

The BuzZ at BZ

News From B'nai Zion Congregation in Shreveport, LA

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From Rabbi Jana

Change and Choice

Greene Family Camp (GFC) is like the Henry S. Jacobs camp (HSJ), but it is in Bruceville, Texas. From its third summer through the fifth summer, I was its

songleader. In fact, when Loui Dobin became the director of the camp, he chose me to be his songleader. That was really cool! Loui was possibly the best songleader on the east coast, and he chose me to be his songleader.

The first year some of the kids would tell me about the previous songleader. The staff would talk about how things were different with Loui. I couldn't tell – it was all I knew. I didn't go to summer camps when I was growing up. It wasn't difficult to get comfortable. It was awesome to be in a place where almost all of the campers came from places where there were almost no Jews. They came to camp and they were surrounded by hundreds of Jews. It was amazing. After Greene Family Camp I went to Camp Eisner in Massachusetts – which is where Loui was songleader for many years. These campers grew up in places where there were many Jews. The excitement of being with other Jews wasn't the same.

Fast forward, I got married, had children, and got called by Macy B. Hart to be his songleader for HSJ's second session. This camp had many more campers and staff than I was used to from my GFC days, mostly because it was an older camp already. HSJ has the same awesome feeling of Jewish campers getting to be with many other Jews that GFC has – and although at Eisner the kids love being with other Jews, it still wasn't the same. Also, both GFC and HSJ are deep in the south. I was loving that Southern Hospitality and charm again.



As I recall, my summer with Macy at HSJ was the last summer of him being the director of the camp, because he was pursuing a dream of creating the Institute of Southern Jewish Life. In his final talk to the camp as camp director, he said, "Change is neither bad nor good – Change is Change."

That really stuck with me. I thought about all the campers and staff who were accustomed to Macy's ways, and weren't looking forward to having their beloved camp be something different than what they knew. I saw it from the perspective of being the new person who comes in with enthusiasm for the job, and not thinking about it as change – but rather, doing what it takes to make the camp experience the best it could be. I have thought about it many times in other situations, when I wasn't thrilled that a change was occurring.

I have been back as songleader to GFC, and even though Loui is still director, I have seen things change. The major thing for me was that the camp now has hundreds of campers – when I was there the camp was so small that Maccabiah (the color war) had only two colors: blue and white. Now it has 4 colors and each group is larger than the whole camp was when I was there in the 70s and 80s. The songleader needs to use a microphone now. HSJ had that already when I was there in Macy's days. When I started at GFC all I had was my loud voice trying to project to the whole group – and a lot of Chloraseptic.

Many things in life (maybe most) do not stay the same. Often the changes are due to "forces beyond our control." However, many changes (if not most) in our lives are things that we get to choose to change. Our everyday lives are filled with choices – sometimes they are big choices, like: Should I go to the Deep South to be a songleader for my summer vacation? Should I choose this school instead of that one? And some seem "smaller," like: Should I have eggs for breakfast? Should I go to services tonight?

My choosing to pursue songleading, and my choice of schools helped to get me to where I am now. Even small choices make us who we are. Judaism helps us focus on things that are constant, but it also helps guide us – and encourages us - to make good choices. Thank you for choosing to be a part of the B'nai Zion Congregational family. Remember that choosing to participate with the congregation is one of the best ways to help you make other good choices.

Bivrakha (with blessing),

Rabbi Dr. Jana De Benedetti



a better world starts with me

From our President, Gary Abrams



Although Veteran's Day is not a Jewish Holiday, Rabbi Jana has been very diligent in making it a highly recognized and celebrated event at B'nai Zion. Many of our Jewish Holidays and celebrations are actually recognition of Jewish military struggles and our efforts to liberate our people from bondage. It is fitting that we take time to consider the struggles, dedication, bravery and courage of more modern times.



When my dad left Mississippi for the first time, he didn't have any idea that he would be hustled to Wyoming to begin training for Arctic combat conditions. He kept a detailed journal of his day to day activities and thoughts during training. His last entry was on January 16, 1943 as he lined up with a thousand other troops to board a ship in Seattle. The last sentence reads; "It was a trip that would forever remain in my mind." Not a single word was written in his journal after that. He was headed to the Aleutians at the same time that the Japanese were landing on islands like Attu. When the war ended, he returned to Mississippi from Kodiak, Alaska to live with his mother and his brothers, who were also returning.

We have members of our congregation who are currently deployed. It is important to remember that many of our families are patiently waiting for the return of their spouses and siblings.

