



From our Rabbi

Let's Get Crazy!

It is not hard to imagine raising daughters and saying to them every day that they need to remember that being Jewish is one of the most important things about who they are. It *is* hard to imagine raising Jewish daughters, and reminding them each day that the most important thing that they should do when they grow up, is to find and marry the richest, most powerful non-Jewish man that they can.

It is hard for me to imagine raising girls at all. However, I don't need a good imagination to know that we have to remind our children every day about how important it is to be Jewish. I like to think that we do it more with our actions than with our words. Every evening we come home and show how thankful we are to be together. Every morning we wake up, thankful for a new day. Every day we acknowledge how wonderful it is to have food and shelter and clothing and health. We remember every day that we are part of a holy congregation of people who care about us and are supportive of each other. We take time each week to take a break. We take time throughout the year to celebrate with each other.



We take care of the people and the world around us.



At the end of last month we celebrated the birthday of the trees. Hundreds of years before we had to be concerned about using light bulbs that use less electricity, or finding the car with the best fuel economy, Jews have been appreciating and taking care of the world. Thousands of years before stock markets crashed, and Haiti's cities crashed down upon them, we have been taking care of our neighbors as ourselves. Jews have always recognized our responsibility in being partners with God in taking care of the world and each other. This responsibility goes beyond our covenant back to the way we understand our connection to the creation of the world.

This month we learn that sometimes the most important things we can do come from the craziest things. A young Jewish orphan, with encouragement from her uncle, marries the richest most powerful non-Jewish man, and helps to save thousands of Jews, and paves the way for us today. She made her husband a dinner party with his favorite food and favorite drinks, and he was influenced to save our world.



We don't have to do anything so drastic as marrying the richest non-Jewish man around in order to save Judaism. This month we are commanded to get crazy and happy enough so that we can't tell the difference between blessing Mordechai and cursing Haman. We get to do crazy things in our sanctuary, like stomping and making noise. Adults and children can wear some crazy costume, come and celebrate the story of Esther at our Purim Megillah reading and Purim Carnival, and we take another step in saving the Jewish world.

And we can do other crazy things to save the world. For example, wouldn't it be crazy if every Jew – even every Reform Jew – became a “Conservative Jew” by doing everything we can to conserve our resources and energy?

Let's get crazy and make a real difference in this world.

Bivrakha (with blessing) v'Hag Purim Same-ah (and Happy Purim)!

Rabbi Dr. Jana L. De Benedetti



From our President

Have you ever stopped to think about all the ways that the Jewish people have been pivotal in the advances of mankind? Recently I realized how often major achievements and contributions are from Jews. Although by no means complete, this is just a sample of some of my favorite ways that Jews have made a major impact:

If you own a pair of jeans, thank Levi Strauss who invented them in 1873. Anyone who wears lipstick can thank Maurice Levy in 1915 or other kinds of makeup can thank Estee Lauder. I wrote out this rough draft with a ball point pen, the original design of which was developed in 1938 by Lazlo Biro. Edwin Herbert Land invented instant photography in 1948. If you use a remote control to change TV channels, recognize that it was created by Robert Adler in 1950. We all know people who are kept alive by using a pacemaker which Paul Zoll invented in 1952.

There have been many contributions to entertainment by Jews, including incredible blockbusters by Stephen Spielberg. Famous Jewish news reporters include Larry King, Ted Koppel, Mike Wallace and Barbara Walters. One of my favorite comedians around now is Jerry Seinfeld. Many of us remember watching Monday Night Football, with Howard Cosell. Remember when the coolest of them all was The Fonz, played by Henry Winkler? When listening to music, I always enjoy Billy Joel and Paul Simon. My favorite advice columns were written by Ann Landers or her twin sister Abigail Van Buren (Dear Abby). Mark Spitz set the mark for gold medals in the Olympics.

If we have ordered a personal computer then we know Michael Dell, and once we turn it on then we appreciate Andrew Grove of Intel and Sergy Brin of Google. The technology companies that stand out for me are Larry Ellison of Oracle, Terry Semell of Yahoo, Jeff Skoll of E-Bay, Barry Diller of IAC, Irwin Jacobs of Qualcomm and Mitch Kaper of Lotus 123.

