of Shaare Shamayim library book. Nothing was written in the book. It was not yet checked in. Please return the book whoever you are. If I remembered who you are, I would have phoned you, knocked on your door, etc. Please return *The Nightingale*. There are still people who want to read it.

A Note from Lynn Kramer:

There is a need for new or gently used children's books appropriate for young children ages Pre-K to grade 2. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Lynn

Happy Reading,  
Rosalie Cohen

We had a fun and successful time shopping for our friends and family at the Chanukah Secret Shop in December. Thank you to all the parents who came out and volunteered. We wouldn't be able to offer events, programs and fun activities without the help of our volunteers and donations.

Speaking of donations, how about a small tax deductible donation of \$18 (more is always welcome) and become part of our Chai Club. Your donation will allow us to sponsor special events and create wonderful memories. Thank you to Susan Poland and Rosalie Cohen for their Chai donations earlier this year!

Are you ready for the big game on Feb 5th? Let us make you a yummy Super BOWL of Snacks. For only \$10 you get to pick 2 boxes of candy, 2 bags of chips, soda or water and they are all bundled up in a bowl of microwave popcorn. What a deal and a great way to support the PTA. Pick up an order form in the office today. Money and order forms must be turned into the office by Wed, Feb 1st.

Just a reminder....there is no Hebrew School on Sunday, Feb. 19th in observance of President's Day. Parents don't forget to sign up on Remind and we will remind you of school closures (due to inclement weather or holidays) and special events. From your phone, text the message @hebrewp to the number 81010. If you don't have a smartphone and prefer to receive email notification, leave a message in the office and we will contact you with instructions.

Mark your calendars....The PTA Purim Carnival is Sunday, March 12th and will again take place at the Kleinlife on Jamison Ave. Stay tuned-more details to come.

-PTA Scroll Contributor, Jeffrey Swartz

-PTA Co-Presidents, Carolyn Sweeney & Mindy Owens

## CSS has a new website!

Did you know there are a huge number of things you can do with our new website including:

- Make donations online
- Register and pay for select synagogue events
- Find Shabbat and holiday service schedules and candle lighting times
- See our entire calendar of events
- See the Rabbi's weekly "A Few Words From Rav Barry" in the Rabbi's Corner
- Take a virtual walk through both of our Sanctuaries
- Find contact information for clergy, staff, and leadership
- Subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter

If you need assistance or have any questions about using our website, please contact Debbie in the office at 215-677-1600.

**WWW.SHAARESHAMAYIM.ORG**

# PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

**Saturday, February 18 at 6:30pm**

Cost: \$18 for CSS members, \$20 for non-members

Wine, Beer, and Appetizers at 6:30pm

Pasta Dinner and Dessert at 7pm

**Babysitting Included\***

**Reservations are an absolute MUST!**

**Please RSVP to the synagogue office or online by Monday,  
February 13**

**\*parents are responsible for diaper changes**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults attending \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle one: CSS Member    Non-member

Number of Kids Attending and Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if you have any of the following:

\_\_\_\_ Lactose Intolerance/Dairy Allergy

\_\_\_\_ Gluten Sensitivity/Allergy

\_\_\_\_ Other Allergy: \_\_\_\_\_

The Fourth Annual Shaare Shamayim—Daniel M. Wolpe Theater  
Production Presents:

# *Silent was the Lester*



Saturday, March 4 and Sunday, March 5 at 7:30pm

Written and directed by Daniel M. Wolpe.

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# SISTERHOOD HAPPENINGS



It's nice to finally have a month without any major holidays. No Thanksgiving, no Chanukah, no New Years.

Once again, I would like to welcome our new congregants from Ner Zedek. Please join us at our meetings. I am looking forward to meeting everyone.

In January, we had a very successful Baby Shower. Clothes, afghans, bottles, diapers, toys, a baby gate and much more were donated. Sisterhood members as well as non-members were very generous. Our pre-school also participated. It always feels good to be able to help those who need it most.