Contact Rabbi Jana if you want to give things to "our" Jewish troops or their families.

Shalom,

Gary Abrams

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From our Educator, Helaine Braunig

In the aftermath of the presidential election, Religious School parents met with me and with the rabbi to talk about our own feelings, the experiences of our children in schools on the days after the election, and ways to become more active in our community. We talked about the need to become better listeners when others have opinions that differ from ours, and we talked about the need to support the organizations that line up with our own values and interests. As a result of our discussion, I'd like to remind you that I serve on the regional board of the Anti-Defamation League, an organization originally founded to counter anti-Semitism, but today active in protecting any group of people threatened or oppressed. We will have an opportunity to meet with the ADL regional director, Allison Padilla Goodman, after the first of the year, and those of you who may be less familiar with ADL's political advocacy can learn more. In the meantime, if you hear of actions being taken in our local community that reflect bias, bullying, or stereotyping, please bring them to my attention. ADL has lots of resources to help us.



One of the things that families can do to act on their values is to try harder than ever—and more often than ever—to undertake deeds of lovingkindness (*gemilut chasadim*). The lovingkindness that in Hebrew is called *chesed* is kindness, love, and goodness all rolled into one, so it isn't hard to figure out what we might do to express it: smile and speak to people we might normally pass by without paying attention; offer to shop for someone who has recently been sick; prepare dinner for someone "just because" they lead busy lives (and who doesn't love to be surprised with dinner?); write someone a thank you note that can be signed (or unsigned); volunteer for a non-profit agency; buy coffee for the next person in line, or pay the bill for someone in a restaurant without revealing that we are doing so. I'm sure you get the idea. We need to show people we care for them, particularly if they are feeling marginalized after the election. We all want to live in a country that respects difference and is inclusive, and we can start at home by doing for others around us. If you are interested in doing 30 days of *chesed*, and you want ideas about what to do, just stop by the office or contact me for your very own *chesed* chart. It was made for the Jewish New Year, but you can change the dates to any month, and you can add your own kindnesses to the suggested ones.

Please be reminded that we will have a Jacobs Camp visit from director Anna Herman on Sunday, December 4 during Religious School. We will have classes on December 4, 11, and 18, and then we will be out for three weeks according to the Caddo Parish Schools holiday schedule. Hanukkah begins on December 24, so be sure to schedule some time to visit the congregational gift shop. Plans are being made for a youth group Hanukkah party on Saturday, December 10 and a Preschool Families/Toddler Social Club party on Sunday, December 18. If other age groups want parties, please start organizing, and we will help publicize!

In January we will have a month-long opportunity to use the Louisiana Jewish History Trunk assembled by ISJL. We would love to know about any artifacts that you have that might make good additions to the trunk. We will make copies of letters, deeds, diaries, or other documents: we are not asking for originals. Please watch for ways that your family can be involved in learning local/state Jewish history.

Thanks to everyone who supports our school by teaching, volunteering, and making donations. We look forward to a spring semester with lots of chances to learn and to do.

L'shalom,

Helaine Braunig



We proudly
use the
ISJL
Curriculum



I Can Name That Song In Two Notes

Can you guess which popular melody Rabbi Jana is using for Shabbat melodies? Each Shabbat during the Friday evening service Rabbi Jana will use popular song melodies for some Shabbat prayers. It may be a show tune, or something from the radio, or something else... Hopefully you will recognize it and sing along.



Simcha Shabbat



It is such a blessing for us to celebrate happy events together. 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 2, 2016** during services. We will have a special Oneg Shabbat following services.

If your birthday or anniversary is in **January** your Simcha Shabbat will be **January 6, 2016**.

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.

Pray Together

Rabbi Jana believes that to make this world a better place, we have to get together. People of all faiths and backgrounds are invited to gather together in the Red River District (in front of the Bon Temps Coffee Bar, 450 Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway), **Tuesday, December 6 at 6 p.m.** Free parking is available 'next door' at the garage across from the Eldorado Casino, then come under the Texas Street Bridge. *PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS*. The intention is to gather, and each person/group will pray/meditate their own way.



The hope is that this will encourage conversation and strengthen the Shreveport area community. The group that gathers together will help determine what we will do. Last month we discussed the ways that we show praise. We acknowledged that we are in awe of so many things throughout the day. We sometimes get together and pray separately, but often sing together.

Tot Shabbat



Children who are pre-readers and their families (and anyone who enjoys not having to sit still during services) please join us in the Sanctuary for Tot Shabbat.
Saturdays 9-9:30 a.m.

