

The BuzZ at BZ

News From Beignet Zion Congregation in Shreveport, LA

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From Rabbi Jana

It's Not About Me

In the early days of our congregation, there was a man named Ben Toshen who was a baker. His pastries were so good that he couldn't keep them on the shelves. People would come from far and wide to eat his delicious goodies. If anyone was in the mood for a snack, they would go to Ben's place and get something to nosh on.

Ben had three daughters. They loved his pastries too, and kept begging him to make a special pastry for each of them. He decided instead to make each of his pastries three sided. Ben made cookies and cakes—and everything was three sided. He told his daughters that the three sided pastries were in honor of them. They were delighted!

Another Jewish family moved to town. The Toshens were so happy that there were other Jews around. It just so happened that the new family, who were called the Homsteins, had three sons just the right ages for Ben's three daughters... but that is a story for another time.

Max Homstein wasn't sure what he was going to do for a living. He talked to Ben about what a Jewish guy could do in Shreveport. Ben described his flourishing business. Max said that he can't make pastries, and didn't want to compete with Ben anyway. However, it seemed to him that he could find a different kind of food to make, and perhaps a restaurant that served meals would be helpful to have around here. Ben agreed, and helped Max rent the store next to his. So now people could have a meal at Homstein's and dessert from Toshen's. Max liked the idea of three cornered to honor his three sons. He started serving triangular sandwiches for lunch.

Eventually they merged their businesses, so that people could get their meals and desserts at the same place. They thought that "Homsteins and Toshen's" was too long a name, so Max shortened his name, and they called their new restaurant, that served triangular foods: Hom & Toshen.

Everything was wonderful. The two men kept coming up with new kinds of triangular food. Ben's new specialty was a donut-like pastry that was covered in fine sugar. Almost every time someone ate one of these powdery treats, they would exclaim, "Ben Yay! I am so glad that you had these available today! They are so yummy!" Eventually that became their name: "Ben Yays."

Max loved the Benyays, but—always thinking about names — he suggested that they spell the name in a fancier way. Ben agreed, and they started to spell these powdery treats: Beignets.

Eventually more Jewish families moved into town. Most of the other families sold clothes and shoes and opened other stores. The downtown was filled with stores with Jewish names, run by Jewish families.

They decided to create a Jewish congregation. When they chose a name for their congregation, they decided to honor the first Jew, since he had made a wonderful name for himself and his family in Shreveport. They called their congregation: Beignet Zion.

And that is the story about the origins of our congregation.

I hope you enjoy your Hom-and-Toshen when you come to Beignet Zion to celebrate together this Purim

Biv'rakha (with blessing),

Rabbi Dr. Jana De Benedetti



From our President, Gary Abrams



A quick glance at the B'nai Zion calendar reveals that Purim is around the corner. The Purim carnival brings back lots of memories of Sunday School activities. It also makes me realize that my kids are now 26 and 24 years old and time has flown by. Carson went through Sunday School with only one other kid (Jessica Maxey) his age. Sarah only had a few more than that her age. We participated in every Sunday School event that was scheduled. We drove kids to work at the soup kitchen, to the cemetery to tidy up around the head stones and to other places that Helaine had set up to teach the values of community service. We organized the Purim carnival, ordered the inflatables, built games and worked the booths. We scraped and painted the playground equipment and treated the ant mounds. We organized the softball games and encouraged kids to participate. We did it because it was a valuable experience for our kids.

Enrollment in Sunday School is higher than it was when my kids were here. For some kids, just like it was for mine, the time at B'nai Zion is their only time during the week to be around other Jewish kids. These kids are scattered throughout numerous schools in the Shreveport-Bossier area—and beyond—but their circle of friends and teammates generally comes from the schools that they attend. Consequently, they may rarely encounter the other Jewish kids outside of Sunday School. Positive experiences that relate to Sunday School activities are generally going to originate with the parents. It's up to them to suggest ideas for Helaine and Rabbi to explore and ultimately it is up to them to implement those ideas. Anna Myers is the B'nai Zion board member that chairs the Sunday School committee and I am certain that she would value your input and assistance. There is plenty of congregational support for Sunday School activities but the parents can make things happen.

If you think that the Sunday School can offer additional benefits to your/our children, I encourage you to pursue your ideas. Discuss, organize and make them available for our kids.

Shalom,

Gary Abrams

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From our Educator, Helaine Braunig

Weeks away from home have taught me a lot about communication. First of all, Bill and I have realized how many people's lives have intersected with our own. Social media makes it so easy to remind people that you are thinking of them, and with every Facebook "like" or comment or message, we get to remember how long we've known people and in what context. Second, we realize that people still embrace earlier forms of communication- we've had lots of calls and cards and that in-between form: the text message. And of course, we haven't just been on the receiving end. I've used all of the aforementioned forms to keep up with our family and friends. However, the communications have made me most aware that long-lasting friendships can survive without frequent communication. Months and even years seem to dissolve when we hear from someone for the first time in a long time. Additionally, these messages from people "from the past" make us eager to re-connect in a more personal way- by phone and by making plans to meet again when we visit other parts of the country.



