

The *BuzZ* at BZ

News From B'nai Zion Congregation in Shreveport, LA

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From Rabbi Jana

Beignet Zion

In the mid 1980s I learned that the University of Chicago held an annual “scholarly” debate about which is better: latkes or hamantaschen. The debates have been held every year since 1946 and other universities and institutions have begun their own local versions. Over the years many well-known academics have participated. It is something that students, faculty and the community look forward to each year. I found this description of the history and guidelines of the debate:

Several long-standing customs are observed at the University of Chicago: the debaters must have gained a Ph.D. or an equivalent advanced degree, arguments are encouraged to be made using the specific technical language of their discipline, participants must present themselves in academic regalia, and the debaters must include at least one non-Jewish individual. Discussing the event's original purpose at the University of Chicago, Ruth Fredman Cernea observed that scholarly life discouraged exploration of Jewish traditions and did not facilitate ethnic relationships between students and faculty: "The event provided a rare opportunity for faculty to reveal their hidden Jewish souls and poke fun at the high seriousness of everyday academic life." On a practical note, Cernea commented that examinations and term papers would cause stress in the student body and that the event served to help alleviate such tension around final exam time.

Most of us are thinking about latkes and sufganiyot (jelly donuts) for Hanukkah, and don't think about hamantaschen until Purim. Well, now you are thinking about hamantaschen – at least for a moment. Perhaps the debate should be about hamantachen compared with sufganiyot.

This debate is incredibly entertaining – and even somewhat informative. Imagine an expert in a field like physics trying to argue on behalf of a pastry or a fried potato -- or a lawyer, or an insurance agent, or a geologist, or a computer programmer. You see where I am going. What if we had a debate like that here. Which side would you be on, and how would you make your case?

Hanukkah and Purim both represent holidays that emphasize survival against great difficulty. Perhaps we need to acknowledge that it is a miracle that we have come up with tasty foods that represent these struggles – or our victories.

You know that Hanukkah means “dedication” and it also comes from the root in Hebrew for “education.” Throughout the ages we have found pleasant ways to teach our history including giving meaning to foods we eat: like latkes reminding us about the story of the Miracle of the Oil, sufganiyot (jelly donuts) reminding us of clever ways to survive. We have also found other enjoyable ways to remember history, against all odds – for example by playing with a dreidel.

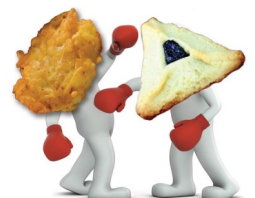
In Louisiana we might argue that adding tasty food to a holiday celebration is “*Lagniappe*.” There is a possibility that some Lagniappe for our Oneg Shabbat during Hanukkah will be another way of adding Louisiana flavor to our celebration by making our jelly donuts to be *beignets* filled with jelly instead of donuts.

In the spirit of a latke vs. hamantaschen debate I would be on the side for changing our congregation's name from “B'nai Zion,” which means “Children of Zion” to “Beignet Zion,” because it is uniquely a Louisiana way of acknowledging the importance of Judaism to us – plus some Lagniappe – the sweetness of the beignet.

So what do you think: latkes or hamantaschen? Beignet Zion? While you are celebrating Hanukkah this year, perhaps these questions give you... food for thought.

Happy Hanukkah,

Rabbi Dr. Jana De Benedetti



From our President, Gary Abrams



Sometimes we think that our congregation is just too small to accomplish much more than our normal weekly rituals. I believe that after hosting the NFTY-Southern Fall Conclave, that we should possibly re-evaluate what our capabilities might actually be. Rachel Robichaux and Asher Nierman took on the task of organizing and planning the event. For the most part, our members want to support those who put out the kind of effort that was required of Rachel and Asher. From what I could tell, most of us were happy to help them make the event successful.

The three eleventh grade boys from Little Rock that stayed with us were a pleasure to host. I had opportunities to listen to their thoughts about high school, college and conclave. I even got them to rank our event with Jackson, Baton Rouge and New Orleans. Among our youth group members, it seems as though I saw Caroline and Lauren fully engaged in the moment every time I showed up on the scene. I saw other BZ youth group members that were unsure, yet trying to find the right spot to fit in to the mix. The picture was the same as you would see at any camp, high school or college.

Rachel, Asher, our youth group members, the hosts and the contributors all made us realize that we can accomplish more than we want to believe.