Yasher Koach to Chairperson Sue Anmuth and those who helped: Nancy Black, Gerry Zaretsky, Trudy Berkowitz, Bobbie Sharf, Lynn Whitman, Marci Blitz, Denise Ellner, and Linda Korsin.

On February 14, Naomi Adler of Federation will be our guest speaker. Please remember this meeting will be at 1:00pm. On February 22, we are having our Crafternoon at 1:00pm. Learn to play Mah Jong, Scrabble, or learn how to knit. It is a fun afternoon.

March 14 our own Cantor Don Samuels will entertain us. You don't want to miss this. Cantor Don has been entertaining Sisterhood for many years. We always look forward to his performance. He never fails. This meeting and all other meetings are back at 7:00pm.

April 4 Carlos Ramirez will entertain us. Also, April 5 is our New York Trip to see Cagney. After enjoying a great day in New York, it will be time to prepare for Pesach.

Please contact me with any questions or ideas you may have.

Mindy Poliner  
215-676-7716

## THANK YOU

Thanks very much to all our incredible CSS clergy and friends for your prayers, donations, and loving support during Jerry's recent hospitalization.

Fran and Jerry Gabriel

# SISTERHOOD TREASURES



Stop by and see all the new merchandise. Now is the time to purchase your wine for the holidays as well as hostess gifts. If you have any requests for items that you can't find in the Gift Shop, please contact me.

Bobbie Slosberg  
216-969-0170 or  
[bizeebobbie@verizon.net](mailto:bizeebobbie@verizon.net)

## Sisterhood Calendar 2016 – 2017 \*All meetings are held at 7pm unless noted

### Board Meetings

Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 1pm  
Tuesday, March 28, 2017  
Tuesday, April 25, 2017  
Tuesday, May 17, 2017  
Tuesday, June 27, 2017

### General Meetings

Tuesday, February 14, 2017, 1pm  
Tuesday, March 14, 2017  
Tuesday, April 4, 2017  
Tuesday, May 9, 2017

### Special Events

Wednesday, February 22, 2017, Crafternoon, 1pm  
Tuesday, March 21, 2017, Bingo, 6pm  
Wednesday, April 5, 2017, New York Trip, 8:45am  
Tuesday, May 10, 2017, Luncheon & Book Review  
Tuesday, May 23, 2017, President's Dinner, 6pm  
Tuesday, June 6, 2017, Donor Dinner, 6pm  
Tuesday, June 13, 2017 Installation, 6pm



Sisterhood Invites you to their

# CRAFTERNOON

Play or Learn  
Mahjong,  
Canasta, Scrabble  
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Wednesday, February 22  
1:00PM - \$5 per person

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or crochet or  
bring your work  
in progress

Contact Gerry Zaretsky  
for more information  
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Sisterhood Crafternoon - February 22, 2017

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Aliyah and Torah honors are available in either service. Call the synagogue office to arrange an Aliyah for your upcoming Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Auf Ruf, Baby naming, Yahrzeit, etc.

### TRADITIONAL SERVICES

Rav Barry Schlesinger  
Cantor Don Samuels

Mon-Fri mornings 7:00 am

Sat mornings 9:00 am

Sun mornings 8:00 am

Sun-Thur evenings 7:45 pm

Fri & Sat evenings varies with sunset

### CONSERVATIVE SERVICES

Rabbi Daniel Wolpe  
Cantor Michael Bitton

Kabbalat Shabbat Fri evenings 7:45 pm

Sat mornings 9:30 am

### JUNIOR CONGREGATION

10:45am

We'd love to see all of our students every Shabbat.

Bagels served at 10:15 am Come and spend Shabbat with your friends!