Seven of the 18 recognized world chess champions are Jewish. Thirty-eight percent of the winners of the Nobel Prize for Economics have gone to Jews. Education has had a dramatic effect on these results and Lawrence Summers was the President of Harvard, Richard Levin at Yale and Jerry Weisner of MIT. In the US Senate there are currently 11 Jews and in the House there are 26.

Jewish Novelists, Nobel Prizes for Literature, Pulitzer Prizes for Fiction, Poetry, Playwrights and Screenwriters. Humorists, Journalists, Newspapers, Magazines, Television, Nobel Prizes for Physics, Medicine, Mathematics, all have achieved disproportionate success.

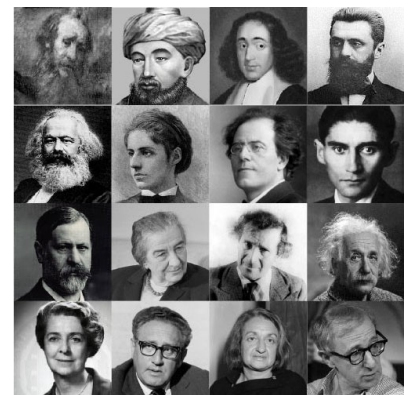
One of my favorite Jews who impacted our lives was Albert Einstein, whose brilliance has added to our knowledge of the universe, and has helped improve everything from the refrigerator to the photoelectric effect of light.

I am proud of all of our local Jews and some of the contributions that they make in their fields and in our worlds (maybe that can be the subject of a future article?)

What great thinkers, inventors, doctors, etc. will our Jewish people produce in the future, only time will tell. But considering our record so far, I look forward to seeing what we do next.

Respectfully,

Fred Kent



From our Educator

Everywhere we turn right now we confront images of the terrible disaster in Haiti. Given the state of the country even before the earthquake, we know that aid will need to be long-term, and that it will take many forms. I am sure that you are as proud as I am to turn on the news and see the heroic, life-saving operations that are being carried out by Americans, Israelis, and people from around the world. This is globalization at its most positive. As we wait to see how best we can help, we know that money is what is needed now. I took the liberty of sending \$500 from our Religious School Tzedakah Fund to the Disaster Relief Fund administered by the Union for Reform Judaism (in partnership with the Joint Distribution Committee, the American Jewish World Service, and other humanitarian aid groups). Please consider making aid to Haiti a part of your weekly Shabbat celebration – you can buy or make a tzedakah box (and Hadassah has cardboard ones that are free) and put something in it every week. We have often heard that “to save one life is to save the world.” Now is the time: Show your children that tzedakah is our obligation and that nothing is more central to Judaism than the value placed on human lives.

Purim is just around the corner, and we are planning another spectacular Purim Carnival Sunday, February 28. The North Louisiana Jewish Federation is the co-sponsor of this community program, but it takes all parents to make it the huge success that it has become. Please note that we will have NO CLASSES on that day – just the carnival, the food, and the fun that define Purim. The carnival will begin at 11:00 a.m., with lunch (a special treat) at noon. We hope to see everyone, from babies to great-grandparents, as we celebrate the courage of Esther in saving the Jewish people of Shushan. Start planning your costumes now! Special note: Our 2nd and 3rd grade classes will have a Haiti relief project at the Purim Carnival – so please be sure to visit their booth and contribute to their efforts.

In addition, we will make hamantashen on Sunday, February 21. With apologies to Queen Esther, Judith Grunes is always the heroine of *my* Purim celebration! Here's another great opportunity for those of you who want to learn how to cook Jewish holiday foods to join us in the kitchen and watch Judith do her magic. We'll make traditional hamantashen, but expect some non-traditional ones as well.

January's Parent Meeting was well attended, and we thank Joe Badt and the Men's Club for a very delicious breakfast. Our guest speaker Jonathan Cohen talked about the benefits of Jewish summer camping for our kids, and we saw lots of great video from last summer at Henry S. Jacob. I am so pleased that the meeting yielded lots of great ideas for the spring and for next year. We hope to announce the date soon for a “Sunday at The Farm,” and we'd like to offer another cooking school led by “Mr. Bill” Braunig. We will also look into events of Jewish interest in both Dallas and Houston so that we can plan some family trips to special events.