Shalom,

Gary Abrams



*The B'nai Zion Board meeting
will be 6:30 PM December 19*

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From Our Educator, Helaine Braunig

December already? It hardly seems possible, yet here we are almost mid-way through a school year. December means Hanukkah; December means family get-togethers; December means standing on the brink of a secular New Year. For children December is full of the joy of celebration. For parents December is often full of busy-ness and a need for quiet and calm. For the Religious School and its teachers, the month is a catch-your-breath and look-ahead time of year: How much have we accomplished? How much more do we want to do? How can we do things better? With an extended break that is correlated to our public school vacation schedule, it is also a time to look for ways to live our Jewish values even if classes are not in session. Where can we volunteer? How can we make a difference? What can we do as a family to increase the Jewishness of our lives? Please know that I am here to help you answer those questions. I hope you will reach out to me and let me know how I can help you establish some new practices or help you find opportunities to serve others, in our Jewish community and in the general community. Maybe you'd like to learn to cook some Jewish foods or watch a Jewish movie or talk about Jewish perspectives on issues that are in the news every day. Please email me (braunigw@aol.com) or text me (318-469-0945) or even call me to tell me what you'd like to do. I'd be happy to meet you for coffee or go for a walk to talk about how best to use the month-long break in our Religious School year. Classes will NOT meet on December 24, 31, January 8 or 15.



With Hanukkah on the horizon and Martin Luther King Day coming up in January, and having just returned from a visit to the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, human rights are on my mind – religious rights like the ones the Maccabees fought for, but also civil rights that today extend beyond race, though race is still something we must talk about and work to understand. However, we also must have the conversation about gender rights and immigration rights and rights for the disabled. The one thing that struck me when I visited the Civil Rights Museum was just how much I was unaware of at the time events were happening. I was a young child when the Civil Rights movement began in earnest with Brown vs. Board of Education and a prayer march in Washington, DC in 1957. But though I was old enough in the early 60s to be aware of marches and sit-ins and boycotts, and I did see news reports about them, I wonder now about the overall silence about racism that characterized much of my youth. I don't recall the Jewish community's being involved in a public way. I don't recall meetings at B'nai Zion to talk about inequality and to demand change. I don't recall an outcry against injustice or support for our African-American brothers and sisters, even though most of us had domestic help in our homes. Can you help me remember? I'd like to find out that I'm wrong about all of this, that I was simply too young to be aware of what was happening. In the meantime, I feel more committed than ever to acting on behalf of those whose rights are threatened today, and I want to be sure our children know what we stand for and why.

In just a couple of weeks I will attend the URJ Biennial, and there I will seek opportunities to learn what Reform congregations in other cities are doing to be actively involved in social justice. I hope you will want to join me in becoming better educated about issues and learning what we can do to help repair our world. We always talk about *tikkun olam*, but we must do more than talk. And, we must be sure that our children hear us talking and see us taking action. I don't want them to look back, as I'm doing now, and wonder why what I saw on tv or read in the newspapers didn't resonate more fully in my life.

One place we can start is with educating ourselves. Please join us beginning Sunday, December 3 through Sunday, December 17 at our Fair Trade Bazaar. Even if you do not shop, come and learn with us about economic realities for those who live in third-world countries. We can make a difference in their lives. And by all means, enjoy Hanukkah, with an emphasis on the *why* we celebrate – and what freedom really means.

L'shalom,

Helaine Braunig

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Fair Trade Bazaar December 3-17 at B'nai Zion



The Fair Trade Bazaar is set to begin on Sunday, December 3 and conclude on Sunday, December 17. Shop early for the best selection! The Religious School is proud to present another Fair Trade sale from December 3-17. Fair Trade items for sale will be supplied by Mayan Hands, A Thread of Hope, Fair Trade Judaica, and local coffee roaster, Kern's Coffee. Your purchases will benefit women artisans from Guatemala and other Central American locations whose crafts are purchased at a living wage for the women. The goods are made with respect for the environment as well as respect for the sellers. You will find baskets, scarves, jewelry, Judaic objects, and much more. We will also be selling Rescue Chocolate (chocolate bars that benefit organizations involved in animal rescue and refuge. Kern's Coffee will also be for sale.

Come and shop for yourselves and those on your holiday lists, including your children's teachers, your family, and your friends. We return all profits to the sponsoring organizations. This is not a fundraiser, just a chance to learn about the fair trade movement and support those who make the articles sold. You can pay by cash, check or credit card. The Bazaar is open during Religious School hours and whenever the office is open.



Gift Shop Hanukkah Extravaganza



B'nai Zion Sisterhood Gift Shop and the Agudath Achim Sisterhood Gift Shop (which will be called the Carolyn Rubenstein Gift Shop as of December 2) will offer a wonderful variety of Hanukkah gift items and necessities (candles, dreidels, Hanukkah menorot, etc.) The items will be on display and ready to purchase during office hours or when Religious School is in session.

