

# The BuzZ at BZ

News From B'nai Zion Congregation in Shreveport, LA

☆ DECEMBER 2013 / KISLEV ~ TEVET 5774 ☆



## From Rabbi Jana

### *Order in the House*

This December is a very unusual month. Chanukah is over within the first week. We have no pressures about holiday preparations. We can take this opportunity to enjoy the crisp weather — stay home and stay close to family and friends. If you don't think that you can sit at home and snuggle for a whole month, there are a number of things we should do to take advantage of this special time.

Others around us have important holidays. One of the nicest things we can do is to try to lessen their burdens during this season. Many of us have good intentions of helping those less fortunate, but never seem to have the time. With our holidays behind us, this is the perfect month to make time to be helpful.

As the secular new year approaches, it is typically a time when we make plans to improve ourselves. The biggest sales of exercise equipment is right after the new year, with so many people making resolutions to get healthy — and about a month later there is a large number of used equipment with owners eager to sell. Are you looking for new ways to improve your life?

This month seems to be a perfect time to take stock of things that aren't being used. How often do you notice that you have stuff that you aren't using, and realize that it would be nice to give it to others who will use it, and stop taking up space in your house? Find gently used coats, and heaters, and warm clothing, and make sure that they find new owners who can use them. In our house we also have games and toys that no one is using anymore. I always intend to donate them before this gift giving season, but usually the holidays come and go, and it is all still at my house. I know that there are so many children who go without... This month I intend to try to get the wonderful books and toys and games that we don't use anymore to Providence House, Goodwill, and other wonderful organizations we have here, so that hopefully, no one feels left out.

It is also a great time to take a good look at the blessings we have. When it is cold outside, we have warmth. Whentimes are hard, our congregation and community are here for us to help. When we look at our lives and realize that more important than the stuff we have are the good times we share with others, and the special people who have touched our lives in ways that make even the long dark nights brighter because of them. There are people who we need to tell how important they are to us. There are also those who are gone, and our appreciation is limited to memories. Our riches come from the shared experiences. This month is a time of appreciation and reflection.

On cold, dark Friday nights, I look forward to the warmth of being together at B'nai Zion. On frosty Saturday mornings, when I wish I were still under the toasty blanket, I appreciate the sharing we do at Torah study and worship. On Sunday mornings, when I wish I were sleeping late, I pop out of bed to be with the bright faces of our future — and every hug, and each question, make me know that it's working. Winter may be upon us, but with the cold and the dark, there are also the most beautiful blue skies, and the warmest hugs. I hope we can take this month to eliminate unnecessary things, and shine.

Bivrakha,

*Rabbi Dr. Jana L. De Benedetti*



## From our President

Shalom Friends,

I hope everyone got their fill of latkes and turkey. We can now relax and cruise into the New Year. That is we can as soon as: Rabbi, Helaine and Allison get back from the URJ (Union of Reform Judaism) Biennial convention in San Diego; Right after we make sure the roof is fixed over the gift shop and put that back together; As soon as we get the heat checked in the office and the front hall put back together and re-hang the Confirmation pictures once we re-frame them; The stone for the Bima wall and the new seats are scheduled to arrive early December. Donations are coming in daily and more are still needed. There are plenty of opportunities for everyone to participate and see our remodeled sanctuary become a reality. The new kitchen appliances have been chosen and will be installed in between events to minimize inconvenience. Religious school, Hebrew school, Shabbat services with Torah studies fill out our weekly calendar.

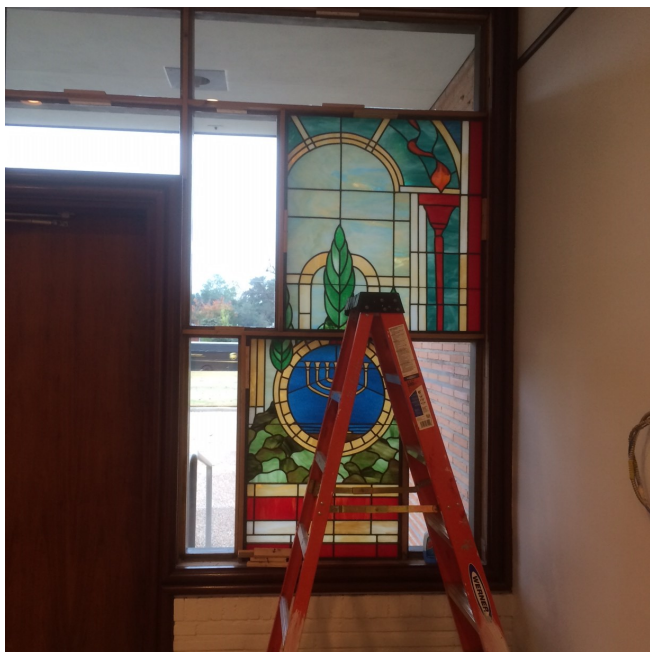
B'nai Zion is a busy place!! It seems so quiet and peaceful from the outside but inside it's a buzz of activity. I like Rabbi's pun of the buzz at BZ. It is so true. If you don't believe me stop by for yourself and check it out. Plug into the calendar in this bulletin and make it part of yours because it is yours!