The other aspect of communication that I've become more tuned in to is the communication with the people we actually see often because they live in Shreveport. Too often we go through our daily and weekly routines without paying enough attention to the specific joys and challenges in their lives. I have realized that only a few people are really present for other people, and that I often fail to reach out in meaningful ways to the people I count as important to me. My weeks away have made me consider: How can I be a better listener and a better friend? How can I become more than a Facebook friend? I think it will take a variety of means, but I want to start with you, my B'nai Zion and Religious School friends. I hope you will say yes to my invitations to meet for coffee or lunch, take a walk together, or just visit for a few minutes on a Sunday morning. We can talk about Jewish community life (if you like), but we can also talk about books and movies and parenting and travel, about current events and about making Shreveport and Louisiana and the United States places that we are happy to live in. We can figure out what we can do better and who can help us, whom we can help and how.

Please look elsewhere in the bulletin to see what's happening in March and April, especially with Purim and Spring Break. Yes, we still provide a print newsletter as well as the phone messages, email, and text messages that have become our usual forms of communication. I don't want to downplay the importance of any of our ways of connecting to each other. However, what I most want you to understand is that our time away has reminded us that underlying all of the messages to us has been the value of your friendship. Bill and I can't wait to return to Shreveport and see you in person. We can't wait to say our thank-you's face to face. We can't wait to be present for important occasions. In the meantime we are thrilled that B'nai Zion's streaming technology makes it possible for us to be with you even from San Francisco - to celebrate a Bat Mitzvah or remember a dear member of the congregation who has died. We are thrilled that we can exchange videos with Religious School classes. Best of all, we are thrilled that staying in touch with you has made the weeks before and after Bill's surgery pass more quickly. See you soon.

L'shalom,

Helaine Braunig



Rabbi Judy Caplan Ginsburgh Leads Shabbat Service

Rabbi Judy Caplan Ginsburgh will lead the worship service and music Friday March 3 at 6:00 PM. Rabbi Judy is a professional singer with a degree in Vocal Performance from the Indiana University Jacobs School



of Music. She is an internationally recognized and multi-award winning performer, recording artist and educator. Judy sings as a cantorial soloist and travels throughout North America presenting concerts, residencies, educational keynotes and workshops. Judy works actively in both Jewish and non-Jewish settings and she has developed a number of interactive, educational performances and arts-in-education residencies for school-age children.

Judy has produced excellent quality, educational recordings for families since 1981. Her award-winning, best-selling recordings for Jewish families feature familiar songs which have been sung for years in Jewish schools and homes. Her interactive and educational recordings of music for general audiences have received the highest praises from teachers and parents around the globe. In addition, Judy has an active Rabbinic career officiating at weddings, funerals and life cycle events.

She is the Rabbi at the Reform congregation in Monroe, and comes from Alexandria, Louisiana where she has served as their Spiritual Leader.

B'nai Zion is proud that in addition to having her lead family services and workshops for our congregation in the past, when she was ordained a Rabbi, for her very first Shabbat as Rabbi, she came to B'nai Zion to lead services and celebrate with us.



Together Tuesday

Rabbi Jana believes that to make this world a better place, we have to get to know each other.

People of all faiths and backgrounds are invited to gather together **TUESDAY, MARCH 7 AT 6 PM** under the Texas Street Bridge in the Red River District (in front of the Bon Temps Coffee Bar, 450 Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway),

Free parking is available 'next door' at the garage across from the Eldorado Casino.

PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS



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 **March** we will celebrate and honor you **March 10, 2017** during services. We will have a special Oneg Shabbat following services.

If your birthday or anniversary is in **April** your Simcha Shabbat will be **April 7, 2017**.

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.



Purim Service Friday March 10 at 6 PM at BZ

you can go to <http://www.hebrewdoc.com/holidays/Purim.html> to see the world famous past scripples. But they will not be able to prepare you for what you will experience this year.

you—and everyone else—will be even happier if you come in costume.

you will not regret coming to the Purim Service on March 10 at 6 PM

you will laugh...

It could blend ancient and modern technology...

It could be a musical, or science fiction, or something indescribable.

you never know what to expect...

you can't be serious....



Community Purim Carnival Sunday March 12 at BZ



March 12..... 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

It's for you! Young and old!