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# Chanukkah Party



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## Sisterhood Baby Shower







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## Holiday Cookie Baking and Delivery



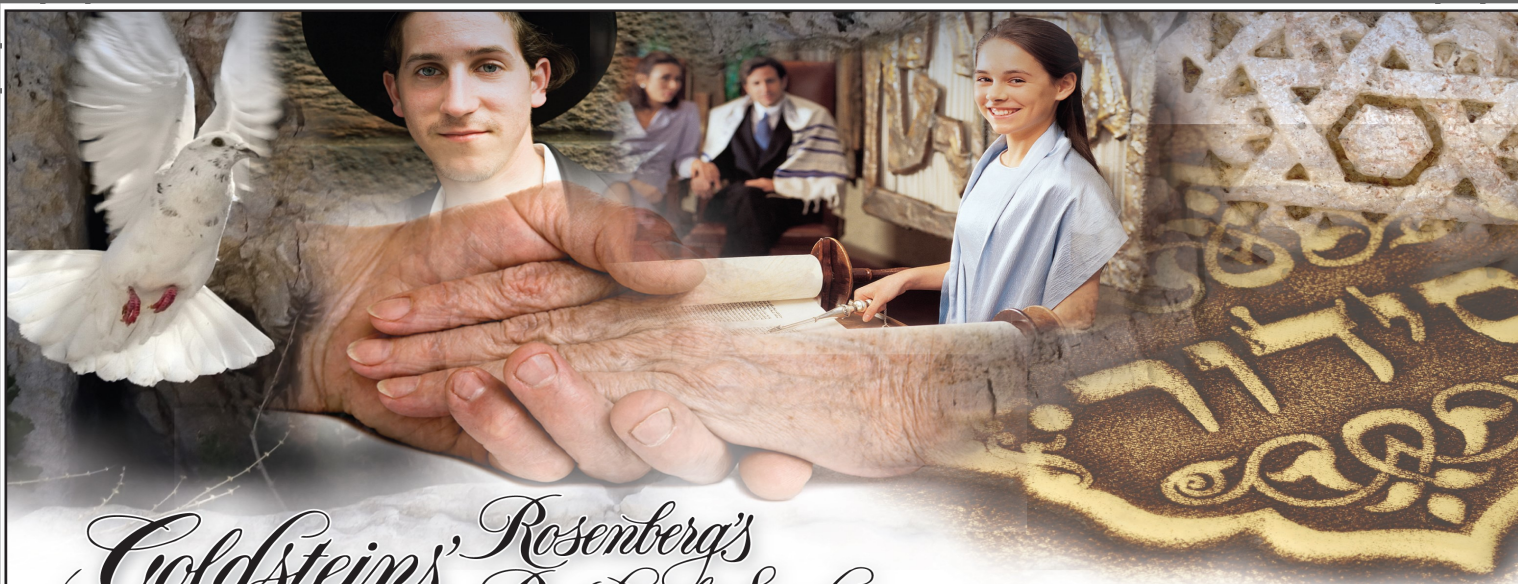
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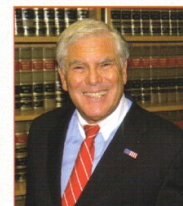
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# Social Action

We have had a wonderful year so far with volunteers giving their time to help our community with worthy causes. We have had not one but two successful food drives. Our Religious School brought in everything from soap to socks to benefit the clients of the JRA (Jewish Relief Agency).

We had so many people come out for our annual Cookie Project, including our Kindergarten, in which we baked over 1,100 cookies and delivered them to six hospitals in the area. The nurses, doctors, and hospital workers were thrilled to know that someone was thinking of them during the holidays, when they themselves could not spend that time with their families because they were taking care of others.

Finally, the Sisterhood hosted their annual Baby Shower. Our congregation brought in hundreds of items from diapers to books to clothing to toys for new young families in our area. The clients of Jewish Family and Children's Services will be comforted to receive these donations for their children.

These Mitzvot are not only important for the people in our community, but also for us as a congregation. Volunteering makes us feel good, and strengthens our *Kehillah Kedosha*. We have two very important programs coming up which I hope you will help us with.

The first, on February 12<sup>th</sup>, will be **JRA and Super Sunday** which will be taking place at the JRA warehouse at 10980 Dutton Road. Shaare Shamayim

will be volunteering for Super Sunday from 1pm-3pm. **Super Sunday** is the Jewish Federation's single largest day of fundraising. Our synagogue has benefitted greatly from Jewish Federation. They have helped with grants, transportation for our seniors, our Preschool (through the EITC program), and Religious School funding. Please help us give back by volunteering a few hours of your time. There will be all sorts of volunteer jobs available as well as a kosher lunch, even kids activities from 1pm to 5pm, so bring the whole family. Please register with the office today.