Recently we celebrated Tu B'Shevat, the Jewish New Year of the Trees, and our children planted a tree on the grounds of our synagogue. It is customary also to plant trees in Israel, and I'd like to invite all parents to plant a tree in honor of each of your children. Simply go to the website of the Jewish National Fund (www.jnf.org) and follow the directions! You can also purchase trees through our local Hadassah chapter by calling Pauline Murov at 868-3838. Your child will receive a certificate showing that you've purchased the tree to honor him or her. As we all know, Hadassah does amazing work in Israel, and they are proud partners with JNF.



I am looking forward to a spring filled with activities for Jewish families, and I look forward to seeing you often.

L'shalom,

Helaine Braunig

Brotherhood: Men of Reform Judaism

On behalf of the Brotherhood of B'nai Zion I would like to thank every one of these gentlemen for your help at the Religious School Breakfast in January. We had the largest group in recent history turn out to cook for the breakfast: Gregory Kallenberg, Lane Rosen, Sandy Katz, David Brainis, Don Wiener, Breck Myers, Gary Abrams, Todd Muslow, Bill Braunig, Ron Holman, Larry Evensky, Charlton Meyer, Mitch Newstadt, and any others I may have forgotten.

Thanks again for taking time out of your Sunday morning to help.

Joe Badt, Jr.

Brotherhood President for Life



Sisterhood: Women of Reform Judaism

Oneg Shabbat

Sisterhood gratefully appreciates the donation of finger pastries and cheese and/or monetary donations to help us cover the expenses to enhance our Oneg Shabbat. If you would like to provide food and drinks or contribute financially to the Oneg Shabbat, please contact Harriette Glazer or the B'nai Zion office.



Flower Fund

We appreciate everyone who contributes to the flower fund for the flowers that adorn the services. Did you know that when the flowers are no longer needed for services, they are brought to someone who is recuperating or celebrating to help lift their spirits?



Recently one of our families attended an out of town service where the congregation used a food basket instead of flowers as a decoration for services. After services the food was donated to the needy. On special occasions we will add a food basket to our decorations. Please let us know whether you think we should continue this practice.

ShFTY: Shreveport Temple Youth Group



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Youth Group had a wonderful morning brainstorming, learning and planning with the ISJL youth expert recently. We are looking forward to getting together and doing some Mitzvah projects soon.

Ron De Benedetti

ShFTY President

Birthday Blessing Shabbat

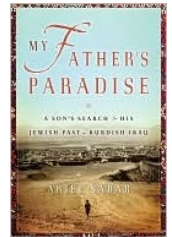
Please join us the **first Shabbat of each month** when we will bless and honor those who will be celebrating a birthday or anniversary during that month. If your birthday or anniversary is in February, your Celebration Shabbat will be **February 5, 2010**. If your birthday or anniversary is in March, your Celebration Shabbat will be March 5. It is a Mitzvah for us to be able to celebrate together. Please make sure that the office knows your birthdays and anniversary dates.



People of the Book Club

Join the discussion of *My Father's Paradise: a Son's Search for his Jewish Past in Kurdish Iraq*, by Ariel Sabar, **7:00 PM Tuesday, February 9** in the B'nai Zion parlor.

Helaine Braunig will order it from Amazon for \$10.17 plus tax. Please let her know if you would like to be included when she orders.



Some of the other books that you might want to learn more about:

- ☆ "The Rise of David Levinsky" by Abraham Cahan (young Hasidic Jew assimilates and becomes successful in business--at a price);
- ☆ "Shanghai Diary: A Young Girl's Journey from Hitler's Hate to War-torn China," by Ursula Bacon;
- ☆ "The German Bride" by Joanna Hershon (German bride, husband in late 19th c. Santa Fe);
- ☆ "The Girl From Foreign: A Search for Shipwrecked Ancestors, Forgotten Histories, and a Sense of Home" by Sadia Shepherd;
- ☆ "The Lost" by Daniel Mendelsohn (search for information about family killed in Holocaust)
- ☆ "In The Image" by Dara Horn, (the only one of hers we've not read) travels back and forth in time linking two lives - about love, commitment, and the Jewish immigrant experience;
- ☆ "The Cantor's Daughter" by Scott Nadelson.