So back to the relaxing part when everything is done and calms down...which should be never! I know that it will never calm down because of all the wonderful people, events and yes problems that we as a congregation will share, enjoy and take care of. Luckily for us we have Shabbat. Our world, our lives continue to move faster and faster. Everyone expects everything now! Amazon is testing a computer guided drone that will deliver the item you order online in 30 minutes to your front door. As expectations increase so do stress and anxiety. We are blessed with Shabbat. No matter how busy you are take time for yourself.

I wish good health and peace for us all in 2014!

L'chiam,

**Craig**



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## From our Educator

The recent Torah portion in which Jacob wrestled with a man/angel has always been one of my favorites. I was always puzzled by who that divine being was until I read the interpretation that identified the battle as one *within* Jacob. Jacob, who had stolen the birthright and blessing from his brother Esau, could not be the link from Abraham to us until he acknowledged his guilt and became a new person—a better person—a person who cared about his brother and a person who had wrestled with the important questions in life: Who am I? What is really important to me? What are my responsibilities to myself? What are my responsibilities to those I love? While most of us have not, hopefully, stolen from our siblings, we are all sometimes guilty of not living up to all that we can be. After celebrating both Thanksgiving and Chanukah at the same time this year, I am reminded of the need to be both more thankful for all of the ways in which I am blessed, but also of the need to dedicate myself to activities that benefit others. During the past year, with the help of Malkie Schwartz at the Institute of Southern Jewish Life, I identified at least one new way that I can serve others.



I am happy to tell you that, as a Jewish community, we have finally begun our new literacy project, *Read, Lead, Succeed*. Our first step is a small one—tutoring just two first-graders from Stoner Hill Lab School at the Valencia Community Center on Viking Drive. Nonetheless, it marks a beginning, and as soon as the city of Shreveport completes background checks on additional volunteers, we will expand to reach eight children, tutoring them four days a week after school. We have purchased the reading materials, but we will need to acquire more advanced books as the children progress. For a donation of \$ 36.00 you can provide a set of books, so please let me know if you are interested in supporting our project in that way. Not everyone can be available after school to read with the children, but many can offer monetary support. This project will be a true Jewish community project when people realize that they can do something to help. We also provided some gloves and hats to the children during the cold weather of the past week, and we will soon be collecting jackets as well – new or gently used.

I invite each of you to join me in wrestling, as Jacob did, with the important questions in life. As a starting point we can look at the questions posed 2,000 years in the Mishnah and then expanded upon by Dr. Ron Wolfson in *The Seven Questions You're Asked in Heaven*. These questions help us to examine our lives and to take steps toward linking ourselves to our ancestors and to the Eternal (notes about these questions can be found at Rabbi Jana's website from her class about the soul and afterlife, at the Life Cycle Resources link at [www.IHebrewDoc.com](http://www.IHebrewDoc.com)):

- Were you honest?
- Did you leave a legacy?
- Did you set a time to study?
- Did you have hope in your heart?
- Did you get your priorities straight?
- Did you enjoy this world?
- Were you the best *you* you could be?

Our tasks are to figure out *how* to be more honest in our business lives, in our relationships, and with ourselves, *how* to make a difference, *how* to become a worthy ancestor, *how* to learn from everyone and every experience, *how* in times of trouble to believe that better times are ahead, *how* to prioritize our time and our efforts, *how* to enjoy the beauty and blessings of God's creation, *how* to fulfill our unique and divine potential. If not now, when?

L'shalom,

**Helaine Braunig**

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## Sisterhood



Thank you for supporting the Sisterhood Gift Shop during Chanukah.

Watch for a grand re-opening of the gift shop after the leak has been repaired and the room is fixed up again.

## Make and Take to Bake Challah

Challah making has been very successful. People are appreciating learning how to make challah, and spend time with others. We will continue to make challah the third Wednesday of the month, alternating day and evening times. In December, please join us Wednesday, **December 18 at 6:00 PM.** Novices and experts alike are invited to join us. You will make dough, learn interesting things about challah, braid challah, and take it home to bake.



**The cost is \$3.00 per challah. Reservations are required by December 16.**

Space is limited. Please pay the office to make a reservation. We are also happy to accept donations for challah, to defray the cost of the dough we use for B'nai Zion's use.