B'nai Zion accepts cash, checks or credit cards.

Appointments can be arranged beyond normal business hours by contacting the office or Bethany Sorkey.

You are sure to find something that fits your fancy and your budget.

Hanukkah Gift Shop Special Catalog



The gift shops at B'nai Zion and Agudath Achim offer a variety of items for purchase for Hanukkah. There is a catalog you can browse by going to the B'nai Zion website and looking at the Links and Forms page. Please note that many items are one of a kind or may be able to be ordered after the one in the shop has sold, so buy your Hanukkah supplies and gifts soon.



Coats of Many Colors Drive



Between the holidays when we celebrate being thankful through the holiday we celebrate being a light to the nations we read the Torah portion about the “Coat of Many Colors.” That coat was special to Joseph, and we want every person to feel special and feel warmth during the cold months.



Bring new or gently used and clean coats of any size or color to B’nai Zion to distribute to those in the need. **We will collect coats between Thanksgiving through the Community Hanukkah party on December 17.**



Food Bank Volunteers



The team that came in November to volunteer at the Food Bank packed 1500 pounds of food. The pictures shows most of the people who worked so hard and accomplished so much.



Food Bank Volunteers Needed –

Thursday, December 14

8:00 a.m. until noon

You are invited to join other members of the Jewish community in sorting food and packing food boxes to assist the Northwest Louisiana Food Bank in its Holiday Food Drive. Even if you want to arrive a little later in the morning, we’d love to have you join us.

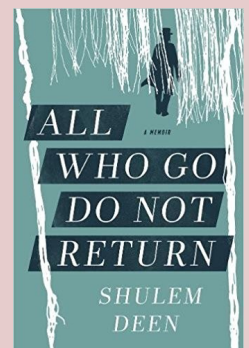
Please email Helaine at braunigw@aol.com or call the BZ office at 861-2122 to let us know you will join us. The Food Bank is located at 2307 Texas Avenue not far from the main post office.

People of the Book

The People of the Book Club isn’t really a club. It is anyone who wants to get together with others to discuss interesting books. Most people who attend have read the book, but not all.

The next meeting will be Monday, December 4 at 7 PM The discussion will be about the book *All Who Go Do Not Return* by Shulem Deen. The book has won numerous awards and was named one of "Forty-two books to read before you die" by the Independent (UK).

Shulem Deen wrote this as a memoir about growing up in, and then leaving, one of the most insular Hasidic sects in the U.S. Along the way, as he delves into modern society, he struggles with his faith and trying to maintain his relationships with his family.



Jewish Community Hanukkah Parties

There are many ways to celebrate Hanukkah as a community. At every party there will be food (sufganiyot at least), dreidels, singing and stories. Some are at Retirement facilities where there are at least 2 residents who are Jewish. The parties are open to everyone in the Jewish community and all residents of the facilities. All of the parties are sponsored by the Jewish Federation of North Louisiana. Please join us:

2 p.m. Tuesday, December 12 at the Glen 403 E Flourney Lucas Rd



5 p.m. Tuesday, December 12 at The Tower at The Oaks 600 E Flourney Lucas Rd



6 p.m. Tuesday, December 12 at the Community Center at the Oaks

10 a.m. Thursday, December 14 at the Waterview Court 2222 E Bert Kouns Industrial Loop

6 p.m. Thursday, December 14 at Montclair Park and the Chateau 9100 E Kings Hwy

Sunday, December 17th, at B'nai Zion beginning 11:30 a.m. will include:

-Lunch including latkes, with sufganiyot for dessert

-Fair trade market

-Synagogue gift shop expos

-Activities including beeswax candle making, dreidel playing, other toys and games



Come and Light to Brighten the Night



At the beginning of the Shabbat during Hanukkah, (Friday, December 15) everyone should bring a hanukkiyah (at least one per household) to light together at services.

We will do a brief service, and then have a special Oneg Shabbat with Hanukkah Lagniappe treats.

Candles will be provided.

Ethical Dilemma Discussion at The Oaks

The last Wednesday of each month Rabbi Jana will lead a discussion called: "What Would You Do? Ethical Dilemmas from a Jewish Perspective."

We plan to meet Wednesday, December 27 from 2-3 PM in The Tower Ballroom at the Oaks of Louisiana. Refreshments are provided.

You do not have to live at The Oaks to come to the discussions.