Mazel Tov!

- ☆ Matt Rabinowitz: First ever four time Lee High / Louisiana Classic Wrestling Tournament winner. Son of Floy & Michael, brother of Amy. Grandson of Rita & Keith.
- ☆ Max De Benedetti is a First Place winner in *Seedlings*.
- ☆ Geraldine Zelinski received a US Flag that was 'flown in the face of the enemy in Afghanistan' in honor of her United Aromatherapy Effort.



We love to share good news with our Congregational family. Please contact the office with details about your "simchas."

What's Happening

The American Conference of Cantors presents:

From Broadway to the Breezeway

benefiting URJ Camps

February 21, 2010
7-9 P.M.,
Touro Synagogue

Join us for an evening of
song featuring:

Cantor Joel Colman, Temple Sinai, New Orleans, LA

Cantor John Kaplan, Temple Israel, Memphis, TN

Cantorial Soloist, Victoria May, Congregation Gates of Prayer,
Metairie, LA

Cantor Jessica Roskin, Temple Emanu-El, Birmingham, AL

Cantor Billy Tiep, Touro Synagogue, New Orleans, LA

Touro Synagogue
4238 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70115

Tickets:

Join us for a special pre-concert dinner reception sponsored by Henry S. Jacobs Camp:

\$72/adult

\$36/student

Concert Only:

\$36/adult

\$18/student

For tickets visit:

<http://jacobs.urjcamps.org/>

Or call

601-885-6042

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Hadassah Meeting

Hadassah will have an open board meeting at the home of Carol Ginsberg, 838 Ratcliff, Wednesday, February 24 at

10 AM to make plans for its major fundraiser:

a concert by world famous violinist, Zina Schiff.



Happy 100th Birthday to Sallye Schuster

On March 10, Sallye Schuster celebrates her 100th birthday. As some in the Shreveport Jewish community are aware, she lived in Shreveport for the first 97 of those eventful years--very reluctantly leaving her beloved Shreveport and B'nai Zion in 2006 for Southern California to be with family, who report that "mother is doing well, and we'd like to share our celebration with the B'nai Zion community."

We are happy to wish Sallye Mazel Tov and Happy Birthday. May you continue to have health, joy, strength, spirit and nachas. You have been an inspiration to us all over the years. You are always in our hearts.

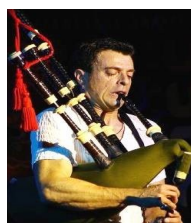


Amir Gwartzman: Sounds Great in Shreveport!



Israeli multi-instrumentalist Amir Gwartzman has performed worldwide as a solo jazz musician and a member of the acclaimed Israeli world music band Esta. He's an articulate, engaging speaker who recently gave concerts and taught in 21 U.S. cities with Esta.

Amir will perform, teach and speak throughout the South February-May 2010 as a Schusterman Visiting Artist – a program of the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation – in partnership with the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life.



Amir is a master of saxophone, clarinet, flute, bagpipes and a woodwind section full of African, Asian, European and Middle Eastern instruments. He offers an excellent opportunity to enjoy the sounds of Israel, to share Israeli and Jewish culture and to learn about music from across the globe. Join us as we welcome him to Shreveport:

Jewish Federation Gala

You are cordially invited to attend the
2010 Federation Gala
Thursday, February 18

Congregation Agudath Achim
9401 Village Green Drive, Shreveport

6 p.m. Dinner

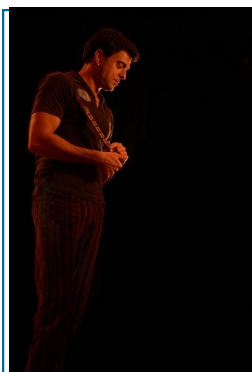
7:30 p.m. Amir Gwartzman in Concert

\$15 per person

RSVP with your check
by Monday, February 8
to the North Louisiana Jewish Federation
245A Southfield Road
Shreveport, LA 71105



Donors of \$540 or more to the annual Campaign are invited to arrive at 5 p.m. for a complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres reception.



