

The BuzZ at BZ

News From B'nai Zion Congregation in Shreveport, LA

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From Rabbi Jana

Charge!

One day a young boy in my class read some Hebrew very well. I told him that his Hebrew reading was great – and I said that he could be a Rabbi. That is a charge. Planting a seed in his mind about a possibility – more than a random possibility, but one that someone else already believes he can do. When I told him he could be a rabbi, he asked me, “you mean guys can be rabbis too?” It was a great time for me to give him his charge, when I reinforced that yes, even guys could be rabbis, and I think he would be a great rabbi.

Strive every day to encourage someone else. It could be as simple as saying: of course you can [fill in the blank – run a 5 K; learn Hebrew; reach the top of the blackboard; whatever seems appropriate].

Make time to charge your spiritual “batteries.” Celebrate Shabbat, holy days, life cycle events. Pray more; do more mitzvot. Set aside time for study.

Lead the charge for a mitzvah – feed the hungry, help the homeless, tutor a student.

Charge a donation to a good cause – or send a check, or pay in cash. What is the charge for this? How much should you pay? Whatever you can. Find a way to make sure that your donation is used for those in need, with little or no excess charges.

There are people in your charge who look up to you. Find a way to get them to charge into doing good things, and never bad things

We have been charged with the responsibility of taking care of the world and the people and animals of the world. In the highest court there are numerous charges against us of ways we have fallen short.

What made me think of all of these charges? As we get closer to Shavuot, and I (imagine) remember the moment we stood at Sinai, the Torah describes the words as being so powerful we could see them. They overwhelmed us. Maybe it was something like a static charge that built up until the right moment, and then we felt that charge – it made us tremble. It was an amazing and powerful moment.

Your words can be a spark that charges and encourages someone . Try to give a charge to at least one person every day.

Remember that you need to re-charge. The ultimate time to recharge is when we stand together at Sinai for Shavuot. But we also need the weekly Shabbat charge. When we listen to the ancient words and feel a part of something bigger it reinforces and inspires us.

I feel charged up, but I’m not sure if I should end this and be cute and say, “Charge it!” or be more dramatic and say, “Charge!”

Bivrakha - See you soon!

Rabbi Dr. Jana De Benedetti



From our President, Gary Abrams



We all attempt to improve upon everything that we pursue. Our Seder is certainly no different. The additions to the kitchen, which includes a warming oven, and the new Lefkowitz Hall sound system really did have a big impact. We no longer need to tap on the microphone when it fades out and there is no more delay in serving the symbolic foods and hot meal. Can you believe that we started at 6:30 and finished at exactly 8:30? If you have thought that it was easier to conduct your Seder at home, you might want to rethink for next year.

I am almost one year into my presidency and I can tell you that it has not been a difficult job. We are very fortunate to have such an efficient operation with very dedicated individuals. Our annual meeting is scheduled for May 7 and we will present you with some fantastic nominations to assume the positions of outgoing board members.

We might slow down this summer, however, the calendar of events for the near future is full. I am updating my schedule with the Holocaust Remembrance Service, Jewish Film Festival, Brainis Bat Mitzvah and Confirmation. We will also be working toward hosting a ShFTY Conclave so be prepared as we will be enlisting your services. Your attendance at as many events as possible really does help and is appreciated!!

Shalom,

Gary Abrams



Installation of Board Members 2016

B'nai Zion Board of Trustees **2016 - 2017**

President	Gary Abrams
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Mark Kaplan	
Ann Maxey	
Charlton Meyer	
Herb Miller	
Tim Mills	
Todd Muslow	
Anna Myers	
Harvey Rubin	
Rachel Stuart-Haas	

From our Educator, Helaine Braunig

The merry month of May is here, and this year we will end the year with Mitzvah Day on Sunday, May 21. If you have lived here for more than a year or two, you know that Mitzvah Day is our big Jewish community service day, a day to provide local organizations with much-needed help. It's a day to live our values rather than talk about them. It's a day to model for our children our commitment to those less fortunate than ourselves.