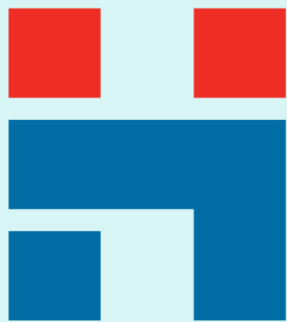
- ✧ New games
 - ✧ Bounce House activities
 - ✧ Face Painting
- ✧ Balloons
- ✧ Cake Walk*
- ✧ Arts and Craft activities...
design your own Purim Mask
- ✧ Yummy carnival foods
- ✧ Lots of prizes!!



*If you can contribute a cake for the cake walk,
please bring it when you come.

Sponsored by the North Louisiana Jewish Federation with assistance from our SHFTY youth

Hadassah Shabbat & Shower of Dollars



Hadassah Shabbat will be Friday, **March 24 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Agudath Achim**. Note that there will NOT be services at B'nai Zion that evening, so that we can all worship together and honor the work that Hadassah has done since 1860. Rabbi Jana will join Cantor Neil and local women of Hadassah for the service.

Shreveport Hadassah's traditional fundraiser, the Shower of Dollars will be held **2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at the home of Bethany Sorkey**, 341 Millicent Way in Shreveport.

Welcome all new members, regular members, perspective members, Life Members and Associates. Come to a beautiful home, savor elegant sweets and donate to Hadassah and all of its many projects, including: HMO, Youth, Aliya, Hadassah College, The Weitzman Tower and others.

For added information, Call Debby Dlin, 869-2400.

Interfaith Women's Day "Hugs Not Strikes" Event

INTERFAITH WOMEN'S DAY
SUNDAY MARCH 26, 2017 5 PM
MASJID AL - TAQWA
5403 VIRGINIA AVENUE
SHREVEPORT, LA 70018



The idea for our Women's Day event arose in part out of recent calls for a "Global Women's Strike" as well as from the recent spate of violent acts against religiously based entities.

Through this Woman's Day event, we seek to address issues that concern Women of all Faiths and to capture and to promote moral solutions to community strife.

Women of all faiths are encouraged to attend and participate.

Rabbi Jana will be a keynote speaker.

Ethical Dilemmas: Discussion Series at The Oaks

The last Wednesday of each month Rabbi Jana will be conducting a series of discussions. The topic will be: **"What Would You Do?" Ethical Dilemmas with a Jewish Perspective.**

The March event will be March 29 from 2-3 p.m. in the Tower Ballroom at the Oaks of Louisiana.

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

Rabbi Jana is committed to teaching wherever people want to learn. Come learn with her.



B'nai Zion Sisterhood

Spring is coming and our B'nai Zion Sisterhood is showing signs of renewed growth! Thanks to Jerie Black and her team of friends, we had a lovely luncheon on February 14th. The luncheon was very well attended by our experienced members and there were several women there who are under 60 - definitely spring-like! We talked a little business and I was happy to be able to report that we will be able to continue to provide Oneg Shabbat flowers and refreshments, and that we will be able to pay for parts needed repair our refrigerator. Our congregant Tim Mills will donate his time to make the repair. Please join me in thanking him for his time and expertise. He provides so much to our congregation.



The women at the luncheon agreed on setting our Sisterhood dues at \$54 per year. Please send a check to the office or sign in to the B'nai Zion web site and pay online.

With spring around the corner you know Passover is coming soon. Your sisterhood will be working hard with Rabbi to create a beautiful, meaningful, and delicious first night seder. Please send in your reservation form as early as you can. If you'd like to help with setting tables, cooking, or any of the other fun activities that will be taking place, call the office and let us know. The more the merrier!

I hope to see you at B'nai Zion soon.



Unveiling of Memorial Stone

The family of Abie Werth will be having a dedication of his memorial stone on Sunday, March 26 at 10:30 AM at the Agudath Achim Hebrew Rest Cemetery at the corner of Walnut and Yale.

Rabbi Jana and Cantor Neil will officiate.

It is a mitzvah to attend a Memorial Stone unveiling

May his memory be a blessing.



ANNUAL FOUNDATION PLEDGE

The B'nai Zion Foundation was established to ensure that our congregation would not be unduly burdened with the rising cost of capital improvements necessary to maintain our temple facilities. Foundation Contributions and Annual Pledges to B'nai Zion Congregation are totally separate from each other. Each is maintained in a separate account. Oversight is maintained by a separate committee of the Board of Directors with strict guidelines as to the use of the money.



Some of the expenditures paid in 2016 by the Foundation included roofing repair projects, new air conditioning units and additional security cameras. Ours is an old building often in need of repair and updating. Additionally, the Board is working hard to find ways to enhance the B'nai Zion experience.

We urge all Congregants to renew their contribution to the Foundation at no less than their previous levels. As always, a higher donation is appreciated. All Congregation members who have not contributed to the Foundation are encouraged to do so at any one of the four levels listed below. New Members of B'nai Zion Congregation are obligated to pay an initial amount of \$500 to the Foundation. This is typically paid \$100 per year for the first five years of their membership.