Amir Gwartzman will be doing a special presentation at **B'nai Zion** Friday night, February 19 after services. He will be joining us for worship services at 6:00 PM, and then will make our Oneg Shabbat (which means "enjoyment of Shabbat") especially enjoyable.

Guardians of Zion: Tzedakah Multiplies



*You will find, as you look back on your life,
that the moments that stand out are the moments
you have done things for others.*

*We would like to acknowledge these
significant contributions
to the B'nai Zion Endowment Fund
which supports our present and sustains our future:*

*These people have made contributions toward the
Jeffrey and Sandi Kallenberg \$100,000
"Matching Tzedakah" contribution:*

*Georgette and Craig Toys
Mandy Selber, Jr.*

*Gregory and Heidi Kallenberg
Randolph and Tina Kallenberg*

*Please help us meet this Tzedakah Challenge
And multiply our contributions*

Contributions can be made one time, or in installments over a few years.

To help meet their challenge -- or create a giving opportunity of your own -- speak to Fred Kent.

B'nai Zion Board of Directors

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Who is Next?

As we do every year, we will need to elect some new Board members to replace those whose terms are ending in May. Please consider serving on our Board, or nominating others you believe would serve us well. Please contact our Past President, Steve Muslow with ideas. He is the Chair of the Nominating Committee

A Time to Learn

Adult Education with the Rabbi

🔔 **Beginning Biblical Hebrew:** Learn vocabulary, grammar, and reading skills to understand Torah in Hebrew. This class also benefits those trying to improve their reading and understanding of the prayers and blessings. Reading knowledge of Hebrew letters is expected, but will be reviewed briefly the first day of class.

Non-member tuition \$50. Text is *The First Hebrew Primer*, published by EKS.

Five Tuesdays Feb 9-March 9, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM.

★ **Basic Judaism:** This class is designed to increase your knowledge about essential Jewish things. It is for anyone who wants to enrich their knowledge of Judaism, are just curious, or are considering becoming Jewish. We will be discussing holidays, liturgy, theology, history, language, etc.

Non-member tuition \$50 payable to B'nai Zion by first class session.

Five Saturdays (after services) Feb 20 - Mar 13, 12:15 - 1:15 PM.

🔔 **Does the Soul Survive?** A Jewish Journey to Belief in Afterlife, Past Lives and Living with Purpose. We will be reading and evaluating Rabbi Elie Kaplan Spitz's book (available for purchase in the B'nai Zion office (\$17.00)).

Non-member tuition \$20

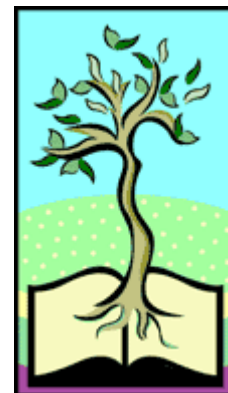
Two Sundays (February 21 and March 7) 9:45 -10:45 AM.

Please register before the first class, if possible.

Register by: ☆ paying the tuition, ☆ phone or email to B'nai Zion, or

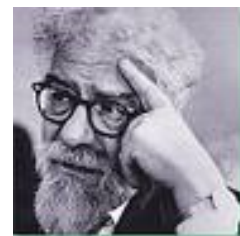
☆ online at www.HebrewDoc.com

No tuition for members of B'nai Zion. Text and materials extra.



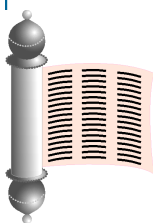
Study with Helaine about Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

Helaine Braunig has studied a lot about Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, who practiced a very spiritual form of Judaism, turning the ordinary moments of life into sacred ones. Rabbi Heschel believed that God demands action from us, so he walked with Dr. Martin Luther King in Selma, and met with Pope John XXIII in Rome. Recently Helaine “attended” a Webinar (an online learning experience) where she listened to Rabbi Ed Feinstein of California teach about Rabbi Heschel. Among Heschel's books are: *God in Search of Man*, and *The Sabbath*.