We will be providing carpooling from the synagogue parking lot. If you would like a ride or would be able to volunteer to drive, please contact the office and let them know.

Second, on March 19<sup>th</sup>, the Men's Club will be hosting their **Annual Blood Drive**. Giving blood takes only minutes and can save up to three lives. The need is constant and your contribution is important for a healthy and reliable blood supply. And you'll feel good knowing that you've helped change a life. Please call Jerry Zwerling to make your appointment today.

We can make a difference as an individual, as a congregation, as a community. Please help us show the strength of our community by performing these great Mitzvot.

-The Editor

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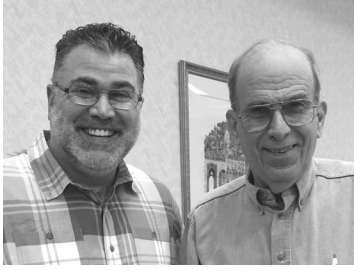
The Jewish Federation and JRA have helped our congregation and our neighborhood with grants, transportation, food delivery to seniors and more. Help us show our thanks and support through volunteering.

We will be offering carpooling from the synagogue parking lot. Please let us know if you would like a ride or would like to be a driver.

Please register with us at 215-677-1600 or go online to our website at [www.shaarehsamayim.org](http://www.shaarehsamayim.org)

\*Volunteer opportunities will be offered all day. If you are planning to volunteer at a different time, let us know.

# MEN'S CLUB TIME OUT



Due to unforeseen circumstances, we needed to cancel our general meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 23rd. Our March board meeting will be on

Wednesday, March 8th at 7pm.

On Wednesday, March 15th, join us for an interesting and powerful general meeting. We will be showing the movie *Empty Boxcars*. This movie tells the amazing story of the survival of over 50,000 Jews in World War II and the mass murder of 11,393 Jews from territories under Bulgarian control in Greece and Macedonia. The meeting will start at 7pm and we will be serving light refreshments. There will be no charge for attending. On Sunday, March 19th we will be hosting our Annual Blood Drive, from 8am—2pm. Please call Jerry Zwerling at 215-815-7011 to make your appointment.

Also, please mark the following future events on your calendar:

Friday, April 21st—Men's Club Shabbat

Wednesday, May 17th—Our Spring trip to New York City. The cost of the bus is \$37.00 per person. The bus leaves the synagogue promptly at 8am and will leave NYC at 5:30pm. Please call Sheldon Stein at 215-346-2302 to book your reservation.

We would like to officially welcome the members from the Congregations of Ner Zedek. We are thrilled that you have decided to join our shul and we hope you come out and join us at all of our great events.

Have a great month and stay warm!

Barry Leiber and Howard Rosen  
Men's Club Co-Presidents

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Alan and Dr. Ruth Horwitz announce the engagement of their grandson Aaron Dovid Horwitz to Chani Goldbaum.

Mira & Gene Klein and Aliz Gottesman announce the birth of their granddaughter & great-granddaughter, Adira Bracha. Proud parents are Eric & Rachel Klein and big brothers are Yair & Ayal.

Shelia Tepel announces the engagement of her daughter, Lindsay Tepel to Blake Rosenberg.

# COLLEGE OUTREACH

Our college students receive packages from us several times a year. It's a wonderful way to let them know they are still connected to their Jewish community while they are away from home. This project is supported by the William and Lois Gross Memorial Fund and the Sisterhood's Barbara Dratch Fund.

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## Parsha Class for Hebrew Speakers

Monthly at 6:45pm.

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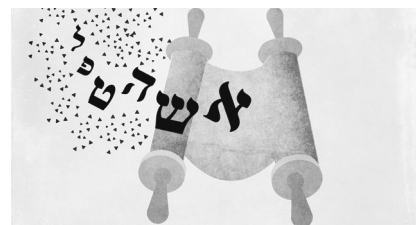
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Class in April will be on April 19 due to Passover.



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