There will be no classes, no usual picnic. Instead, we will work in the morning at Common Ground in Cedar Grove and in the afternoon at the Food Bank in downtown Shreveport. We will also cook at B'nai Zion to provide a weekly meal at Common Ground. They serve 150 people at a dinner each week, and they provide snacks and dinners for student athletes after sports practices. Tentatively, we will work at Common Ground from 10:00 a.m. until noon and at the Food Bank from 2:00 to 4:00. Watch for more details as we firm up our plans.

Let me be clear: The entire congregation is invited to take part– in fact, we really *need* participation from all age groups if we are to be successful. In addition, we are inviting Agudath Achim to join us, as they have in the past.

If you are not familiar with Common Ground, they describe themselves as follows: "The Common Ground Community is a group from all backgrounds and faiths, who have been putting our feet to our faith in the Cedar Grove neighborhood of Shreveport for more than 20 years. More than 1500 people from 550 households come through our doors each year. We treat people with dignity, compassion and respect; and in doing so, create hope. Our friends are the marginalized, "working poor," those on fixed incomes, the unemployed, the disabled, single moms, senior citizens, the homeless and LOTS of children. We are committed to building and deepening our relationships with our neighbors and stakeholders, recognizing that working and living with them in the community benefits us all."

We are waiting to find out exactly what we will do at Common Ground, but they have a community garden, a clothing distribution center, and other projects so we should have opportunities for all ages. And, as mentioned earlier, there will be cooking to do for them as well. We may also buy supplies that they need and/or provide items for special occasions.

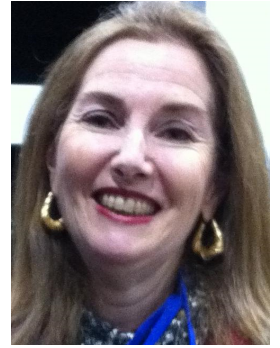
I'm sure you *are* familiar with the Northwest Louisiana Food Bank since they are the recipients of our annual High Holy Day food drive. Their work is well known in the community, and we will be working right after the huge Letter Carriers' Food Drive that brings in tons (literally) of food. We will be sorting food that is stored in their warehouse.

Our last big Mitzvah Day was in 2014, so I am thrilled that we can end our Religious School year in this way. Caddo school will have ended classes on the Friday preceding Mitzvah Day, so there will be no homework to be done that day – just a terrific way to celebrate the beginning of summer vacation by doing good things for other people.

I also want to let you know that the *end* of the school year will *begin* a summer of evaluating and re-imagining our school to be sure it meets the needs of students, parents, and teachers. This is the summer to take a close look at where we've been and where we are going. To help do that I'm happy to announce that Barbara Joseph will work closely with me in this effort. She will bring to our educational program a fresh pair of eyes, a sharp brain, a caring heart, and hands that are ready to work. Barbara and I will attend the ISJL Conference in June, along with our teacher/Federation Director Bethany Sorkey and Rabbi Jana, and with valuable input from all of you we will work to evaluate our strengths and assess ideas that can make us stronger. With our Religious School chairperson Anna Myers and her committee, we will look at the big picture of Jewish family life in Shreveport – what we already provide and what more we can do. It's a very exciting time, and I hope that you will join us as we envision the future.

L'shalom,

Helaine Braunig



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ISJL
Curriculum



May 5: Israel Independence Movie & Simcha Shabbat



The first Shabbat in May we will be celebrating and honoring everyone with a birthday or anniversary in May - including a celebration of the Independence of the modern State of Israel.

The service will start 6 PM Friday, May 5.

We will have a special Oneg Shabbat for the occasion.

After the Oneg Shabbat we will show the movie Cast a Giant Shadow.



The movie is an action/adventure story set at the time that Israel became a nation. This fact-based drama chronicles Israel's heroic struggle for independence under the leadership of the country's first general (played by Kirk Douglas). This film boasts an all-star cast including: Angie Dickinson, Frank Sinatra, Yul Brynner, and John Wayne. English 146 minutes. Not rated.