Would anyone be interested in learning more about Rabbi Heschel? If so, Helaine would like to offer an introduction to Heschel this spring, have participants to do a little reading over the summer, and teach a course for adults next fall. Please contact the office or Helaine if you are interested.

The Real Megillah



We will study Megillat Esther -- the Book of Esther -- as our Torah study Saturday, February 27. There are five scrolls (Megillot) in the TaNaKh (Hebrew Scriptures) and throughout the year, on each appropriate holiday we will study them. Join us this month as we read the story of Esther and Mordechai -- without the graggers, noise or costumes.

Purim is Judaism's most dramatic, fun-filled holiday. When else can you dress up in crazy costumes and eat doughy triangles filled with prunes and poppy seeds?

Purim occurs on the 14th of Adar. In Shreveport this year it falls on Sunday, February 8 (when we will celebrate with our community Purim Carnival), and we will read the Megillah on February 26 and 27.

The main event is reading the Book of Esther. Set in Persia 2,300 years ago, the "Megillah" (as it is commonly called) recounts how a seemingly unrelated series of events spun together to save the Jewish people from annihilation. The quickie version is as follows:

When King Achashverosh throws a huge six-month party and the queen refuses to follow orders, she is replaced by a new queen – Esther the Jewess. Esther's uncle Mordechai, the leader of the Jews, uncovers a plot to assassinate the king -- putting him also in a favorable position with the king. All this comes in handy when Haman, the king's top advisor, obtains a decree to have all the Jews destroyed.

In the end, through a complex twist of events, Esther gets the decree reversed, Haman is hanged on the gallows, and Mordechai becomes prime minister.

The name Megillat Esther (Scroll of Esther) actually means "revealing the hidden." Unlike every other book in the Bible, Megillat Esther never mentions God's name even once. The hidden hand of God is revealed through the maze of events. There are no coincidences.

Megillat Esther teaches us that life's challenges work out for the best, because what appears as obstacles are really opportunities to develop ourselves for the better. And it all comes from God's invisible hand that guides our fate, every step of the way.

There are four mitzvot specific to the holiday of Purim:

- Reading the Megillah (Scroll of Esther)
- Festivity and rejoicing (the Purim meal)
- Sending food to friends (*Mishloach Manot*)
- Giving gifts to the poor (*Matanot La'evyonim*)



The Book of Esther is read on Purim night, and again the next day. Every word must be clearly heard. We read it in the synagogue, because with the larger the crowd, the greater publicity is given to the miracle of our being saved.

On Purim morning, we bustle around town visiting friends and delivering tasty treats -- Mishloach Manot. Purim is the day we reach out to embrace our fellow Jews -- irrespective of any religious or social differences. After all, Haman did not discriminate amongst us... that's why it is particularly good to give gifts to those with whom you may have had an argument, or someone new in the community who needs a new friend.

On Purim, it is also a special mitzvah to give gifts of money to the poor. The Jewish people are one unit -- we can't possibly enjoy the holiday if poor people don't have enough.

Then comes the day's grand finale -- the festive meal. We eat our fill and pamper our bodies -- because it is the Jewish bodies that Haman sought to destroy. Also, it is a Mitzvah to imbibe alcohol (responsibly, of course) until one doesn't know the difference between "cursed is Haman" and "blessed is Mordechai."

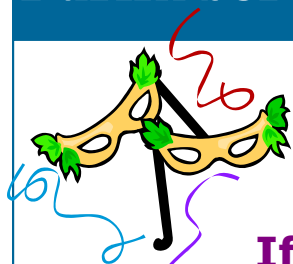
We dress up in costumes to let our defenses down and open up to the deeper reality of ourselves and our world. All our current problems and life's imperfections blend into good until they become one unified expression of the Eternal's infinite perfection.

There is truly no other holiday like Purim! Be Happy it's Adar! Happy Purim!

From Rabbi Shraga Simmon's article found on Aish.com

Purim Service & Megillah Reading

Purim Service



Expect the unexpected.



**If you want to hear the Megillah read:
Boo Haman and cheer Mordechai and be fed!**

Hear how Esther was a Super Jew.

See kids and adults wearing costumes - at least a few.