## Bethany's Challah Recipe

3 cups bread flour  
2 t rapid rise or bread machine yeast  
Heaping 1/4 cup sugar  
(1/4 cup dry milk)  
3/4 cup hot (not boiling) water  
6T butter or margarine, or 1/2 cup oil (if using oil, add 1 t salt)  
2 large eggs

Egg wash – beat one of the eggs and reserve a small amount. You may use one part water to two parts egg if desired. If making several loaves, you may want to use both eggs in the dough and a separate egg for the wash.



Mix flour, yeast, sugar (and dry milk if using) in a large bowl.

Make a well in the center of the mixture for the butter, margarine, or oil, and pour on hot water.

Add eggs and mix well. As liquid is absorbed and dough is formed, use hands to knead. You may need to add more flour to get a satiny smooth texture. Be careful not to add too much flour or your bread will be dry. Oil bowl and let dough rise in a warm place for about 20 minutes. You may then shape dough, let rise until light and airy and about double in size, and bake at 325 for 25 minutes, shape dough, and freeze, or put dough in oiled zip lock bag and refrigerate or freeze. Let dough come to room temperature before shaping, and then let rise in and bake, or if shaped loaf has been frozen, let thaw and rise before baking.



## Just For Fun Fundraiser

In recent years our fundraisers have been delicious steak and potato dinners, sometimes with entertainment and lovely decorations. We were hoping to do something different this year. However, we wound up getting caught up in the renovation of the sanctuary, and having our holidays falling earlier than usual, which kept us from our fundraiser.

We rely on the money brought in by the fundraiser to meet our annual budget. Next year we still hope to do something different, but this year we suggest a "Just for fun, fundraiser."

This entails not doing any program – no dinner, no entertainment, no silent auction, etc. The fun part is that you still get to participate, by sending the donations you would have sent if we did a program. Hopefully you will find it fun to use your time in other ways, but let us use the funds to support B'nai Zion. Send a check or call in a credit card payment and say that for B'nai Zion you are willing to contribute something "just for fun..." Do it by December 31 this year and you can also get a tax deduction for 2013 for even more fun.



## Rachel Holman Bat Mitzvah: Save the Date



*Save the Date:*

*Friday, January 17, 2013  
6:00 PM*

*Rachel Holman*

*Will help lead the service and  
Will be called to the Torah as a  
Bat Mitzvah*

*B'nai Zion Congregation  
Oneg Shabbat following services  
Hosted by Laura & Ron Holman*

## Jewish Bus Trip to Dallas

The Men's Club of Agudath Achim is sponsoring a day of culture, socializing and entertainment on Sunday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> 2014 (President's Day Weekend). This will consist of a chartered bus trip to Dallas, a visit to the Holocaust Museum and a ticket to attend a thrilling new play, "Oedipus El Rey," performed in the intimate Studio Theater of the Dallas Theater Center. It is open to the entire Jewish Community. To reserve a place on this trip, we ask for an advance payment of \$20 per person which will cover the *entire* cost of the trip (~ \$100 value!). Please get your check to Agudath Achim, 9401 Village Green Drive, Shreveport 71115.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

1. Depart on a chartered luxury bus (Red River Trailways) from Agudath Achim at 8:00 am.
2. Ride to downtown Dallas, arriving ~11:30 am.
3. Visit the new Holocaust Museum.
4. Lunch at a nearby restaurant (West End area).
5. Attend "Oedipus El Rey" at the nearby Dallas Theater Center at 2 pm.
6. Board bus for return trip to Shreveport at 5 pm.
7. Possible stop for bite to eat near Tyler, Texas.
8. Arrive back in Shreveport 9-10 pm.



Transportation and tickets are included. Lunch and dinner will be on your own. Your check is your reservation. This is a first-come, first-served event. Once 40 spaces are reserved, the event will be closed and no additional reservations can be accepted. Please contact either Bob Lachman ([afbob49@gmail.com](mailto:afbob49@gmail.com)) or David Gross ([dgross@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:dgross@lsuhsc.edu)) if you have any questions.

## Football Pool



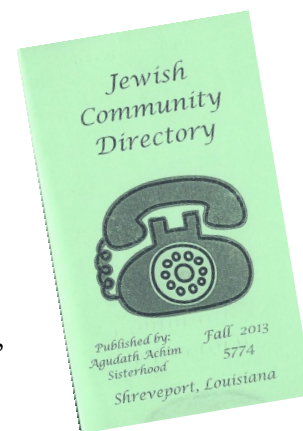
The Agudath Achim Men's club is offering you the opportunity to win \$100 per quarter in the football semi finals and \$150 per quarter for the Super Bowl. Purchase one square for \$35 or two for \$60. Contact Bob Lachman, Alex Rubenstein, or the Agudath Achim office, to choose your numbers.

## Jewish Community Directories are Available

The Jewish Community Directory is now available for \$3.50 each. You can purchase them during office hours (9:00 AM—2:00 PM) in the office at either Agudath Achim or B'nai Zion.

The Directory (which many of us like to call the "Jew Book") is published by the Agudath Achim Sisterhood. The price per book has not changed in many years.