Spencer Reichman: Monthly Soloist



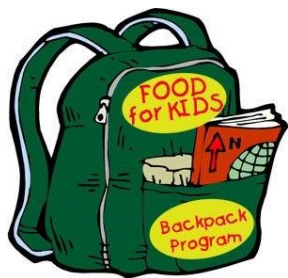
We are proud to announce that Spencer Reichman has agreed to sing at services once a month through May. He sang so magnificently at our High Holy Days when he was our Cantorial Soloist.

He currently plans to be our soloist on these dates:

- ♪ December 22
- ♪ January 26 - Shabbat Shira - the Sabbath of Song
- ♪ February 23
- ♪ April 27
- ♪ May 11



BZ Donation to Food Banks for Red River Radio



For the second year Rabbi Jana was the first to offer a contribution on behalf of B'nai Zion for the Red River Radio Backpack Drive in order to provide backpacks filled with food for children who would otherwise go hungry, and help leverage support for Red River Radio. For each donation made to Red River Radio during the drive - of any amount - B'nai Zion and a few other organizations will contribute to the Backpack Program at the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana, the Food Bank of Central Louisiana and the East Texas Food Bank. This year every donation to Red River Radio will leverage support for three Food Banks with three backpacks of food.

Jewish Global Diversity and a Just World

Looking ahead – Martin Luther King weekend – Sunday, January 14, 2018
The Religious School is proud to partner with the Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL) to offer activities for both adults and children on the Sunday morning preceding the MLK holiday. After a three-week break from Religious School we will have a bagel brunch and a program for children highlighting Jewish Global Diversity. Students will explore Jewish communities in various countries by learning about the history of Jewish gauchos in Argentina, the use of Torah in China, and much more. For adults there will be a program entitled “Imagine” the Creation of a Just World. This visual arts and writing workshop is inspired by John Lennon’s

“Imagine,” Jewish songwriter Matisyahu’s “One Day,” and the Creation story of Torah. What would a perfect world look like to you? What stands in the way of bringing that vision to reality? The ISJL Community Engagement Department will lead us in learning and exploring and expressing our feelings.



B'nai Zion Schedules

Shabbat Schedule

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



Regular Office Hours

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

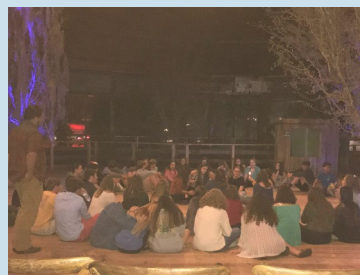
ShFTY: Great Conclave!



ShFTY would like to thank the BZ congregation for their support for our regional NFTY-So conclave November 10-12... it was a total success!! The 54 teens in attendance from all over the South were appreciative of our hospitality, jam packed scheduling, great food and treats galore!! The ShFTY teens made us proud throughout this entire conclave planning process and conclave weekend.

Thank you to all of the ShFTY parents, B'nai Zion and other community angels who housed, drove, fed, donated, chaperoned, planned, worshipped and helped make such an incredibly successful conclave experience for everyone.

A special thank you to Rabbi Jana for her assistance with our Friday night and Saturday morning services, organizing and planning expertise, and mostly her excitement and energy throughout the whole weekend.





Hanukkah Shows on Red River Radio


We appreciate that Red River Radio always has programming for our holidays. These are the programs for Hanukkah 2017 / 5778:




A Chanukah Celebration Across the Globe
 - 11 AM Monday, December 11
Hanukkah Lights 2017
 - 8 PM Monday, December 11
The Kabbalah of Chanukah
 - 8 PM Tuesday, December 12
Candles Burning Brightly
 - 8 PM Wednesday, December 13
A Chanukah Celebration with Chicago a cappella
 - 1 PM Thursday, December 14
Itzhak Perlman's Chanukah Radio Party
 - 8 PM Thursday, December 14

Dreidel Game Instructions

 **Hanukkah Dreidel Game** 
 from the De Benedetti Family


 *Dreidel*: the Yiddish word for a spinning top with four Hebrew letters representing the four words for the Hebrew phrase: a Great Miracle Happened There. In Hebrew the words are נס גדול הֵיָה שָׁם *Nes Gadol Hayah Sham*. The Hebrew word for *Dreidel* is סְבִיבון *S'vivon*. In Israel the *S'vivon* says: A Great Miracle Happened Here (נס גדול הֵיָה פֹה *Nes Gadol Hayah Poh*). The miracles of Hanukkah include the few simple Jews defeating the Greek-Syrian army, and the small amount of oil burning for eight days.

 How to play the *Dreidel* Game:

Before each spin, everyone has to put in (candy, or coins, etc.)