**Come to B'nai Zion on Friday night,
February 26th, 6 PM sounds about right.
We will celebrate Purim and Shabbat too...
You won't believe what else we will do!**

Purim Carnival

Purim Carnival



GAMES ♠ PRIZES

MUSIC ♠ MERRIMENT

CATERED FOOD

FRIENDSHIP ♠ JOY

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FEBRUARY 28

11 AM

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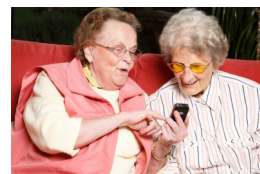


Who are You Going to Call?

When you are in the hospital, recuperating, having a baby, getting married, or if there is a death in the family, please make sure that Rabbi Jana knows. Due to Federal privacy laws, hospitals can no longer share information about patients with the temple or the Rabbi.

Whether you are celebrating a *simcha* or troubled with *tzuris*, the only way for us to be there for you is if you let us know.

Rabbi Jana wants to call you to check on you, say a prayer with you, or just visit. She can't do it if she doesn't know about it. Please call the office with the information or call Rabbi Jana on her cell phone (318) 990-1801.



Be a Buddy



Are you:

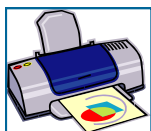
- ✧ A new member who would like to get to know other congregants?
- ✧ A long-time member who can help show how welcoming B'nai Zion is?
- ✧ A young family who would like to know other young families?
- ✧ An older member, who's family has moved away, and would like to enjoy holidays with other people?
- ✧ A person who likes to socialize with others?
- ✧ A person often alone, but could use someone to call or visit occasionally?

We need you to help 'Be a Buddy' with other congregants. Contact the Rabbi, the office, the Sisterhood, Brotherhood or our Membership committee.

Turn Trash to Cash



Save some trees! Bring **old phone books** to B'nai Zion and we will take care of recycling them. Children from our congregation attend schools that recycle many things. This helps the environment and helps the schools.



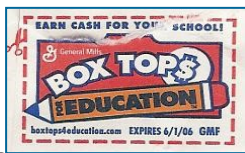
In addition to phone book recycling drives, some of the things you can bring to B'nai Zion that can benefit local schools are:

Used **printer ink cartridges**

Used **cell phones** (they are donated to organizations that use them for emergency purposes, but first the schools get cash for each phone)



Campbell's labels



Box Tops for Education labels



Community Coffee Labels



Tabs from aluminum cans (including soda cans, vegetable and soup cans, and pet food cans)

Tributes

BUILDING & GROUNDS FUND

In Honor of the Recovery of:

✧Margaret Rifkin
Sue & David Rubenstein

In Memory of:

✧Sheree Durham
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In Memory of:

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✧B'nai Zion
Phyllis & Jack Selber

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✧Mimi Hussey
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✧Shirley Eltis
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✧Sallye Schuster
Gwen Murov

In Honor of the Recovery of:

✧Marion Freyer
Helen Weisman

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✧Sheree Durham
Marcia & Albert Katzenstein
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Pauline Murov
✧Alice Meyer
Pauline Murov
✧Herb Miller
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✧Margaret Rifkin
Dorothy & Bernard Lobel
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Fan Walker
✧James Katz
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Pauline Murov

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In Honor of the 100th Birthday of:

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Dorothy & Bernard Lobel
Sue & David Rubenstein

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In Memory of:

✧Dr. Norman N. Fein
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✧Ray Morris
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*Although we strive for accuracy,
sometimes we make mistakes.
We apologize for any errors in the bulletin,
and for any inconvenience that they may cause.*

Yahrzeits

February 5-6

Samuel Atkins
Steve Brainis
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Bennie Goldstein
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Rabbi David Lefkowitz, Jr.
Shirl S. Morris
Jack Ruben
Helen S. Wilhelm

February 12-13

Samuel Abramson
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Irene Hermer
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Jenny Krandle
Frances Rubin Kreisman
Philip Ben Lieber
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Pauline Marrus
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Bertha Davis Ochs
Doris Muslow Pallot
Tecla Schalit
Lillian Perlstein Selber
Fred Simon