It is extremely important for the financial health of our Congregation that each of us participate in growing the Foundation!!

Contribution Level

Regular	\$25.00 - \$ 99.00
Gold	\$100.00 - \$249.00
Platinum	\$250.00 - \$499.00
Diamond	\$500.00 and over

Payment may be made by check, stock, or credit card and may be paid in installments over time. If mailing payment, make the payment to: B'nai Zion and mail to:

B'NAI ZION
245 SOUTHFIELD
SHREVEPORT, LA 71105

Very Truly Yours,

Herb Miller

Committee Chair
B'NAI ZION FOUNDATION

BROTHERHOOD & SISTERHOOD DUES FOR 2017

To become a Brotherhood or Sisterhood member, simply pay annual dues. Each adult male is eligible to be a Brotherhood member and each adult female is eligible to be a Sisterhood member. Consider this letter to be your invitation to join or continue your membership.

If you have already paid membership dues for these B'nai Zion organizations, thank you for your continued support.

Brotherhood dues help purchase gifts for Confirmands, sponsor meals for various B'nai Zion and Religious School events, and many other projects.

Sisterhood dues help purchase gifts for Bar/Bat Mitzvah students, kitchen supplies, flowers for services, Break Fast, and many other special projects.

You are, of course, always welcome to make other donations to help us with our efforts.

Please make your check payable to B'nai Zion Congregation and the proper account will be credited when payment is submitted with this form. Call the office or go to the Membership Login on the B'nai Zion website if you would like to pay by credit card.

Joe Badt, Brotherhood President

Bethany Sorkey, Sisterhood President

Brotherhood Dues \$25.00 x ____ men in household \$_____

Sisterhood Dues \$54.00 x ____ women in household \$_____

Total \$_____

Collecting Together

B'nai Zion continues to collect Box Tops for Education, Campbell's Labels for Education, and Community Coffee labels to benefit local schools.



We are also collecting pull tabs from cans to donate.



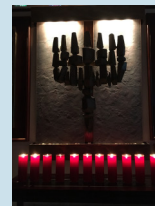
Agudath Achim Sisterhood has asked us to also collect toiletries (samples, hospitality, hotel size, full size—but nothing that contains alcohol, such as mouthwash, fragrances, etc.) to donate to the Council for Alcohol and Drug Abuse for their inpatient/residential programs.

North Louisiana Jewish Federation

UPCOMING EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE JEWISH FEDERATION:

Holocaust Remembrance Service

The Holocaust Remembrance Service will be at First Baptist Church 343 Ockley Drive Shreveport on April 23 at 3:00 PM.



Jewish Film Festival

The Jewish Film Festival will be April 30 through May 4 at the Robinson Film Center. Details about movies will be in next month's bulletin.

The North Louisiana Jewish Federation is soliciting sponsorships (paid to the Jewish Federation) for the 2017 Film Festival. Donor levels are as follows and will be specifically recognized during the Festival:

Executive Producers:	\$ 1000 level and above
Producers:	\$500 - \$999
Directors:	\$250 - \$499
Supporting Cast	\$100 - \$249
Patrons	\$ 50 - \$99



A Message from Federation President, Ben Sour

"Paradoxical as it may seem, if a nation wishes to survive, it must not make survival itself its supreme objective, but rather aim at the achievement of good. That alone makes national survival important to its individual members."



One of our biggest challenges is deciding where to allocate our charitable gifts. Some people believe money should be reserved for local giving. Others believe that we should donate more to Israel, or to the Jewish Federations of North America.

Would sending more board members to the General Assembly be a worthwhile investment? Before I went to one, I would have said "no". Now, I would say, "definitely yes".

How do we make sure our contributions will be used in a worthwhile manner, some ask? How do we weigh the different causes? Should feeding a poor person take priority over a worthwhile experience or schooling for one of our children? Or a scholar in residence weekend? Is a current proposal really justified or should we decline to fund it because there may be a greater need in the future?

Should we participate more in local organizations that have a robust infrastructure for helping the needy, including needy Jews?

The legitimate questions, tensions, conflicts "go on, and on, and on", to quote a famous professor.

What do I believe? It depends. I believe the board should gather as many opinions and facts as possible, pray that we do the right thing, vote, hope for the best, and listen to those who don't agree with the decision.

Being humans there is only so much we can know. We have to have faith that whatever we decide to fund will, in the long run, be worth our investment.

I just finished reading Les Miserables (the 1,300 page version). It demonstrated how that a simple act of generosity could propagate good through many lives. We have to hope that, when we fund something, our generosity will do a small part to make the world a better place.