It is a good idea to buy a few copies — keep one at home, one in each car, and one at the office. Not only will you have everyone in our community's name, address and phone number handy, but it also includes the information for both synagogues, and the Jewish Federation office, and phone numbers for each of the area's hospitals.



## Contribute to Renovations

Construction is getting closer to completion for the new Sanctuary wing at B'nai Zion. December should see delivery and installation of the Jerusalem stone on the Ark wall, the rows of seats in the sanctuary, the installation of the stained glass in the foyer, and other elements completed. Everyone who has seen the progress is excited about getting to worship and celebrate in the new space. The floors, walls and ceilings in the halls near the office are all beautiful. Ceiling lights, and sound system have been installed in the sanctuary. The rest of the electrical elements are in the building and need to be installed. The stained glass for the ark should be finished soon.

We are still waiting to set the date for the dedication of the new space, but it is very obviously getting close. If you have been waiting to contribute to the renovation process, now is the time to help. Opportunities to be a part of this dream come true exist at every financial level. Some of the parts cost more than originally anticipated and a few additional aspects had to be added to our original designs (such as replacing the floors and ceiling in the hall by the office.) Any financial contribution will secure your role in creating the sacred space that will be a blessing for many generations.

Speak with Craig Toys, Fred Kent, or Mitch Newstadt to discuss particular options, or for a tour of the current renovation status.

During construction, please check signs on the doors or call the office to see which entrances are safe. Evening services will be held in Lefkowitz Hall, and morning Torah Study and services will continue to be held in the Parlor.



The newest design in our renovation plan is for a special wall with plaques to honor donors who contribute \$180 or more. We are calling the contributors: Builders of Zion—Bonai Zion. There will be a donor wall near the stairs that lead from the office hallway to the sanctuary foyer. It will incorporate parts of the old ark from the sanctuary, including the marble and the mosaic Star of David doors.

When you make your contribution to be a Builder of Zion, consider if you would like your plaque to show that your donation was made in memory of special loved ones, or in honor of special people. We are trying to be able to accommodate these requests.

## Shabbat Shirah—The Sabbath of Song



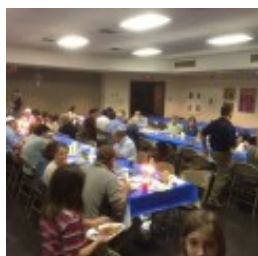
Shabbat Shira—the Sabbath of Song — is coming in early January this year. It has become our tradition to do a musical Shabbat service that weekend. This year it will be **January 10 and 11**.

If you have ideas, or are musical and would like to help, please speak with Rabbi Jana, and we will try to make beautiful music together—so that everyone can “Sing a new song to G-d.”

Everyone remember to save the date for a memorable worship experience

## Jewish Community Chanukah Dinner

Due to the technical difficulties of getting the bulletin to press this month, we can report about how the party went, when we intended to remind you of the party itself. There was a very nice attendance with people from both congregations. The food was great. It was wonderful to celebrate together.



## Simcha Shabbat

Please join us each month when we bless and honor those who will be celebrating a **birthday** or **anniversary** during the month. If your birthday or anniversary is in **December** we will celebrate and honor you **December 6, 2013** during services, and will have a special Oneg Shabbat that evening following services.

If your birthday or anniversary is in **January** your Simcha Shabbat will be **January 3, 2013**.

It is a mitzvah for us to celebrate together.



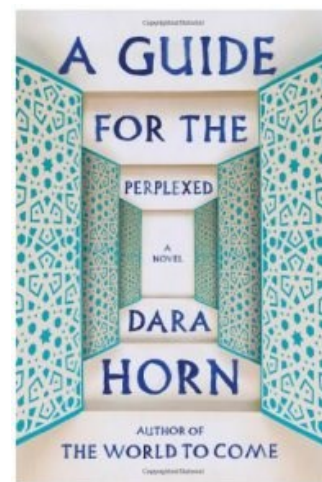
Please make sure that the office knows your birthday and anniversary dates. If you are not on our birthday and anniversary list in the bulletin, it means we do not have your information.

## People of the Book Club

The Book Club's next meeting will be **December 16** at 7:00 PM in the Parlor at B'nai Zion. The book that will be discussed is *A Guide for the Perplexed* by Dara Horn (not the book of the same name by Rabbi Maimonides). We have really enjoyed Dara Horn's other books. This one is brand new.

While we don't have a date for the Book Club after that, we do have the title: *The Innocents* by Francesca Segal. She won the \$100,000 prize for debut fiction for 2012 from the Jewish Book Council's National Jewish Book Awards. It's about Jewish Londoners, and it's based on Edith Wharton's *The Age of Innocence*. Some people expressed an interest in reading (or re-reading) the Wharton novel as well.

We look forward to you joining us.