December 10

January 14

Rabbi Jana will lead a singing, dancing, marching, boinging, no-reading-necessary, great story, happy Shabbat service.

Hanukkah Around the Community

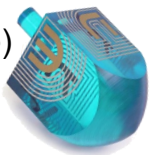


Rabbi Jana and Cantor Neil will be singing songs, spinning dreidels, lighting Hanukkiyot, and eating *sufganiyot* (jelly donuts) during Hanukkah with the Jewish residents and their friends at many of our local retirement homes. Once again this event is sponsored by the Jewish Federation, and everyone is invited. Contact Kathy Plante if you can join us, to be sure there will be plenty of goodies for everyone. Or just show up - we want everyone to be celebrating together!

We hope to see you:

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| ☆Tuesday, December 27 | 3:00 PM Montclair Activity Room (9100 E Kings Hwy) |
| ☆Wednesday, December 28 | 10:30 AM Montclair Chateau (9100 E Kings Hwy) |
| ☆ | 6:00 PM Waterview (2222 E Bert Kouns Industrial Loop) |
| ☆Thursday December 29 | 5:00 PM Tower at the Oaks (600 E Flourney Lucas Rd) |
| | 6:00 PM Community Center at the Oaks |

(Other sites were still unconfirmed at press time. Details will be available when ready)



Hanukkah and Shabbat Candle Lighting at BZ



Friday, December 30 bring your Hanukkah Menorah to Shabbat service at B'nai Zion at 6 p.m. We will light them all together before a brief, family friendly service followed by a special Hanukkah Oneg Shabbat. Candles will be provided.



How Do You Spell Hanukkah?

Hanukkah (alternately spelled Chanukah), meaning "dedication" in Hebrew, refers to the joyous eight-day celebration during which Jews commemorate the victory of the Maccabees over the armies of Syria in 165 B.C.E. and the subsequent liberation and "rededication" of the Temple in Jerusalem. The modern home celebration of Hanukkah centers around the lighting of the hanukkiyah, a special menorah for Hanukkah; foods prepared in oil including latkes (potato pancakes) and *sufganiyot* (jelly doughnuts); and special songs and games.

The Reform Judaism website has added a lot of new helpful material for understanding and celebrating Hanukkah, including videos, songs, recipes, Mitzvah Projects, and more. Go to www.reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/hanukkah and see what is new.

One of the things that the URJ (Union of Reform Judaism) has done is modified their suggested transliteration guide for transcribing Hebrew words into English. For example, although there is only one way to spell the word in Hebrew, you will find many ways to spell Hanukkah in English. This bulletin is using the new guidelines, which is why we are currently spelling the holiday: Hanukkah.



Being Jewish: It's Ok to Say "Happy Holidays"

This year the first candle of Hanukkah will be lit on Christmas Eve., and the last candles will be lit on New Year's Eve.

Thursday evenings during December from 6-7 p.m. we will discuss Hanukkah history, rituals, and customs. We will also talk about how to be Jewish in a Christian world; how to celebrate the holidays in an interfaith family, how to give and receive in the spirit of the season, and more.

The last Thursday of December we will be celebrating Hanukkah at the Oaks, and will not have a separate Being Jewish meeting.



Middle School and High School ShFTY Party

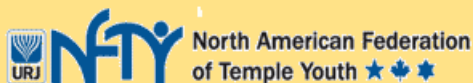
DREIDEL THE NIGHT AWAY!



**7TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE JEWISH STUDENTS:
DON'T MISS OUR HANUKKAH PARTY!!**

DECEMBER 10TH, 2016 FROM 5:30-8:30PM

THERE WILL BE FOOD, A SCAVENGER HUNT, PRIZES, THE WHITE ELEPHANT GAME, AND A SPECIAL ACTIVITY!!



*Asher Nierman & Rachel Robichaux
Youth Group Advisors*

Pre-School/Toddler Social Club Hanukkah Party

Big plans are being made for our littlest congregants for Hanukkah.

Parents: watch your emails for details about an incredibly fun party

December 18 at 5:00 PM at B'nai Zion



Virginia Walker



Donations to the B'nai Zion Music Fund are still appreciated to help with Virginia's needs. The family is also trying to place her horses in new homes. If you are aware of any place that would be interested in taking care of her horses, please contact the office. Until they find new homes, they are still in need of hay donations.