Shalom

Ben Sour

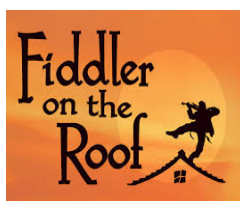


Don't Forget:

- ✧ March 24 No service at B'nai Zion—Hadassah Shabbat will be at Agudath Achim
- ✧ April 10 is Passover Seder
- ✧ April 21 special naming service for Robicheaux girls
- ✧ April 23 Holocaust Remembrance Service at First Baptist Church at 3 PM
- ✧ April 28 Bat Mitzvah service for Arden Brainis
- ✧ April 30 Jewish Film Fest begins at Robinson Film Center
- ✧ May 7 B'nai Zion Annual Meeting
- ✧ May 21 Last Day of Religious School
- ✧ June 2 Confirmation and Shavuot/Yizkor Service



Fiddler on the Roof and Dinner



Dinner and Fiddler on the Roof *5:30 PM Saturday, March 4*

The Men's Club of Agudath Achim and the Brotherhood of B'nai Zion are hosting an evening of Dinner and "Fiddler on the Roof" (Shreveport Opera – RiverView Theater) on **Saturday, March 4**. Cost is only \$25 per person (a \$75 value).

Dinner is being catered and will be at B'nai Zion at 5:30.

Contact B'nai Zion or Agudath Achim if you want to join us, in case there are any cancellations.

Jewish Children's Regional Service Gala



Please join us on April 1, 2017 for our Jewish Roots: Past, Present & Future Gala at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans located at 601 Loyola Avenue. Patron tickets and reserved seating are now available.

Purchase tickets online at https://jcrs.formstack.com/forms/jewish_roots or call the JCRS office at (504) 828-6334

The gala will feature a cocktail reception and seated dinner, and will honor the many JCRS former Presidents and Scholarship Committee Chairpersons for their superb leadership of the organization. The evening will also feature moving testimonials from JCRS "Success Stories", entertainment from the NOCCA Jazz Ensemble and a silent auction featuring once-in-a-lifetime vacations and more.

This will be the 6th *Jewish Roots* event and we are proud that it has become the largest community-wide Jewish gathering in New Orleans with nearly 500 people from New Orleans and the surrounding 7 states we serve.

Reserved tables and high profile sponsorships are available. Patron tickets start at \$250 per person. To learn more about the event and to purchase tickets, visit the JCRS website: www.jcrs.org or call the office at (504)828-6334.

BUY YOUR TICKETS AND BECOME A PATRON TODAY!



☆ B'nai Zion Donations ☆

Today's Date: _____

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*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

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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     **call the office 318-861-2122 or Fill in Here:**

Card # ____/____/____/____/____/____/____/____/____/____/____/____/____/____/____ **CVV:** ____/____/____ **Exp.Date:** ____/____/____

\$	Fund	Purpose
	GENERAL	Wherever it is needed most
	BROTHERHOOD DUES	Men's Club of B'nai Zion dues
	BROTHERHOOD DONATION	Men's Club of B'nai Zion 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
	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	Sisterhood: specify if dues or donations
	WE CARE	Provide food and comfort for our members in illness or mourning
	FOUNDATION	Capital improvements necessary to maintain the Temple facilities

Office Use: MM2K _____ SENT _____ BLTN _____ FLS _____

Save the Date: Arden Brainis Bat Mitzvah Service

Please share our joy as our daughter

Arden Brainis

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

Friday, April 28 6:00 PM

*B'nai Zion Congregation
Oneg Shabbat Immediately Following Service
Hosted by Amy & David Brainis*

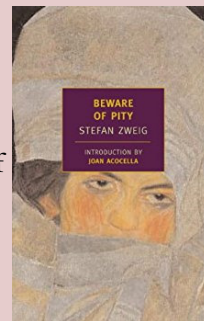


People of the Book Club

The People of the Book will not meet during March, but 7 PM on April 4 the discussion will be about *Beware of Pity* by Stefan Zweig.

The great Austrian writer Stefan Zweig was a master anatomist of the deceitful heart, and *Beware of Pity*, the only novel he published during his lifetime, uncovers the seed of selfishness within even the finest of feelings.

Hofmiller, an Austro-Hungarian cavalry officer stationed at the edge of the empire, is invited to a party at the home of a rich local landowner, a world away from the dreary routine of the barracks. The surroundings are glamorous, wine flows freely, and the exhilarated young Hofmiller asks his hostess - lovely daughter - for a dance, only to discover that sickness has left her painfully crippled. It is a minor blunder that will destroy his life, as pity and guilt gradually implicate him in a well-meaning but tragically wrongheaded plot to restore the unhappy invalid to health. [from Amazon.com]



Did Jew Know... Fun Facts about Purim

...Mordechai was the first person in history to be called a "Jew"?
(Before then, Jews were called "Hebrews" or "Israelites")
...Ahashverosh searched four years for a queen, during
which he considered more than 1400 contestants, before
choosing Esther?
...Vashti (Ahashverosh's first queen) was the great-granddaughter of
Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian emperor who destroyed the first Holy Temple?
[chabad.org]