# URJ Biennial Convention

The Reform Jewish biennial convention will be held in San Diego December 11 – 15. For details you can go online to [www.urjbiennial.zerista.com](http://www.urjbiennial.zerista.com). You can be a part of the convention



**BIENNIAL  
2013**  
DECEMBER 11-15  
SAN DIEGO, CA

from the comfort of your own home! We'll be live-streaming all plenary sessions and Shabbat worship at [www.urj.org/biennial](http://www.urj.org/biennial), or you can watch the sessions on cable when they play live on JLTv.

There will be an incredible list of speakers including: Mark Bittman, Julian Bond, Ruth Calderon, Jay Feinberg, Anat Hoffman, Ilyse Hogue, Rabbi Dr. Donniel Hartman, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Rabbi David Saperstein, Jonathan Sarna, Ari Weinzweig

There is an impressive list of entertainers including comedians and a variety of musicians.

There will be an amazing array of booths and exhibits ranging from education to travel agents, software to jewelry, books to gefilte fish.

Worship experiences range from traditional to meditative, familiar to adventurous.

There will be approximately 5,000 participants from many places and all aspects of Reform Jewish life, including Clergy (including Rabbi Jana), Educators (including Helaine Braunig), and active congregants (including Alison Bath).

While Rabbi Jana is away, her sons Max and Ron will be leading services and Torah study December 13 and 14.

## Schedule Changes: Mark Your Calendars

The B'nai Zion Office will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

There will be no Hebrew classes Dec. 11-15.

There will be no Religious School or Hebrew Classes Dec. 22-Jan. 5.

There will be no Religious School or Hebrew Classes January 19.



## Unveiling—Stone Dedication



There will be an **unveiling for Mrs. Lynn Sharon Strauss, mother of Vona Weiss**, Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:30 AM in the Orthodox Hebrew Rest Agudath Achim Cemetery. Rabbi Michael Rascoe, the new part time Rabbi at Agudath Achim will be officiating.

# ☆ B'nai Zion Donations ☆

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM:** \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are **not** a member of B'nai Zion, please provide mailing address:*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

For the Occasion of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

**TO:** Please inform: \_\_\_\_\_ of the donation

*If recipient is **not** a member of B'nai Zion, please provide mailing address:*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

*Appropriate acknowledgements will be sent to inform those recognized with your donation (\$18 minimum suggested).*

*Donations will be listed in the bulletin.*

☐ DO NOT PRINT DONATION IN BULLETIN

*Flower donations are read at worship services (\$18 minimum suggested per listing)*

DATES TO BE READ: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ DO NOT READ AT SERVICES

**Make Check Payable to B'nai Zion. To pay with Discover Card, Master Card, or Visa call the office 318-861-2122 or Fill in Here:**

**Credit Card #** \_\_\_\_\_ **3 Digit Security Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

\$	Fund	Purpose
	GENERAL	Wherever it is needed most
	BROTHERHOOD DUES OR DONATION	Men's Club of B'nai Zion dues or donations
	BUILDING AND GROUNDS	Repair and upkeep of the building and the landscaping
	CEMETERY	Upkeep, cleaning, and maintenance of the cemetery plots
	ENDOWMENT	Investment in the future of B'nai Zion
	LIBRARY	Purchase new reading materials
	MUSIC	Music salaries, instruments, and new music
	RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY	Tzedakah needs as the Rabbi deems appropriate
	RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	Education scholarships, supplies and equipment
	RENOVATION FUND	Help support plans to renovate our sanctuary
	PLAQUES	Wall of Honor or Memorial Light Plaques (call office for info)
	PRAYER BOOK	Varies with need, such as Prayer books or Torah books
	SCHOLARSHIPS	Assistance to pay for a Jewish camp experience or other needs
	SISTERHOOD FLOWERS	Flowers that decorate worship services
	SISTERHOOD ONEG SHABBAT	Food and drink for after service refreshment
	SISTERHOOD DUES OR DONATION	Women of Reform Judaism / Sisterhood dues or donations
	WE CARE	Provide food and comfort for our members in illness or mourning

Make Check Payable to **B'nai Zion Foundation** for Foundation donations:

	FOUNDATION	Capital improvements necessary to maintain the Temple facilities
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## New Jewish War Veterans Post

Barry Schneider, the Commander of the Jewish War Veterans Department of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma visited Shreveport recently. He joined us for services at both B'nai Zion and Agudath Achim, and had a meeting Sunday morning as well. The primary purpose of his visit was to discuss the possibility of starting a Jewish War Veterans' post in Shreveport. Only 10 members are required to form a post, and it looks like we have enough Jewish men and women who qualify, so we hope to be starting a post soon.