February 19-20

A. J. Abramson
Ruth Lieber Anisman
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Anita Lee Blaufuss
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Walter James Cozzens
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Ralph Simon Segall
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February 26-27

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May F. Benson
Isaac Erbesfield
Samuel Grossman
Philip Gumbiner
Andrew B. Kelly
Ruth Lerner
Mrs. Brodie Sorkin Maritzky
Miriam Miller
Irwin Siegel
Jennie Simon
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Freida Kaplan Wilenzick

Condolences to the family and friends of:
✧Kenneth Gompertz, brother of Claire Maisel

May their memories be for a blessing



Shabbat Blessings / Pulpit Honors

Shabbat Blessings

Dorothy & Bernard Lobel
Bethany Sorkey and Fred Kent
Tammy Courtney and Joe Badt, Jr.
Debbie Blum and Spencer Blum

Date

February 5
February 12
February 19
February 26

Board Members' Pulpit Honors

Howard Sklar and Amy Turner
Todd Muslow and Adam Miller
Charlton Meyer and Steve Muslow
Abry Cahn and Harold Kaplan



If you cannot sit on the Bimah or lead us in the Blessings on your assigned date, please find a substitute, and contact the office with the change.

B'nai Zion Schedules

Shabbat Schedule

Friday Evening Service - 6:00 PM
Saturday Torah Study 9:45 AM
Saturday Morning Service- 11:00 AM




















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No Business on Shabbat or Holidays
Rabbi's Day Off is Monday. Call for appt. other days.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Sh'vat 17	2 Sh'vat 18	3 Sh'vat 19	4 Sh'vat 20	5 Sh'vat 21 BIRTHDAY SHABBAT  5:33 	6 Sh'vat 22 Yitro Exod. 13:15-16 Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-6 7:04 
7 Sh'vat 23	8 Sh'vat 24	9 Sh'vat 25 Biblical Hebrew Class Begins 11:30 with Rabbi Book Club 7 PM 	10 Sh'vat 26	11 Sh'vat 27	12 Sh'vat 28 Services 6 PM 5:40 	13 Sh'vat 29 Mishpatim Shabbat Sh'kalim Exod. 21:1-24:18 Jeremiah 34:8-22; 33:25-26 Study 9:45 AM Services 11 AM 7:11 
14 Sh'vat 30 Rosh Chodesh Adar	15 Adar 1 BULLETIN DEADLINE Rosh Chodesh Adar Presidents' Day OFFICE CLOSED	16 Adar 2 BZ BOARD MEETING 7 PM 	17 Adar 3	18 Adar 4 NLJFed at AA Gala Dinner 6 PM Entertainment 7 PM	19 Adar 5 Amir Gwartzman Music / Learning After Services Services 6 PM 5:46 	20 Adar 6 T'rumah Exod. 25:1-27:19 Jeremiah 34:8-22; 33:25-26 Study 9:45 AM Services 11 AM Basic Judaism Class Begins 12:15 with Rabbi 7:17 
21 Adar 7  HAMANTASHEN BAKING WITH JUDITH GRUNES Soul Survive Class Begins 9:45 with Rabbi	22 Adar 8	23 Adar 9	24 Adar 10	25 Adar 11	26 Adar 12  Services 6 PM 5:51 	27 Adar 13 T'tzaveh Shabbat Zachor Book of Esther Study 9:45 AM Services 11 AM 7:22 
28 Adar 14  PURIM Purim Carnival 11 AM at BZ NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	March 1 Adar 15	March 2 Adar 16	March 3 Adar 17	March 4 Adar 18	March 5 Adar 19 MARCH BIRTHDAY SHABBAT  Services 6 PM 5:57 	March 6 Adar 20 Ki Tisa Shabbat Parah Exod. 30:11-34:35 I Kings 18-19 Study 9:45 AM Services 11 AM 7:28 

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

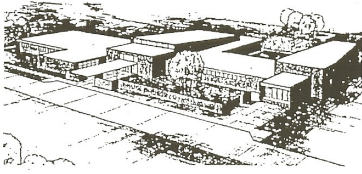


Passover First Seder night is March 29.

Watch for information about the B'nai Zion congregational Seder.
We would like **reservations by March 12.**



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