Sisterhood Meeting: Determining Our Future

An amazing group of women joined us at our Sisterhood planning meeting. In attendance were long-time members and new members. A number of important decisions were made regarding the future of the Sisterhood at B'nai Zion.

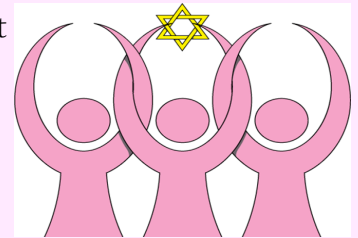
We want to have luncheons again. We are beginning to plan our first luncheon of 2017. Watch the bulletin, emails and One Call Now for details.

We want to encourage participation of young and old members, and are working on ways to meet the needs of all of our age groups.

We have decided to, at least temporarily, focus on our local group, and discontinue our dues contributions to the regional and national Women of Reform Judaism organization(s).

We have stocked the Gift Shop with new Hanukkah merchandise. The Gift Shop is accessible whenever the B'nai Zion office is open and on Sundays in December on days when there is Religious School.

Please contact Bethany Sorkey if you want to join, help, make suggestions, or have questions.



Sisterhood Gift Shop



The Gift Shop has a new stock of merchandise in time for your gift giving.

The Gift Shop is scheduled to be open when Religious School is in session
Sundays December 4, 11, 18 9:30-noon
and during the week when the office is open.



Jewish Community Youth Theatre Presents:

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Jewish Community Youth Theatre
is proud to present the original short version of the Musical
**Joseph and the Amazing
Technicolor Dreamcoat**

Directed by Cantor Schwartz, Assistant Director is Lauren Turner,
Stage Director is John Brown

Sunday, Dec 11th at 3 PM

ADMISSION IS FREE

OPEN SEATING - NO RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY

The performance will be in the sanctuary at Agudath Achim

DOORS OPEN AT 2:30 PM

For more information, please call Cantor Neil Schwartz 612-999-5060

A Social Justice Gift Guide for Hanukkah



In search of an unique Hanukkah gift for the social justice hero in your life? Look no further than this guide for all your gift-giving needs - with an emphasis on *tikkun olam*, the repair of our broken world.

Give the Gift of Life: Help your loved ones give the most meaningful gift of all – the Gift of Life – by having them join the National Bone Marrow Registry. Thousands of adults and children need blood transfusions or life-saving bone marrow transplants each year, and depend on matches from donors like you. You can run a drive in your community, donate the cost of processing a swab kit to Gift of Life, or order kits to get tested yourself.

Give Nothing But Nets: This Hanukkah, help eliminate malaria death in sub-Saharan Africa by joining the UN Foundation and the Union for Reform Judaism's 'Nothing But Nets' campaign. With a \$10 donation you can provide a lifesaving bed net to families who have fled conflict and are living in refugee camps. Make a donation to help save lives today.

Give Support to Ebola Victims & Families: Light a candle and give a gift to support those facing and responding to the deadly outbreak of Ebola in West Africa. The Reform Jewish community has partnered with American Jewish World Service to raise funds to assist with contact tracing, burial, and community outreach throughout the countries most hard hit by this terrible virus. Give the gift of relief today.

Give the Gift of Music: Have any musicians in your life? Know anyone who believes music can change the world? Give the ultimate social justice songbook – *Tzedek Tirdof* – featuring songs that resound with Jewish values and transcend personal boundaries. Start a (musical) revolution!

Give Thoughtful Travel: Know someone who is always on the road? Whether it's towels in your hotel room or the carbon emissions associated with your flights, buying offsets through the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's Travel Justly fund ensures environmental justice through our grant-making and advocacy work. As you travel this holiday season, give an additional present than just your presence.

Give Ethical Food: The foodie in your family will love the healthy and ethically-sourced foods that come with a share in your local Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) project, purchased through Hazon's 'Tuv Ha'aretz' Jewish CSA program or a farm near you. A few hundred dollars buys an entire season's worth of nutritious food and the opportunity to connect with your community, Jewish values, and the environment in the most delicious way!

Give Something Jewish: When was that last time you gave some cool Judaica to someone? It's Hanukkah, after all, so consider giving that Jewish social justice junkie in your life some fair trade Hanukkah gelt from 'Guilt Free Gelt' or a new *tallit* (prayer shawl) or challah covering made by Guatemalan artisans receiving fair wages available at Fair Trade Judaica. Check out the fair trade jewelry at Bead for Life or the delicious coffee beans at Equal Exchange.