Shreveport is part of the regional department of Jewish War Veterans that includes Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana. Information about our regional department can be found online at [www.dtalojwv.net/](http://www.dtalojwv.net/)

Organized in 1896 by Jewish Veterans of the Civil War, JWV is the oldest active national Veterans service organization in America. Today, the JWV combats anti-Semitism and bigotry throughout the world. We assist the Office of Special Investigation in pursuing Nazi war criminals, support American youth through scouting, scholarships and anti-drug programs, and assist oppressed Jews worldwide. The organization also supports strong U.S.-Israeli relations by sponsoring two Allied Veterans Missions to Israel each year.

Any Jewish man and woman who is a citizen of the United States of America, who was regularly enlisted, drafted, inducted or commissioned, and who was accepted for, and assigned to, active duty in the armed forces of the United States of America (including the National Guard and Reserves or other persons or as may be set forth in organizations the Bylaws, is eligible for membership. A "Patron" membership may be awarded to those who are not active duty or former military service members but subscribe to, pursue or reflect the purpose, policies and aims of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America.

If you do not meet the requirements to be an official member, you can still be a supporting member, but not hold a leadership position.

Annual dues are \$50, or a lifetime membership is \$500.

Please contact either congregation's office if you are interested in joining or helping.

## Adopt-a-Pup Pop-Up Shop



The Pet Adoption Program was a huge success. Many animals fell in love with new humans, and vice versa. The Oscar Meyer mobile showed off their favorite Kosher Hot Dog. We learned a lot about causes that help keep our animals safe.



## B'nai Zion Schedules

### Shabbat Schedule

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



### Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9 AM-2 PM  
No Business on Shabbat or Holidays  
Call for appointment to meet with the Rabbi

*Evening Services will be in Lefkowitz Hall until Sanctuary renovation is complete.*

# Tributes

## BUILDING & GROUNDS FUND

*Hoping for the Complete Recovery of:*

Kathy Plante  
Shirley Seligman

*In Memory of:*

Floyd Bailey  
Pat Brooks

## CEMETERY FUND

*In Memory of:*

Paul Shapiro  
Jacqueline Fleschman



## DISCRETIONARY FUND

*In Memory of:*

Herman Gold  
Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Gold  
Albert Katzenstein  
Henry Brenner  
Aaron Selber, Jr.  
Jerie & Jon Black

## ENDOWMENT FUND

*Hoping for the Complete Recovery of:*

Mandel Selber, Jr.  
Gloria Meyer

*In Memory of:*

Albert Katzenstein  
Gloria Meyer

## FOUNDATION

*In Memory of:*

Albert Katzenstein  
Shirley Seligman

## LIBRARY FUND

*In Memory of:*

Eunice Marcus  
Margaret Rifkin

## MUSIC FUND

*In Honor of the Graduation of:*

Martin & Palmer Black  
Jerie & Jon Black

*In Memory of:*

Sheldon Goldsholl  
Jerie & Jon Black  
Albert Katzenstein  
Tammy & Larry Courtney

# December Birthdays and Anniversaries

## Birthdays

1-... Rita Rabinowitz  
2-... David Rubenstein  
4-... Ruth Lewis  
5-... Marti Lepow  
6-... Liam Haas  
9-... Tamara Courtney

9... Melissa Gillum  
11-... Sheila McCorkle  
11-... Charles Rogers  
11-... Katie Walker  
12-... Mollie Newstadt  
15-... Geraldine Zelinsky  
16-... Kathleen Plante

18-... Anna Myers  
22-... Karol Birchfield  
23-... Cole Evensky  
27-... Georgette Toys  
30-... Daryl Muslow  
31-... Shirley Eltis

## Anniversaries

4 Richard and Rita Muslow  
23 Sidney and Hollisann Kent  
29 Pat and Ann Maxey



***We give thanks for life, for health, for all that sustains us, and for this joyous day.***

***If you are not on the above list for current birthdays or anniversaries  
it means that the office does not have your information.***

***Please provide the office with the appropriate month, date, and year to complete our data.***

# Shabbat Candles and Kiddush Blessers

DECEMBER 6	Sheila Lawrence	Max De Benedetti
13	Diane Dufilho	Kathy Brodnax
20	Debbie Dlin	Steven Parker
27	Tammy Courtney	Sidney Kent





# Tributes (Continued)

## GENERAL FUND

### *Hoping for the Complete Recovery of:*

Kathy Plante  
Shirley & Lionel Eltis

### *In Honor of:*

Rabbi Jana and her Congregation  
Brenda Williams

### *In Honor of the Simcha Bat of:*

Aviyah Elyanah Leff  
Marcia Katzenstein  
Susan & David Gross

### *In Memory of:*

Bettie Cahn Alcus Levy  
Berte & Ike Muslow  
Bertrand I. Cahn  
Berte & Ike Muslow  
Albert Katzenstein  
Sanford Bank  
Helaine & Bill Braunig  
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Sylvia Katz  
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Ida Katzenstein  
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The Employees of Morehead Pools  
Barry Murov & Hedy Ehrlich  
Pauline Murov  
Susan Murov  
Mr. & Mrs. George Nelson, Jr.  
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Janice Muslow  
Berte & Ike Muslow  
The Richard Muslow Family  
Stephen & Mary Muslow