The letter facing up when the *dreidel* stops spinning lets you know what to do:

Letter Name	Letter Sound	Hebrew Word	English Meaning	Win / Lose	Letter Shape
Noon	N	נֵס Nes	Miracle	Nothing	☹ נ
Gimmel	G	גָּדוֹל Gadol	Big/Great	Gimme all	😊 ג
Hey	H	הֵיָה Hayah	Was	Half	😊 ה
Shin	Sh	שָׁם Sham	There	Shucks (-1)	☹ ש

 Happy Hanukah!

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Who Invented Hanukkah Gelt?

Theories Tracing the Hanukkah/Gelt Connection by Tina Wasserman



Scholars have offered several theories as to the inventor of **Hanukkah gelt** (chocolate coins, usually wrapped in gold foil). One traces the tradition back to the decision of the Hasmoneans to mint their own nation's coins after their military victory over the Greek Syrians. Another theory focuses on the name of the holiday. Although *Hanukkah* means "dedication," it is linguistically related to *hinnukh*, which means "education." Perhaps for this reason, some Jewish communities chose Hanukkah as the time to celebrate the freedom to be educated Jewishly. Revered Jewish scholar Maimonides made the education/*gelt* connection when he described *gelt* as "an incentive for you [children] to study Torah properly."

Writing in the early 18th century, a disciple of the Ba'al Shem Tov (the founder of Hasidic Judaism) noted that it was customary for rabbis to make educational pilgrimages to remote villages during the Hanukkah season to strengthen the Jews' study of Torah. Initially the rabbis rejected payment for these services, but subsequently they came to accept coins as well as whisky, food, and honey as compensation for lost time away from home - in effect, a gift of Hanukkah *gelt*.

It wasn't until the 19th century that Hanukkah *gelt* was given primarily to children. In Sephardic and Oriental Jewish communities, poor children would go door-to-door during the holiday offering to protect Jewish homes from the Evil Eye by burning special grasses in exchange for money or gifts. In Yemen, children would receive a daily coin from their parents to purchase the sugar and red food dye needed to make the "Hanukkah wine" consumed at nightly gatherings during the holiday.

In the 20th century, as political Zionism gained a strong following, the recounting of the Maccabees' efforts to reclaim the Temple became symbolic of the passionate desire for an independent Jewish state. Adults retold the Hanukkah story and gave children coins as they taught them about their heritage.

Perhaps the most familiar form of Hanukkah *gelt* today is a chocolate coin covered in gold foil. This tradition is decidedly European in origin, probably dating from the late 18th and early 19th century, when Jews figured prominently in chocolate manufacturing. Fashioning coins out of chocolate would have allowed poor children to take pleasure in the growing Jewish tradition of receiving *gelt* at Hanukkah time.

This year, may we all remember the values of Hanukkah: Jewish pride, religious freedom, and, as exemplified by *gelt* - the gift of learning.

<https://reformjudaism.org/who-invented-hanukkah-gelt>

Veterans Day



This year for Veterans Day we replaced the old flags with new flags. We added some posts and flags. We went to all three of B'nai Zion's cemeteries: The oldest Jewish cemetery here is called Hebrew Rest and is a corner of Oakland Cemetery. The Texas Avenue Cemetery is also called Hebrew Rest 2. The newest Cemetery is called Hebrew Rest 3, but it is more commonly called B'nai Zion section of Greenwood Cemetery.



Hanukkah Blessings



HANUKKAH SERVICE FOR THE HOME



A *Hanukkiyah* (Hanukkah Menorah) has space for nine candles. The one that is higher than the others is for the *Shamash* ("helper" or "server"), which is used to light the other candles. Candles are put in the Menorah from right to left (the ones representing the oldest days first). The candles are lit from left to right (the ones representing the newest days first). On the first night of Chanukah, one candle is put in the *Hanukkiyah* 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 *Hanukkiyah* 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 and songs.

BLESSINGS:

Every Night:

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

Ba-rukht A-ta A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lekh ha-o-lam, a-sheer 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.

Every Night:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ
בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמַּן
הַזֶּה.

Ba-rukht 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, שֶׁהֵחֵיָנוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזְמַן הַזֶּה.

Ba-rukht 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.

Multicultural Event In Magnolia, Arkansas



Rabbi Jana and Max De Benedetti had a booth at the International Cultural and Religious Festival at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Arkansas.