The Gift of *Tikkun Olam*: Honor a Jewish hero for justice with a monetary gift to B'nai Zion in his or her name. Your gift will provide funding to allow us to continue to be a strong Jewish presence in Northwest Louisiana, with programming, education, worship, life cycle events, and so much more.

Looking for more ways to incorporate social justice into your Hanukkah celebration? Learn more about '*Ner Shel Tzedakah*' ("Candle of Righteousness"), a project in which families and individuals devote the sixth night of Hanukkah to learning about the problem of poverty.

Adapted from the website of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism

Hanukkah Blessings



HANUKKAH SERVICE FOR THE HOME



A *Hanukiyah* (Hanukkah Menorah) has space for nine candles. The one that is higher than the others is called the *Shamash* ("helper" or "server"), which is our source of light and used to light the other candles. In the Ashkenazic tradition candles are put in the Menorah from right to left (the ones representing the oldest days first). The candles are lighted from left to right (the ones representing the newest days first). On the first night of Hanukkah, one candle is put in the *Hanukiyah* and lit using the *Shamash*. On the second night, two candles are put in, and one more candle is added every night until eight are in the *hanukiyah* and lit on the eighth night.

Light the *Shamash*, then say the blessings below before lighting the rest of the candles for each night. On the first night, say all three blessings below. On the rest of the nights, say only the first two blessings. After the candles are lit, you may continue with readings, songs, food and games. When lighting candles on Friday night, be sure to light Hanukkah candles first and then the Shabbat candles before sundown.

BLESSINGS:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק
נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Ba-rukh A-ta A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lekh ha-o-lam, a-she-r kid-sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav v'tzi-va-nu l-had-lik ner shel Ha-nu-kah.

Praised are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, Who has sanctified us with commandments and commanded us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם
בַּזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

Ba-rukh A-ta A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam, she-'a-sa nis-sim la-avo-tei-nu ba-ya-mim ha-hem ba-z'man ha-zeh.

Praised are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, Who did wondrous things for our ancestors at this season in those days.

First night only:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזְּמַן הַזֶּה.

Ba-rukh A-ta A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam, she-he-he--ya-nu v'ki-y'-ma-nu v'hi-gi-ya-nu la-z'man ha-zeh.

Praised are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, Who gave us life, sustained us, and permitted us to celebrate this joyous festival.



End of Year Financial Reminders



Annual statements have recently been sent to all members of B'nai Zion. Please contact the office or our Executive officers if you have questions about your statement, didn't receive a statement, or want to make changes to your pledge. The Reform movement and our Board realize that calling them "dues" does not really explain what they are. The money is a financial commitment to keep the congregation viable each year; to ensure that there is a Jewish presence to help provide spiritual support. Your contribution makes sure that every member has access to a Rabbi and a Jewish community for life cycle events, in sickness and in health. The commitment you make represents so much more

than just "dues." The Board requests that you let the office know what you intend to pay for 2017 by the end of 2016 to be able to budget accordingly.

All donations and payments must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2016 to be counted toward your charitable contributions for 2016. Any amounts received after December 31, or with a postmark after December 31 must count toward 2017 even if the check has a date in 2016. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Each year some people make contributions with securities (investment accounts, including stocks and bonds). Give instructions to your broker to make the donation to the B'nai Zion account (we have accounts set up at many brokerage houses) and make sure that the sale and transfer is on the same day as the transaction, to get the maximum value for that day. When the securities notification of transfer is received, it often does not contain a legend or donor information attached. Please notify the office so that we can expect the transfer and know to apply the money to your account.

Remember you can now pay by credit card—and even make payments and donations online—if that is more convenient for you. Contact the office for assistance.

B'nai Zion Helps the Food Bank and Red River Radio

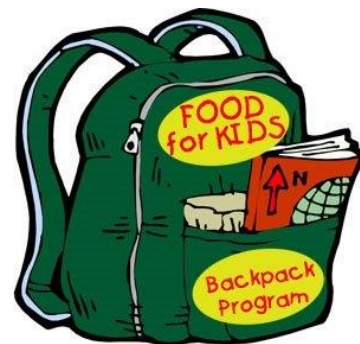


If you make a year end gift to Red River Radio, 100% of your donation will support the programming you love, and in thanks for your gift, B'nai Zion will donate backpacks of nutritious, kid-friendly food to the Northwest Louisiana Food Bank's Backpack program.