## GENERAL FUND (continued)

### *In Memory of:*

Betty Phillips  
Tina & Randolph Kallenberg

## ONEG SHABBAT FUND

### *Hoping for the Complete Recovery of:*

Mandel Selber, Jr.  
Dorothy & Bernard Lobel

### *In Memory of:*

Albert Katzenstein  
Debbie Caminker and  
Rachel & Leah Caminker  
Dorothy & Bernard Lobel  
Eunice Marcus  
Dorothy & Bernard Lobel  
Ellen Hyman Saltz Weil  
Debbie Caminker, Clare Maisel  
and Rachel & Tom Robichaux

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### *In Memory of:*

Albert Katzenstein  
Jerie & Jon Black

### *In Memory of:*

Daniel Meriam  
Mimi Meriam

## RENOVATION FUND

### *For the Sanctuary Renovation:*

Tammy & Larry Courtney  
Betty & Len Goldman  
Ellen & George McGovern  
Kathy Plante  
Connie & Donald Posner  
Amy Quinn  
Marcharea Sinclair  
Patti & Barry Suckle

### *In Honor of:*

Rabbi Jana De Benedetti  
Karol & Cliff Birchfield

### *In Memory of:*

Albert Katzenstein  
Nancy, Sam & Karen Bernstein  
Harriette & Jay Glazer  
Helen Lansburgh  
Aaron Selber, Jr.  
Nancy & Sam Bernstein  
Steven Soffer  
Rachel Ginsburg  
Ellen Hyman Saltz Weil  
Rachel Ginsburg

## SISTERHOOD FUND

### *In Honor of the Simcha Bat of:*

Aviyah Elyanah Leff  
Harriette & Jay Glazer  
Kathy Plante

## SISTERHOOD FLOWER FUND

### *In Honor of the Bat Mitzvah of:*

Renee Katz  
Harriette & Jay Glazer

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### *In Memory of:*

Albert Katzenstein  
Mandel Selber, Jr.

## WE CARE

### *In Memory of:*

Albert Katzenstein  
Carol Ginsburg  
Betty & Len Goldman  
Debra Murov & Joseph Engelman  
Peggy & Leroy Nuckolls



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# Yahrzeits ~

## Dec 1-7

William M. Blumberg  
Richard Bronner  
Eva P. Cooperstein  
Ike Cullick  
Melanie Meyer Goldstein  
M. Mendell Heller  
Milton 'Mickey' Holland  
Max Kalisky  
Frank Katzenstein  
Donald Kern  
Jane Leeds  
Doris Stern Levinson  
Rose Marie Pabst  
Hyman A. Perlstein

## Dec 8-14

Esther Fish Arbili  
Sam Benon  
Belle Fenkelstein  
Harry Krandle  
Solomon Lepow  
Caro W. Levy  
Mary R. Selber  
Mandel C. Selber, Sr  
Jewel M. Sorkin  
Harry Steckol  
Sonia Grunes Surenko  
Alexander W. Teck  
Marilyn Weil  
Sam Wiener, Jr  
Dorothy G. Zadeck



## Dec 15-21

Ross Stuart Aufrichtig  
Ingrid Benson  
Marx Bluestein  
Z. Brainis  
Leon Chernick  
Pearl G. Dover  
Charles G. Friedenthal  
Leslie Gruber  
Mary Etch Grunes  
Paul Heiss  
Mrs. Helen L. Levy  
Herbert Loeb  
Emogene Silber Pliner  
Armand W. Roos  
Carol Steiner Rubenstein  
Lottie Feld Selber  
George L. Shanhouse  
Sam Sklar  
Jack Stein  
Mrs. Sylvia Terrell  
Sam Weisman  
Elise Willer  
Sarah Willer

## Dec 22-28

Milton Abrams  
Ruth Blonder  
Annie Gardsbane  
Sheldon Goldsholl  
Henry Kahan  
Regina B. Kaufman  
Leo Kent  
Thomas Douglas Kleban  
Leah Langford  
Theodore Mandel  
Harry Mittenthal  
Mamie G. Perlstein  
Molly Scrinopskie  
Chuck Selber  
Frank Shaw  
Hyman Stein  
Jerome Bernard Stenzler  
Jerold Suckle  
Marion Wiener  
Viola Wolff

## Dec 29-Jan 4

Louis M. Bodenheimer  
Bertha H. Cheatham  
Dr. Norman N. Fein  
Etta Freyer  
Sylvian W. Gamm  
Edith Gerson  
Rabbi Ronald Myron Goldstein  
Arnold Hermer  
Herman L. Herold  
Mrs. Sidney L. Herold  
Fred S. Holman  
Jack Katzenstein  
Hilda Levi  
Violet Annie Monk  
Gwen Murov  
Harold Murov  
Joseph S. Murov  
Lazar Murov  
Naomi Murov  
Stella Phillips  
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