December Birthdays and Anniversaries

1- Rita Rabinowitz	11- Sheila McCorkle	20- David Kaufman
2- David "Buddy" Rubenstein	11- Lucas Nierman	20- William Serkin
4- Ruth Lewis	11- Charles Rogers	23- Cole Evensky
4- ♥ Rita & Richard Muslow	11- Katie Walker	23- ♥ Hollisann & Sidney Kent
5- Marti Lepow	12- Mollie Newstadt	27- Georgette Toys
5- Kyle Smet	15- Geraldine Zelinsky	28- ♥ Daphne & Asher Nierman
6- Liam Haas	16- Kathleen Plante	29- Ann & Pat Maxey
9- Tamara Courtney	17- George McGovern	30- Daryl Muslow
9- Melissa Gillum	18- Anna Myers	
10- Nathan Master	19- Miguel Padin	

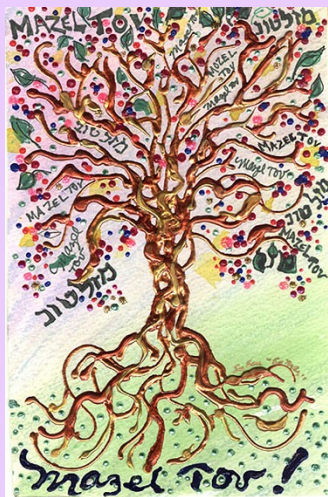


We give thanks for life, for health, for all that sustains us, and for this joyous day.

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.

Mazel Tov



☆ The Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce Business Development Connection honored **Dr. Andrea Master Everson** as a 2017 Athena leadership award honoree. The ATHENA Leadership honorees are chosen for their professional excellence, community service and for actively assisting women in their attainment of professional excellence and leadership skills.

☆ The Department of Transportation Federal Aviation Administration awarded the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award to **Fred L Phillips**. The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award is the most prestigious award the FAA issues and recognizes individuals who have exhibited professionalism, skill, and aviation expertise for at least 50 years while piloting aircraft as "Master Pilots."

☆ **Jody Hyman** married Ross Hutto. She is the daughter of **Marla & Perry Hyman**.

☆ **Ryan Dalto** became a Bat Mitzvah. She is the daughter of **Christina & Jason Muslow**.

Candle and Kiddush Blessers



1	Evensky Family
8	Kathy Plante and Sidney Kent
15	Hanukkah Shabbat
22	Sheila Lawrence and Max De Benedetti
29	Tammy Courtney and Barry Suckle

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Mr. & Mrs. Mike Semon

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In Honor of:

B'nai Zion Congregation
Kathleen Plante

CEMETERY

In Memory of:

Paul Shapiro
Jacqueline Fleschman

ENDOWMENT

In Memory of:

Mandel C, Selber, Sr,
Mandel Selber Jr.,
Kim Selber-Lester,
Mandy Selber III
Stephen Eugene Muslow
Berte & Ike Muslow

GENERAL

In Honor of Conclave Leaders:

Asher Nierman
Nancy & Gary Abrams
Rachel Robichaux
Nancy & Gary Abrams

In Honor of the 100th Birthday of:

Lionel Eltis
Beth & Ellis B. Murov
Hedy & Barry A. Murov
Mimi Murov & Tom Brownold

In Honor of the 90th Birthday of:

Carolyn Murov
Nancy & Gary Abrams
Beth & Ellis B. Murov
Hedy & Barry A. Murov
Mimi Murov & Tom Brownold

GENERAL (continued)

In Honor of the 80th Birthday of:

Marcia Katzenstein
Nell & Abry Cahn
Hollisann & Sidney Kent
Harriett & Imy Marcus

In Memory of:

Ethel Kaplan
Nell & Abry Cahn
Leah K. Lerner
Amy & Cesar Comolli
James Lerner
Eunice Siegel Marcus
Lissa Marcus
Gershon Marcus
Lissa Marcus
Hugh Levert Williams
Ida Williams
Vivian Murov
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Deutsch Kerrigan
Gloria Meyer
Kathy Plante
Connie & Donald Posner
Mr. & Mrs. Irving L. Rosen
Rachel & Mandy Selber

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In Memory of:

Vivian Murov
Sandra & Mel Weiss and family

MUSIC

In Honor of the 90th Birthday of:

Marcia Katzenstein
Berte & Ike Muslow
Carolyn Murov
Berte & Ike Muslow

In Memory of:

Bettie Cahn Alcus Levy
Berte & Ike Muslow
Vivian Murov
Berte & Ike Muslow

Prayers For Health and Recuperation of:

Peter Haas
Kathy Plante

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In Honor of:

Rabbi Jana De Benedetti
Sandi & Jeffery Kallenberg

In Memory of:

Jessamine Wile
Siesel Maibach
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Patti & Stephen Parker

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In Memory of:

Vivian Murov
Ruthie Nierman

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Tamara & Laurence Courtney

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In Memory of:

Harold Kaplan
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WE CARE

In Memory of:

Raymond Morris
Iris Morris
Vivian Murov
Lauren Tucker & Steven Ehrlich
Debra & Alan Freyer



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Yahrzeits: May Remembering Them Be A Blessing

November 26—December 2

Theodore Aufrechtig
Gladys Dreifus 13-11
Jake Evensky
Manny Finkelstein
Harry Goldman
Walter Grant 43-01
Max Kalisky
Julia P. Kelly 12-19
Marcia Turk Krandle
Norman Kranson 24-07
Alex Kuperman
Doris Stern Levinson
Morris Lipsen
Miriam Muslow
Rose Marie Pabst
Nina Plante
Paul Shapiro 25-24
Paul Silverblatt
Hermine Ochs Silverman
Ann B. Simon
Louis Wile 12-01
Pearl Winer
Sam Wolf 23-03



December 3-9

Esther Fish Arbili
Sam Benon
William M. Blumberg 33-11
Richard Bronner
Eva P. Cooperstein 14-09
Ike Cullick
Belle Fenkelstein
Melanie Meyer Goldstein
M. Mendell Heller 21-18
Milton 'Mickey' Holland
Frank Katzenstein 13-04
Donald Kern
Jane Leeds
Hyman A. Perlstein 15-18
Mary R. Selber 12-04
Mandel C. Selber, Sr. 12-07
Yvette Somer 44-05
Harry Steckol 13-25

Numbers following a name denotes
Memorial Plaque Location :
For example 13-06 is found on:
Board 1 (near sanctuary)
Column 3 (from left)
Row 6 (from top)
Board M is large Marble stone near stairs

December 10—16

Libbie Bliss Abramson
Z. Brainis
Jules Henry Dreyfuss 43-05
Valerie Krandle Gold
Mary Etch Grunes
Irvin Kassof
Solomon Lepow
Caro W. Levy 13-12
Lottie Feld Selber 23-11
Sam Sklar 14-02
Jewel M. Sorkin 15-15
Jack Stein
Sonia Grunes Surenko
Alexander W. Teck
Sylvia Terrell
Marilyn Weil
Sam Wiener, Jr. 33-21
Elise Willer
Dorothy G. Zadeck 21-22

December 17-23

Ross Stuart Aufrechtig 33-13
Ingrid Benson
Marx Bluestein M21
Leon Chernick
Pearl G. Dover 14-10
Charles G. Friedenthal
Sheldon Goldsholl 42-25
Leslie Gruber
Paul Heiss
Henry Kahan 25-15
Leona Lefkowitz
Helen L. Levy 12-23
Herbert Loeb
Emogene Silber Pliner
Armand W. Roos 11-14
Carol Steiner Rubenstein 34-14
Molly Scrinopskie
Chuck Selber 24-21
George L. Shanhouse
Jerome Bernard Stenzler
Jerold Suckle 22-02
Sam Weisman
Marion Wiener
Sarah Willer
Viola Wolff 23-04

December 24—30

Milton Abrams
Louis M. Bodenheimer
Annie Gardsbane
Edith Gerson
Herman L. Herold
Mrs. Sidney L. Herold
Bertha Kassof
Regina B. Kaufman M26
Leo Kent
Thomas Douglas Kleban
Leah Langford
Theodore Mandel
Bill Mantinband
Harry Mittenthal
Mamie G. Perlstein 15-19
Gertrude Siegel Scheinberg
Frank Shaw
Horace Simon Sr.
Hyman Stein

December 31—January 6

Jacob Barron M07
Bertha H. Cheatham 21-21
Norman N. Fein
Etta Freyer
Sylvian W. Gamm 11-20
Bertha Gold
Rabbi Ronald Myron Goldstein
Arnold Hermer 24-24
Fred S. Holman
Jack Katzenstein
Harry Krandle
Hilda Levi
Gwen Murov 44-03
Harold Murov 31-06
Joseph S. Murov 13-18
Lazar Murov 23-25
Naomi Murov
Stella Phillips 11-09
Lillian Strug Rambach
Bobby Redstone
Alexander Rifkin
Norma Sadoff
Lucille Stern

May God Console:

Family and Friends of:

☆ *Vicki Marks*

☆ *Vivian Murov*

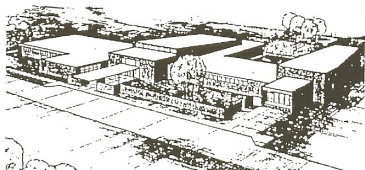
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>3 15th of Kislev FAIR TRADE SALE DEC. 3-17 9:30 am -12 pm</p> <p>RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NO HEBREW</p>	<p>4 16th of Kislev FAIR TRADE SALE 9 am-2 pm BOOK CLUB 7 pm</p> 	<p>5 17th of Kislev FAIR TRADE SALE 9 am-2 pm NO Together Tuesday</p>	<p>6 18th of Kislev FAIR TRADE SALE 9 am-2 pm NO HEBREW</p>	<p>7 19th of Kislev FAIR TRADE SALE 9 am-2 pm</p>	<p>1 13th of Kislev  SIMCHA SHABBAT <i>Helaine Braunig Leads</i> <i>Service 6 PM</i> 4:51 🕒🕒</p>	<p>2 14th of Kislev <i>Vayishlach</i> <i>Helaine Leads</i> <i>Torah Talk 9:45AM</i> <i>Service 11 AM</i> 5:49 🕒</p>
<p>10 22nd of Kislev FAIR TRADE SALE DEC. 3-17 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NO BET HEBREW</p>	<p>11 23rd of Kislev FAIR TRADE SALE</p>	<p>12 24th of Kislev FAIR TRADE SALE Hanukkah 1 Candle</p> <p>Hanukkah Parties: 2 PM Glen 5 PM Oaks Tower 6 PM Oaks Community Ctr</p>	<p>13 15th of Kislev FAIR TRADE SALE Hanukkah 2 Candles</p>  <p>BET HEBREW</p>	<p>14 26th of Kislev FAIR TRADE SALE Hanukkah 3 Candles</p> <p>Hanukkah Parties: 10 AM Waterview Court 6 PM Montclair</p>	<p>15 27th of Kislev FAIR TRADE SALE Hanukkah 4 Candles</p> <p>Bring Hanukkiyah HANUKKAH SHABBAT <i>Service 6 PM</i> 4:53 🕒🕒</p>	<p>16 28th of Kislev Hanukkah 5 Candles</p>  <p><i>Mikeitz</i> <i>Torah Talk 9:45AM</i> <i>Service 11 AM</i> 5:52 🕒</p>
<p>17 29th of Kislev FAIR TRADE SALE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL Hanukkah 6 Candles</p> <p>Hanukkah Party 11:30 AM @ BZ</p>	<p>18 30th of Kislev Hanukkah 7 Candles</p>  <p>ROSH CHODESH TEVET</p>	<p>19 1st of Tevet Hanukkah 8 Candles</p> <p>ROSH CHODESH TEVET BZ Board Mtg 6:30 pm</p>	<p>20 2nd of Tevet Hanukkah 8th day BET HEBREW</p>	<p>21 3rd of Tevet  WINTER</p>	<p>22 4th of Tevet <i>Spencer Reichman is Cantorial Soloist</i> <i>Service 6 PM</i> 4:56 🕒🕒</p>	<p>23 5th of Tevet <i>Vayigash</i> <i>Gen 44:18-47:27</i> <i>Torah Talk 9:45AM</i> <i>Service 11 AM</i> 5:55 🕒</p>
<p>24 6th of Tevet NO RS or NO HEBREW</p> <p>31 13th of Tevet NO RS or NO HEBREW NEW YEAR'S EVE</p>	<p>25 7th of Tevet OFFICE IS CLOSED</p>	<p>26 8th of Tevet</p>	<p>27 9th of Tevet NO HEBREW Ethical Dilemmas The Oaks 2 pm</p>	<p>28 10th of Tevet</p>	<p>29 11th of Tevet <i>Service 6 PM</i> 5:00 🕒🕒</p>	<p>30 12th of Tevet <i>Va-y'chi</i> <i>Torah Talk 9:45AM</i> <i>Service 11 AM</i> 5:55 🕒</p>

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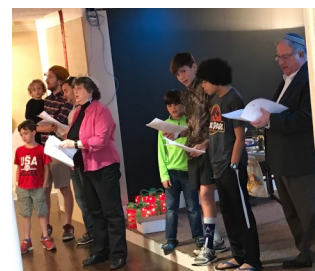


Spencer is singing for us again!

There are Hanukkah parties to attend.

Buy or bring a Hanukkiyah, etc. - tell a friend.

December will be awesome from beginning to end!



Listen to the OneCalls and read the BZ Blast (weekly notifications). Sometimes we notify you of things not in the BuzZ