Chronically hungry children are provided with a backpack of food to take home for weekends and holidays. Each 7-10 pound weekly bag includes items such as granola bars, fruit juice and pop top canned food. Each time someone makes a contribution to Red River Radio, B'nai Zion has pledged to provide a backpack to a hungry child.

Listen to Red River Radio in December to hear Rabbi Jana and others speak about this "double Mitzvah" project

Also remember to tune in to Red River Radio for Hanukkah programs. Details will be available at RedRiverRadio.org



Save the Date" Sophie Wiener Bat Mitzvah

Saturday, January 21, 2017 10:30 a.m.

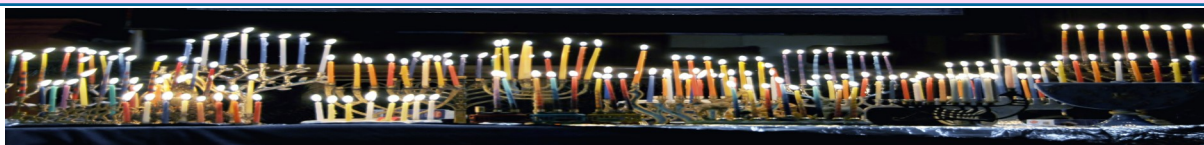
Sophie Wiener

*Will Help Lead the Service
and Be Called to the Torah as a*

Bat Mitzvah

*B'nai Zion Congregation
Kiddush Following Services*

Hosted by Kathleen and Don Wiener



Hanukkah Gift Bags for Our Students



The North Louisiana Jewish Federation is once again providing Hanukkah gift bags for each of the Religious School children. The bags will include Hanukkah candles. These will be distributed Sunday, December 18. If your child is not able to attend that Sunday, bags will be available to be picked up beginning December 19 in the B'nai Zion office.



Oneg Shabbat



"Oneg Shabbat" means "Joy of Shabbat" or "Pleasurable Shabbat." At B'nai Zion we make Shabbat more pleasurable by sharing refreshments and visiting together after Friday evening service.

If you would like to provide baked goods, cheese, wine, etc., or make a donation to help defray our costs; or host an Oneg Shabbat, please contact the Office.

We look forward to sharing Oneg Shabbat with you. See you soon.

Candle and Kiddush Blessers



2	Kathy Plante and Mark Kaplan
9	Laura & Ron Holman
16	Cheryl & Harvey Rubin
23	Sheila Lawrence and Max De Benedetti
30	Hanukkah Shabbat

As Time Goes By...



Before 2016 ends, we need to acknowledge some significant events from our past:

- ☆ Our congregation established its first charter in 1866 – one hundred fifty years ago.
- ☆ The present building was dedicated in 1956 – fifty years ago.
- ☆ In 2018 we can be celebrating 108 years in the Reform Movement – B'nai Zion is a Charter congregation (i.e., one of the original congregations) in the Union of Reform Judaism (formerly known as the Union of American Hebrew Congregations).
- ☆ In 2020 we will be celebrating 150 years in our own building. The first B'nai Zion building on Fannin (shown at left, which eventually burned down) was dedicated in 1870.

If you love history, and want to help us create a new book describing our 150 years... If you love parties, and want to help us find an appropriate way to celebrate our upcoming 150th anniversary contact Gary Abrams or the office. It is not too soon to begin planning.

December Birthdays

- 1 Rita Rabinowitz
- 2 David "Buddy" Rubenstein
- 4 Ruth Lewis
- 4 Emma Nuckolls
- 5 Marti Lepow
- 6 Liam Haas
- 9 Tamara Courtney
- 9 Melissa Gillum
- 11 Sheila McCorkle
- 11 Lucas Nierman
- 11 Charles Rogers
- 11 Katie Walker



- 12 Mollie Newstadt
- 15 Geraldine "Gigi" Zelinsky
- 16 Kathleen "Kathy" Plante
- 17 George McGovern
- 18 Anna Myers
- 20 David Kaufman
- 20 William Serkin
- 23 Cole Evensky
- 27 Janet Stuart
- 27 Georgette Toys
- 30 Daryl Muslow

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

December Anniversaries



- 4 Rita and Richard Muslow
- 23 Holisann and Sidney Kent

- 28 Daphne and Asher Nierman
- 29 Pat and Ann Maxey

**If you are not on the above lists for current birthdays or anniversaries
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B'nai Zion Schedules

Shabbat Schedule

*Friday Evening Service - 6:00 PM
Saturday Torah Talk - 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*

December Tributes

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Prayers for Recovery of:

Barry Suckle
Kathleen Plante
Sheila Lawrence
Shirley Seligman

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

In Honor of the 80th Birthday of:

Dorothy Lobel
Hollisann & Sidney Kent

ENDOWMENT

In Honor of the 80th Birthday of:

Dorothy Lobel
Rachel & Mandy Selber

In Memory of:

Lillie Muslow Black
Dr. & Mrs. Ike Muslow
Robert E. Redstone, Jr.
Julie, Frances & Donald Zadeck

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY

In Honor of:

Rabbi Jana De Benedetti
JoDel Adkins

Prayers for Recovery of:

Sheila Lawrence
Kathy Plante
Mark Kaplan & Betsy Kaplan

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

In Memory of:

Anthony Myers
Angie Noelani
Dot Kaplan
Leon Abramson
Pauline Murov
Leon Abramson

WE CARE

Prayers for Recovery of:

Margaret Rifkin
Kathy Plante

MUSIC

For the Needs of:

Virginia Walker
Janice Aiken
Helaine & Bill Braunig
Mary Caldwell
Deborah Collier
Robert Darrow
Lory Ann & Larry Evensky
Rozann & Bob Frey
Harriette Glazer
Sharon & Elliott Goldman
Libby & Thomas Irwin
Leslye Jackson
Hollisann & Sidney Kent
Sheila Lawrence
Steven and Laurie Levine
Dorothy & Bernard Lobel
Ellen & George McGovern
Mimi Meriam
Cecile Murov
Ruthie Nierman
Lisa Phifer
Jan Pittman
Kathy Plante
Yehudit & Mark Platt
Connie & Donald Posner
Dorothy Rivette
Suzee & Ardis Robison
David Saphier
Shirley Seligman
Ascension Smith
Jeanne & Jeffrey Smith
Frances Walker & John Beekman
Mary Gray Walker
Joseph Walker
Marion Weiss



GENERAL

In Honor of the 80th Birthday of:

Dorothy Lobel
Marcia Katzenstein
Sue & David Rubenstein

In Memory of:

Bertrand I. Cahn
Berte & Ike Muslow
Bettie Cahn Alcus Levy
Berte & Ike Muslow
Anthony Myers
Deborah Collier
Betty Phillips
Tina & Randolph Kallenberg
Bobby Redstone
Lynn & Robert Behrendt
Jan Pittman
James Muslow
Barbara & Edgar Newstadt
Janice Muslow
Berte & Ike Muslow
Robert E. Redstone, Jr.
Mabel & Jack Coussons
Regina & Robert Redstone
Tobin Grigsby, MD
Hugh "Nootsi" Williams
Mark McCrocklin
Julia, James,
James Reed and Helen Grace
Deanna & Hank Katz

SHFITY DONATIONS

Prayers for Recovery of:

Barry Suckle
Mark Kaplan & Betsy Kaplan Beall

In Honor of the Birthday of:

Sam Silverblatt
Mark Kaplan & Betsy Beall
Nancy Abrams
Mark Kaplan & Betsy Kaplan Beall
Teddy Kranson
Mark Kaplan & Betsy Kaplan Beall
Carolyn Murov
Mark Kaplan & Betsy Kaplan Beall
Donald Posner
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Yahrzeits

December 4-10

Esther Fish Arbili
Sam Benon
William M. Blumberg *
Richard Bronner
Eva P. Cooperstein *
Ike Cullick
Belle Fenkelstein
Melanie Meyer Goldstein
M. Mendell Heller *
Milton 'Mickey' Holland
Hyman A. Perlstein *
Mary R. Selber *
Mandel C. Selber, Sr.*
Yvette Somer *
Harry Steckol *
Mrs. Marilyn Weil
Sam Wiener, Jr. *
Pearl Winer
Dorothy G. Zadeck *

December 11-17

Libbie Bliss Abramson
Z. Brainis
Pearl G. Dover *
Manny Finkelstein
Valerie Krandle Gold
Mary Etch Grunes
Solomon Lepow
Caro W. Levy *
Helen L. Levy *
Herbert Loeb
Lottie Feld Selber *
Sam Sklar *
Jewel M. Sorkin *
Jack Stein
Sonia Grunes Surenko
Alexander W. Teck
Sylvia Terrell
Elise Willer