If your birthday or anniversary is in **June** your Simcha Shabbat will be **June 2, 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.



May is Jewish American Heritage Month. President George W. Bush was the first to officially proclaim it in 2006, and each President since him has proclaimed it, including Presidents Obama and Trump.

Graduation Shabbat: May 12

Please worship and celebrate with us at Graduation Shabbat **6 PM May 12**.

We honor these students who are graduating high school this year:



Stephen Holman, son of Laura and Ron
Harrison Rosen, son of Maurie and Lane
Leah Sorkey, daughter of Bethany and Alan
Morgan Walker, daughter of Jennifer
Thomas Wiener, son of Michelle and Jack

We also honor the students we have been told are graduating with college degrees this semester:



Cole Evensky and Leigh Anne Evensky,
son and daughter of Lory and Larry
Michael Miller, son of Julie and Mike



We will also present the Sandra Goldberg award during the service.

Note: Not all graduates will be able to attend.

Please contact Rabbi Jana or the office if you know of anyone else who is graduating.

Annual Congregational Meeting, May 7 at Noon

Please join us for our annual Congregational Meeting.

We need to vote for new Board members.
THE NEW BOARD MEMBER NOMINEES
ARE:

Sharon Goldman
David Kaufman
Faye Serkin
Sue Rubenstein



To nominate someone else, contact Gary Abrams

Please help us **thank our outgoing board members:**

Rochelle Goldsholl
Ann Maxey
Anna Myers
Todd Muslow



We will discuss the “state of the Congregation,” and plan for our future.

We will also take the annual picture of our congregation. (2016 group picture is shown above.)

Meet at Sanctuary for picture, then we move to Lefkowitz Hall.

Lunch will served at the meeting.

RSVP: Please contact the B’nai Zion office to tell how many people will be in your group, so that we can be sure to have enough food and tables set. There is no fee for lunch.

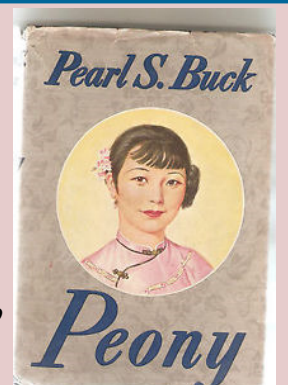
*Mother's Day
is Sunday, May 14
There will be
NO Religious School
or Hebrew School*



People of the Book Club

The People of the Book will meet 7 PM Monday, May 22 to discuss Pearl Buck's novel *Peony*.

A young Chinese woman falls in love with a Jewish man in nineteenth-century China in this evocative novel by the Nobel Prize-winning author of The Good Earth. Long celebrated for its subtle and even-handed treatment of colliding traditions, Peony is an engaging coming-of-age story about love, identity, and the tragedy and beauty found at the intersection of two disparate cultures. a well-meaning but tragically wrongheaded plot to restore the unhappy invalid to health. [from Amazon.com]



KIDdush Shabbat

“Kiddush Shabbat” is the “Sanctification of Shabbat.” “KIDdush Shabbat” is a fun way for children to celebrate Shabbat. Children and their families (and anyone who enjoys not having to sit still during services) please join us in the Sanctuary for KIDdush Shabbat.



Saturday May 13

9 - 9:30 a.m.

Rabbi Jana will lead a singing, dancing, marching, boinging, no-reading-necessary, great story, happy Shabbat service, followed by challah and grape juice Kiddush for KIDdush Shabbat.

Yom Yerushalaim - Jerusalem Day



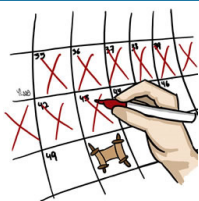
It is 50 years since the Six Day War during which Jerusalem was reunified. The celebration in Israel will be on May 24, 2017. B’nai Zion will celebrate during Shabbat evening services May 26.