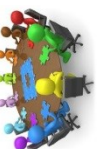


*Family and Friends of*

☆ *Eunice Marcus*

☆ *Casey Colley*

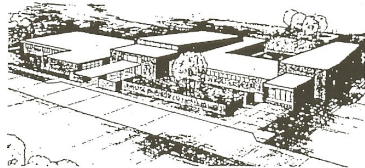
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# December 2013 / Kislev ~ Tevet 5774

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 28th of Kislev  Chanukah	<b>2</b> 29th of Kislev  Chanukah	<b>3</b> 30th of Kislev Rosh Chodesh Tevet  Chanukah	<b>4</b> 1st of Tevet Rosh Chodesh Tevet  Chanukah	<b>5</b> 2nd of Tevet Chanukah: 8th Day 	<b>6</b> 3rd of Tevet  <b>SIMCHA SHABBAT</b> Service 6:00 PM	<b>7</b> 4th of Tevet <b>Vayigash</b> Torah Study 9:45 AM Service 11 AM
<b>8</b> 5th of Tevet	<b>9</b> 6th of Tevet	<b>10</b> 7th of Tevet	<b>11</b> 8th of Tevet URJ Biennial in San Diego <b>No Hebrew Classes</b>	<b>12</b> 9th of Tevet URJ Biennial in San Diego	<b>13</b> 10th of Tevet URJ Biennial in San Diego Max & Ron Lead Worship Service 6:00 PM	<b>14</b> 11th of Tevet URJ Biennial in San Diego Max & Ron Lead Study & Worship <b>Vayeichi</b> Torah Study 9:45 AM Service 11 AM
<b>15</b> 12th of Tevet URJ Biennial in San Diego <b>Rel School 9:30-12:00</b> <b>No Hebrew Classes</b>	<b>16</b> 13th of Tevet	<b>17</b> 14th of Tevet BZ Board Mtg 7 PM 	<b>18</b> 15th of Tevet <b>Bet Class 3:30</b> Make Challah 6 PM 	<b>19</b> 16th of Tevet	<b>20</b> 17th of Tevet Service 6:00 PM	<b>21</b> 18th of Tevet <b>Shemot</b> Torah Study 9:45 AM Service 11 AM
<b>22</b> 19th of Tevet <b>No Religious School</b> <b>No Hebrew Classes</b> Lynn Strauss Unveiling 10:30 Hebrew Rest	<b>23</b> 20th of Tevet	<b>24</b> 21st of Tevet	<b>25</b> 22nd of Tevet Office Closed <b>No Hebrew Class</b>	<b>26</b> 23rd of Tevet	<b>27</b> 24th of Tevet Service 6:00 PM	<b>28</b> 25th of Tevet <b>Va'era</b> Torah Study 9:45 AM Service 11 AM
<b>29</b> 26th of Tevet <b>No Religious School</b> <b>No Hebrew Classes</b>	<b>30</b> 27th of Tevet	<b>31</b> 28th of Tevet	<b>Jan 1</b> 29th of Tevet Office Closed <b>No Hebrew Class</b>	<b>Jan 2</b> 1st of Sh'vat Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat	<b>Jan 3</b> 2nd of Sh'vat  <b>SIMCHA SHABBAT</b> Service 6:00 PM	<b>Jan 4</b> 3rd of Sh'vat <b>Bo</b> Torah Study 9:45 AM Service 11 AM
					<b>5:05 PM</b>	<b>5:49 PM</b>



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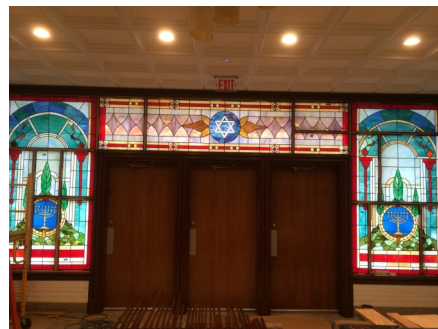
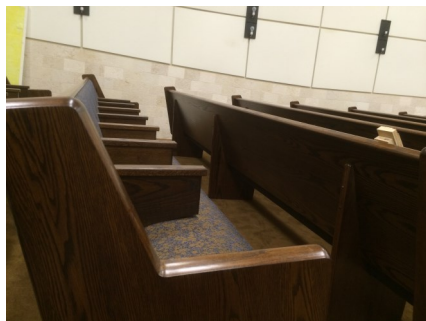
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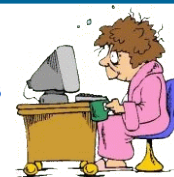
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