Mazel Tov to:



- ☆ Karen Gordon, on her retirement as a veterinarian.
- ☆ Harrison Rosen, who has been named a National Merit Scholarship finalist. He is the son of Drs. Maurie Patterson and Lane Rosen. He is the grandson of Gloria Rosen.
- ☆ Tammy & Larry Courtney, who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in March.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2- Bob Gordon | 10- Rebecca Watkins | 22- ♥ Ainsley & Justin Rutkowski |
| 2- Gloria Meyer | 11- Debbie Blum | 24- Ida Williams |
| 3- Debbie Badt | 14- Flo Selber | 25- Bethany Sorkey |
| 3- Jana De Benedetti | 16- Reed Turner | 29- Vona Weiss |
| 3- Jodi Guthikonda | 16- ♥ Rachel & Thomas Robichaux | 30- ♥ Bethany & Alan Sorkey |
| 3- Patti Suckle | 17- Pat Maxey | |
| 4- Leonard Goldman | 18- Herman Van Os | |
| 5- Kaylie Hollis | 19- Sue Rubenstein | |
| 7- Lucy Brainis | 19- ♥ Tamara & Laurence Courtney | |
| 7- Amelia Suckle | 20- Ron De Benedetti | |
| 7- Lauren Turner | 20- Michael Miller | |
| 8- Rita Muslow | 20- Marion Weiss | |
| 9- Morgan Walker | 22- Adam Miller | |
| 10- Ronald Marrus | 22- Karen Warren | |



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.**

Thank You Sheila Lawrence



Sheila ("Bubbe") Lawrence has resigned from the position of Editor of the Bulletin. She has been helping to edit, write, and proofread the B'nai Zion bulletin for over 10 years. Her background in editing newspapers, writing, and graphic arts helped to make the bulletin so readable and beautiful. She has an uncanny sense for proofreading, and quickly and easily finds typing, spelling and grammar mistakes. She painstakingly found pictures for every event in the bulletin and on the calendar. The BuzZ will not be the same without her help. Each month she dealt with technical glitches and deadline frustrations—but was able to get the bulletin to your homes at the beginning of the month. Enjoy your well deserved rest and stress-free months.

at B'nai Zion

Turkey ☆ vegetarian

Vegetable Sides ☆ Dessert

Reservation Deadline is March 27 (see below for rates)

After April 8 there is no guarantee for space and an additional fee is charged for meals

Please complete the section below and submit it to the B'nai Zion Office with your payment

Reservation: Name	Phone
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Please fill in the number of people in your group and calculate total amount due.

There will be reserved seating. Every effort will be made to honor your seating request.

Passover 2017 Rates for Attendees	Number in Your Group	Veggie Meal	Early Bird by Mar 20	Deadline Pay By Mar 27	LATE Pay After Mar 27	Total \$
Member			\$40	\$45	\$50	
Age 5-12			\$15	\$18	\$20	
Students 13 and above			\$18	\$20	\$25	
Non-Member			\$50	\$50	\$50	
Non-Member Students 5 +			\$18	\$20	\$25	
All Children under 5			\$0	\$0	\$0	
TOTALS:						

We would like to be seated with: _____

SPECIAL NEEDS: Wheelchair, highchair, dietary, etc. Please specify:

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

Card # / / / / / /

Security Code: ____/____/____/____/____ Exp.Date: ____/____/____

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Leftovers, if there are any, will be available for sale Wednesday, April 12

Tributes

BUILDING & GROUNDS

In Memory of:

Jules Dreyfuss
Nell & Abry Cahn
Betty Levy
Sylvia & Carl Goodman
Margaret Rifkin
Nell & Abry Cahn
Shirley Seligman

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

In Memory of:

Betty Levy
Jay Berkowitz
& Ten Golden Rules Team

CEMETERY

In Memory of:

Janice Kent
Melinda & Fred Kent

FOUNDATION

In Memory of:

Margaret Golden Rifkin
Mr. & Mrs. Joel Bender

LIBRARY

In Honor of the Birthday of:

Dorothy Lobel
Carolyn Murov

MUSIC FUND

For The Needs of:

Virginia Walker
Deborah Collier
Peggy & Leroy Nuckolls

In Memory of:

Margaret Rifkin
Jerie & Jon Black
Dr. Joseph Scheidler
Gloria Rosen

ONEG SHABBAT

In Honor of the Birthday of:

Sheila Lawrence
Marcia Katzenstein

In Memory of:

Jules Dreyfuss
Jerie & Jon Black

In Memory of:

Margaret Rifkin
Sharon & Elliott Goldman
Angie Noelani

PRAYER BOOK & TORAH

In Memory of:

Dora Diebner
Gloria Rosen

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY

In Honor of:

Rabbi Jana De Benedetti
Stephen Schewel

In Memory of:

Jules Dreyfuss
Lynn & Baer Rambach
Betty Levy
Barbara & Eugene Baumstein
Nell & Abry Cahn
Ruth Lewis
Lynn & Baer Rambach
Margaret Rifkin
Goldy Marrus
Parry Sadoff
Lynn & Baer Rambach
Mrs. Jean Van Os
Donald, Frances & Julie Zadeck
Sam Zadeck
Frances & Donald Zadeck

Prayers for Health:

Bill Braunig
Lynn & Baer Rambach

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In Memory of:

Michael Lazarus
Kathy Plante
Betty Levy
Shirley Seligman
Parry Sadoff
Ruthie Nierman

Prayers for Health :

Bill Braunig
Tammy & Larry Courtney
Debra & Alan Freyer
Bobbie Goodman
Marla & Perry Hyman
Ruthie Nierman
Clare Maisel, Debbie
Caminker & family
Gloria Meyer
Angie Noelani
Mandel Selber Jr.
Shirley Seligman
Steve and Reva Ziskind

SHFTY DONATIONS

In Honor of the Anniversary of:

Helaine & Bill Braunig
Mark Kaplan & Betsy Kaplan Beall

In Honor of the Birthday of:

Bobbie Goodman
Mark Kaplan & Betsy Kaplan Beall
Bernard Lobel
Mark Kaplan & Betsy Kaplan Beall
Vivian Murov
Mark Kaplan & Betsy Kaplan Beall
Ruthie Nierman
Mark Kaplan & Betsy Kaplan Beall

In Memory of:

Margaret Rifkin
Mark Kaplan & Betsy Kaplan Beall

SISTERHOOD

In Memory of:

Margaret Rifkin
Tammy & Larry Courtney
Carrolyn Fleishman
Linda Handsman
George Rothkopf,
Helene Prokesch,
& Michael Rothkopf

SISTERHOOD FLOWERS

In Memory of:

Lillian Strug Rambach
Lynn & Baer Rambach
Margaret Rifkin
Deborah Collier



Tributes

WE CARE

In Memory of:

Jules Dreyfuss
Ruthie Nierman
Betty F. Levy
Leonard Goldman
Robin & Kenny Murov
Ruthie Nierman
Margaret Rifkin
Ruthie Nierman

Prayers for Health:

Lionel Eltis
Bobbie Goodman

GENERAL FUND

In Honor of:

B'nai Zion
Bernard C. Backer

In Honor of The 50th Anniversary:

Tammy & Larry Courtney
Mimi Meriam

In Honor of the Birthday of:

Sheila Lawrence
Nancy & Gary Abrams

In Memory of:

Anita C. Blaufuss
Philipp Blaufuss
Walter J. Cozzens
Philipp Blaufuss

GENERAL FUND

In Memory of:

Jules Dreyfuss
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Helen Weisman
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Ellen & George McGovern
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Francine & Jerald Perlman
Lynne & Armand Roos
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Helen Lansburgh
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Nancy & Gary Abrams
Jean & Kenny Chapman
Francine & Jerald Perlman
Helen Weisman
Marcharea Horn Sinclair
Alana Howard

Prayers for Health:

Bill Braunig
Marcia Katzenstein
Lionel Eltis
Gloria Meyer
Mandel Selber Jr.
Mollie Newstadt
Suzee & Ardis Robison
Herman Van Os
Marcia Katzenstein
Gloria Meyer
Mandel Selber Jr.



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Candle and Kiddush Blessers



3	Mimi Meriam & Jon Black
10	(Purim)
17	Georgette & Craig Toys
24	Hadassah Shabbat at Agudath Achim (no service at B'nai Zion)
31	Sharon & Elliott Goodman

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 an appointment to meet with the Rabbi

Yahrzeits

Feb 26 - Mar 4

Moses Ascher 12-12
 Laulette Black
 Sigmund Blum
 Harry Cohen
 Leonard Cooper
 Jim Dawson
 Jack Gold
 Rachel Goldenberg 14-20
 Herman Goodman
 Ruth Hertzberg
 Norman Kal
 Ella B. Kranson
 Ruth Lerner
 Ben Levy, Jr
 Jacob Lieber
 Simon Marx M08
 David River
 Fannie Rubenstein 22-08
 Isadore Segall
 Celia Murov Sider 32-05
 Jennie Simon 15-21
 Dorothy Marie Robins Taub 33-05
 Rebecca Willer 23-18