Defense Minister Moshe Dayan declared what is often quoted during Yom Yerushalayim:^{[7][8]}

This morning, the Israel Defense Forces liberated Jerusalem. We have united Jerusalem, the divided capital of Israel. We have returned to the holiest of our holy places, never to part from it again. To our Arab neighbors we extend, also at this hour—and with added emphasis at this hour—our hand in peace. And to our Christian and Muslim fellow citizens, we solemnly promise full religious freedom and rights. We did not come to Jerusalem for the sake of other peoples' holy places, and not to interfere with the adherents of other faiths, but in order to safeguard its entirety, and to live there together with others, in unity.



Keep Counting



Remember to continue to count the Omer as we get closer to celebrating the awesome moment when we receive the Law and reinforce our commitment to being in covenant with God on Shavuot. This year Shavuot is May 31. We will have a service 11 AM May 31 and Confirmation / Shavuot / Yizkor service Friday, June 2.

For info about counting the Omer go to the Holiday Resources link at the BZ website.

Shavuot & Yizkor Services



We celebrate receiving the Torah and entering into the Covenant with God and our commitment to the Jewish people at Shavuot services. This year we have a morning service on Shavuot **May 31 at 11 AM**, which will also include a Yizkor service (we will use the Memorial Books we began using Yom Kippur). Traditionally we light a Yizkor candle (for those who have a custom to do so) and then the Yom Tov candles just before sunset the evening of May 30 with a special dinner. We also celebrate Shavuot and Yizkor during the Confirmation service, which this year will be **6 PM Friday, June 2**.



100 Years and Counting

This is the first picture on the "Confirmation Wall" of pictures. The second picture says 1918. Obviously this was taken before the second picture. Therefore, the current Confirmation class picture will be the 100th year for the Confirmation Wall. We have Confirmants with pictures on the Wall that go back generations, and we have a student who travels all the way from Longview at least once a week to join us this year.

Please make an extra effort to attend this momentous Confirmation Service.



You are cordially invied to our Shavuot Service

Friday

June 2, 2017 6:00 PM

When we celebrate the Confirmation of

Joshua Hecker

Son of David

Andrew Meyer

Son of Susan & Charlton III



Mary Beth Muslow

Daughter of Amy Quinn and Jason Muslow

Lauren Turner

Daughter of Amy & Brent

Join the families for a Festival Reception following the Service

MITZVAH DAY – SUNDAY, MAY 21 WE NEED YOU

MORNING SHIFT: 10:00 TO NOON at COMMON GROUND

AFTERNOON SHIFT: 2:00-4:00 at NW LA Food BANK

COOKING THROUGHOUT THE DAY IN THE BZ KITCHEN

ALL AGES NEEDED TO MAKE MAXIMUM IMPACT



Please join Religious School families as we act upon our Jewish values by contributing a work force to two local organizations. Common Ground does important work in the Cedar Grove neighborhood, serving the “working poor,” those on fixed incomes, the unemployed, the homeless, the disabled, single moms, senior citizens, and lots of children. The Northwest LA Food Bank serves many of the same kinds of people throughout the city and parish, providing food boxes with nourishing non-perishable food. Specific jobs will include, but will not be limited to the following:

- ✧ Cooking a meal for a community dinner at Common Ground and/or smaller meals for students who stay for dinner after athletic practice
- ✧ Gardening/lawn work to include weeding, raking leaves, cutting back bushes at a recently vacated house to be used by Common Ground
- ✧ Painting at the Common Ground Community Center – interior painting of a classroom
- ✧ Food pantry work at Common Ground – dividing large bags of staples such as rice, sugar, and beans into bags for individuals and families
- ✧ Power washing tables and chairs from the Community Center, then drying them and returning them to the building
- ✧ Sorting food from the warehouse at the Food Bank (downtown). Our Mitzvah Day will be AFTER the Letter Carrier Food Drive in May that brings literally TONS of food to the Food Bank –

There will be lots to do!