December 18-24

Ross Stuart Aufrichtig *
Ingrid Benson
Marx Bluestein*
Leon Chernick
Charles G. Friedenthal
Sheldon Goldsholl *
Leslie Gruber
Paul Heiss
Henry Kahan *
Irvin Kassof
Thomas Douglas Kleban
Leona Lefkowitz
Emogene Silber Pliner
Armand W. Roos *
Carol Steiner Rubenstein *
Molly Scrinopskie
Chuck Selber *
George L. Shanhouse
Jerome Bernard Stenzler
Jerold Suckle *
Sam Weisman
Marion Wiener
Sarah Willer
Viola Wolff *

December 25-31

Milton Abrams
Louis M. Bodenheimer
Annie Gardsbane
Edith Gerson
Herman L. Herold
Sidney L. Herold
Regina B. Kaufman *
Leo Kent
Leah Langford
Theodore Mandel
Bill Mantinband
Harry Mittenthal
Mamie G. Perlstein *
Gertrude Siegel Scheinberg
Hyman Schuster
Sarah Schuster
Frank Shaw
Horace Simon Sr.
Hyman Stein

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May God Console

Family and Friends of:

☆ **Robert "Bobby" Redstone, Jr.**


☆ **Hugh "Nootsi" Williams, husband of Ida Williams**



May their memory be a blessing

The tradition at B'nai Zion is to say Kaddish on the Shabbat following the Yahrzeit. If the anniversary of your loved one's death is on a Wednesday, for example, we would read their name on the Friday and Saturday following that Wednesday. Did you know that we can remember the Yahrzeit according the Hebrew or English date of death?

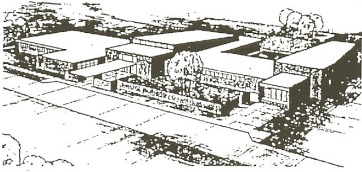
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 26 Cheshvan	28 27 Cheshvan	29 28 Cheshvan	30 29 Cheshvan Bet Hebrew 3:45 PM 	1 1st Kislev ROSH CHODESH KISLEV BEING JEWISH 6 PM 	2 2nd Kislev  SIMCHA SHABBAT Service 6 pm 4:51 	3 3rd Kislev TOL'DOT Gen. 25:19-28:9 Malachi 1:1-27 <i>Torah Talk 9:45 am</i> <i>Shabbat Shmooze 11 am</i> 5:01 
4 4th Kislev H.S. Jacobs Presentation at Religious School 	5 5th Kislev	6 6th Kislev	7 7th Kislev Bet Hebrew 3:45 PM 	8 8th Kislev BEING JEWISH 6 PM 	9 9th Kislev Service 6 pm 4:52 	10 10th Kislev VAYEITZEI  <i>Torah Talk 9:45 am</i> <i>Shabbat Shmooze 11 am</i> SHFITY HANUKKAH PARTY 5:30-8-30 pm  5:50 
11 11 Kislev  3 PM @ AA	12 12 Kislev	13 13 Kislev	14 14th Kislev Bet Hebrew 3:45 PM 	15 15th Kislev BULLETIN DEADLINE  BEING JEWISH 6 PM 	16 16th Kislev Service 6 pm 4:54 	17 17th Kislev VAYISHLACH Gen. 32:4-36:43 Hosea 11:7-12:12 <i>Torah Talk 9:45</i> <i>Shabbat Shmooze 11 am</i> 5:52 
18 18th Kislev Toddler Social Club Hanukkah Party 5 PM 	19 19 Kislev	20 20th Kislev NO BZ BOARD MEETING	21 21st Kislev  WINTER BEGINS Bet Hebrew 3:45 PM 	22 22nd Kislev BEING JEWISH 6 PM 	23 23rd Kislev Service 6 pm 4:57 	24 24th Kislev VAYEISHEV JEWISH BOOK MONTH ENDS HANUKKAH BEGINS  <i>Torah Talk 9:45</i> <i>Shabbat Shmooze 11 am</i> 5:56 
25 25th Kislev  NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	26 26th Kislev 	27 27th Kislev  Hanukkah @ Montclair 3pm Activities Rm	28 28th Kislev  No Hebrew Hanukkah @ Chateau 10:30 am Main Rm Waterview 6pm	29 29th Kislev  Hanukkah @ The Oaks 5pm Tower 6pm Comm. Center	30 1st Tevet ROSH CHODESH TEVET  Service 6 pm Shabbat Hanukkah & Oneg 5:01 	31 2nd Tevet Gen. 41:1-44:17 Zecharia 4:1-7  <i>Torah Talk 9:45</i> <i>Shabbat Shmooze 11</i> 6:00 

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