March 5- 11

Karol Y. Birchfield 33-03
 Mabel Frank Bodenheimer
 Ernest Braun
 Marion Burstein
 Samuel Dreyfuss 11-07
 Zelda Goulder
 Sarah A. Greenberg 21-24
 Julius S. Kahn M23
 Sadie Katz
 Charles Lepow
 Mary Louise Levy
 Ray E. Levy M18
 Pauline Lipsen
 Solomon L. Meyer 11-21
 David Miller
 Dora Mowerman
 Hugo Nagy 22-19
 Benjamin Rambach
 Hilda W. Roth 25-05
 Bernice Kreisman Schulwolf
 Bernard Segall
 Henry Sour Weisman, Sr. 34-18

March 12 - 18

Eva Allen
 Susan Ann Benon
 Julian S. Bernhard
 Enrico De Benedetti
 Aaron Freedman 12-18
 Samuel Allen Freyer
 Grace Ferris Harris
 Janice H. Hyman
 Bertha Hart Lahourcade
 Ben Langton
 Samuel Loeb
 Mamie P. Lustberg
 John Mills
 Edward Morris
 Oscar Pincus
 Harry Shanhouse
 Justine Weisman 34-19
 Hannah Cohen Weiss
 Bernie Wilenzick

March 19-25

Lewis Block, Jr.
 Ben Blumberg, Jr. 34-23
 Barbara Chesley
 Franca Zuckermann De Benedetti
 Mollie Kruger Glazer
 Marguerite Gumbiner 25-01
 Mrs. A. A. Herold, Sr.
 Milton S. Holland, Sr.
 Aaron Katzenstein 32-03
 Bertha Loeb 13-23
 Mortimer D. Marks
 Sylvia Rubin
 Todd Andrew Shepard 31-03
 Henrietta Mayer Simon 32-16
 Albert Sklar
 Bertha Willer

March 26 - April 1

Anita Levin Birkenstein
 Clarence Goldberg 13-05
 Betty Cahn Grant 43-02
 Charles D. Grieder 14-24
 Inez Hafter 21-09
 Aubrey C. Harris
 Ira Katz
 Janice Simon Kelly
 Mollie Lepow
 Erna Levy 31-15
 Morris Lustberg
 Anna Fish Markels
 Simon Nelbert 13-20
 Minnie River
 Isadore Selber 12-17
 Donna Markham Tanner
 Arlene Vernon
 Anne Abram Wolens

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

*May Their Memories
 Be A Blessing*

May God Console

Family and Friends of:



- ✧ *Betty Levy, sister of Carolyn Murov*
- ✧ *Kurt Strauss, father of Vona Weiss*

May their memory be a blessing

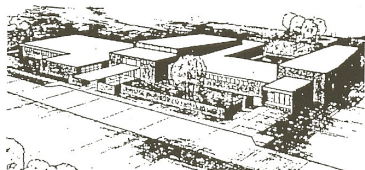
March 2017 Adar ~ Nisan 5777

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 3 Adar	2 4 Adar	3 5 Adar Rabbi Judy Caplan Ginsburgh Leads Worship & Music 5:56	4 6 Adar Terumah Dinner & Fiddler on the Roof 6:33
5 7 Adar No Rabbi Classes	6 8 Adar	7 9 Adar	8 10 Adar	9 11	10 12 Adar Purim Schpiel Service Simcha Shabbat 6:01	11 13 Adar Tetzaveh Shabbat Zachor Erev Purim 6:38
12 14 Adar Purim Carnival Daylight Savings Purim	13 15 Adar	14 16 Adar	15 17 Adar NLJFed Bd Mtg @ BZ 6 PM Bulletin Deadline	16 18 Adar	17 19 Adar 7:06	18 20 Adar Ki Tisa Shabbat Parah 7:43
19 21 Adar	20 22 Adar Early Bird Passover Seder Deadline	21 23 Adar BZ Bd Mtg 6:30 PM	22 24 Adar	23 25 Adar	24 26 Adar Hadassah Shabbat at Agudath Achim 7 PM No Service at BZ 7:11	25 27 Adar Vayakhei-Pekudei Shabbat HaChodesh 7:48
26 28 Adar No Religious School Abie Werth Unveiling 10:30 AM AA Cemetery Hadassah Shower of Dollars 2-4 PM Sorkey Home Women's Hugs Not Strikes	27 29 Adar Passover Seder Deadline	28 1 Nisan Rosh Chodesh Nisan	29 2 Nisan Ethical Dilemmas from a Jewish Perspective at the Oaks 2-3 PM No Hebrew School	30 3 Nisan	31 4 Nisan 7:16	

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B'nai Zion History:
Charter Obtained 1866
First Building Erected 1870
Present Building Dedicated 4/20/56
Joined UAHC 1908

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED—IT IS ADAR!

Hamantaschen are Ready



Who is that making the Hamantaschen?
What did they put in the Hamantaschen?
Why do they spell Hamantaschen like that?
When can we eat the Hamantaschen?

Come to B'nai Zion:

Friday, March 10 after the Purim Service
Sunday, March 12 at the Purim Carnival

Come and get your Hamantaschen!

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