We need to know that you want to help – and how and when you want to help. Please email Helaine at braunigw@aol.com or call the BZ office at 861-2122 to let us know that you will be part of our Mitzvah Day team. For those who will be out of town, but who wish to participate, cash donations may be made to BZ for Mitzvah Day to pay for the food we cook or for items we will buy and donate (underwear, socks, diapers, etc.)

B'NAI ZION SUMMER READING PROGRAM



ALL READING LEVELS – JUNE 1 TO JULY 28, 2017
SCHOOL WILL BE OUT AND WE ARE THE “PEOPLE OF THE BOOK.”

LET’S ENCOURAGE OUR KIDS TO READ JEWISH BOOKS
THIS SUMMER WITH “DRESS-UP STORYTIME” FOR TODDLERS
AND KIDS BELOW FIRST GRADE, “BREAKFAST AND BOOKS” FOR
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KIDS, AND “SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB” FOR MIDDLE
AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

WE WILL AIM FOR ONE JUNE ACTIVITY AND ONE JULY ACTIVITY
FOR EACH AGE GROUP.

INTERESTED? EMAIL HELAINE AT [BRAUNIGW@AOL.COM](mailto:braunigw@aol.com) OR CALL
THE OFFICE (861-2122) REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY MAY 17, 2017.

Save the Date: Milena Murov Bat Mitzvah at BZ

Please share in our great joy as our daughter

Milena Nirit



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

Bat Mitzvah

June 10

10 a.m.

Kiddush Luncheon Following Service

Maureen & Ricky Murov

Milena will also help lead Friday evening service, June 9 at 6 p.m.

SHALOM: Jewish Arts Camp at Agudath Achim

Co-Directors: Howard Silberman and Cantor Neil Schwartz

- Who? Community children age 4-13 or completed grades K-3 thru 7
What? One-week summer Day Camp featuring various Jewish Arts
When? Monday-Friday, June 12-16, 2017 from 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Where? Agudath Achim classrooms, Sanctuary, Social Hall, and stage
Why? Learning skills and making projects within various Jewish Arts
How? Arts Program Areas "leveled" according to ages and grades
Cost? \$70 first Camper, \$60 second Camper, \$50 additional Campers in the same family;
Camperships available upon application.

Program	Drawing	Painting	Sculpture
Areas:	Poetry	Acting	Cooking
	Singing	Dancing	Leatherwork
Friday = Shabbat Lunch and Closing Program			



Congregational Photos



2011

These group photos of our congregation are very precious. Please join us for the annual meeting May 7 at noon, and be included in this year's photo.

These photos are also available online at the B'nai Zion website on the About Us / News page at the bottom.



2012



2013



2014



2015



2016

Brotherhood and Sisterhood Dues

If you had not already paid Brotherhood or Sisterhood dues this year, you recently received a bill. You are welcome to pay the amount shown, or any amount that you feel is appropriate. You are also welcome to choose not to be a member of these B'nai Zion groups. They each provide wonderful support to the congregation.

You may have never received a statement for these groups before. These statements are not intended to obligate or coerce you to pay dues for these groups. As the statement noted on the part you should tear off and send to us, you can notify the office that you do not want to be a member, or you want to pay a different amount. Creating a charge - an "amount due" is a new procedure that is required in order to allow anyone who wishes to make payments online.

PAID
DUES

If you have not paid Brotherhood or Sisterhood dues BY THE END OF MAY, the charge will be eliminated, and we will presume that you do not want to be a member.

The system will allow us to take payments after the end of May, if you prefer.

Flag Posting and Memorial Services at Cemeteries

We plan to make sure that every Jewish veteran who is buried in our cemeteries will have special Jewish War Veteran flag posts installed.

Flags will be posted again for Memorial Day, and we will have brief memorial ceremonies at the cemeteries **May 29**.



This year we will begin at the B'nai Zion section of Greenwood Cemetery at 10 AM.

We plan to go to the B'nai Zion Hebrew Rest Cemetery on Texas Street, Agudath Achim Hebrew Rest, and if there is any

interest, we can also go to the Jewish section of Oakland Cemetery. If you have family members or friends who are veterans buried in other local cemeteries, please contact Rabbi Jana about having a Jewish War Veteran flag



posted at their gravesite.

If you have names of veterans buried in our cemeteries who do not yet have flag posts, please contact the office.

If you would like to help us post flags at the cemeteries, please contact the office.

Together Tuesday

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

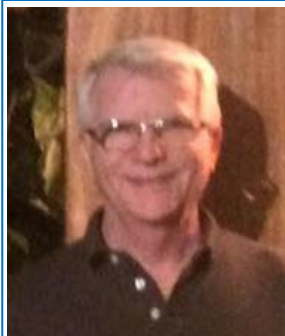
People of all faiths and backgrounds are invited and gather together **TUESDAY, JUNE 6 AT 6 PM** under the Texas Street Bridge in the Red River District (in front of the Bon Temps Coffee Bar, 450 Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway),

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

PLEASE INVITE YOUR FRIENDS



A Message from Federation President, Ben Sour



There are more than 1.5 million nonprofit organizations in the United States. Chances are, some of them will be asking you for donations in the next few weeks. The North Louisiana Jewish Federation (NLJF) will be one of them. Here are some things that, I believe, make the Federation a good investment for you.

- 1) The North Louisiana Jewish Federation has been funding worthwhile programs for more than 75 years. We must be pretty good stewards of your gifts, or we would not still be here and you would not be reading this.
- 2) We have low expenses. Our part-time director has a desk provided by B'nai Zion Congregation. We don't even pay rent. If you know our current or past directors, you know they are motivated by a desire to serve our community, not by a salary.
- 3) We have an independent, frequently rotating board that vettes all projects before they receive funding.
- 4) Odds are good that you or your children or your grandchildren have or will benefit directly from a program that the Federation has funded.

If you are one of our many faithful donors, thank you on behalf of all those who benefit from your generosity and thoughtfulness. Please consider increasing your donation by even a small amount this year.

If you have not donated to the Federation, you are invited to take advantage of the upcoming opportunity to enjoy the wonderful satisfaction of doing something worthwhile for our community.

Thanks,

Ben



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.



Also, we have been asked by Agudath Achim Sisterhood to 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.

ShFTY - Please Help

Help us Help the Common Ground

B'nai Zion congregation/ShFTY is collecting to donate the following items:

- diapers in sizes 1, 2, & 3
- ear buds (a teenager must-have! inexpensive brands please)
- adult sized underwear
- school uniform pants for high school boys*
- men's & women's socks
- school uniform pants for middle school boys*

*gently used pants are acceptable

ALL DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT B'NAI ZION DURING OPEN HOURS
OR PLEASE CONTACT RACHEL DIRECTLY



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Save the Date: NFTY-Southern Fall Conclave in Shreveport Nov. 10-12, 2017

Some people say, "it takes a village," but ShFTY says: "it takes a congregation."

Please watch for details about how you can help us host

NFTY-Southern's Fall Conclave this November. We will need:

host houses, drivers, donations... and more.



Passover Posse - Thanks!

The 2017 Passover Posse included Sue Borne, Karen and Pat Brewer, Debbie and Doug Dlin, Sharon and Elliot Goldman, Mimi Meriam, Francine Midboe, Tim Mills, Kathy Plante, Bethany and Alan Sorkey, and Buddy Warnock. Whether it was cooking, chopping, setting tables, grocery shopping, or fixing the unfixed ...the list and tasks seemed endless but what a successful event! Our thanks, too, and most importantly to Rabbi Jana for leading a truly meaningful service. To Gloria Meyer, our special thanks, for the new and improved sound system.



Ethical Dilemmas: Discussion series at The Oaks



The last Wednesday of each month Rabbi Jana conducts a series of discussions. "What Would You Do?" is the theme of Ethical Dilemmas with a Jewish Perspective – the monthly knowledge quest.

The May event will be May 24 at 2 p.m. because Shavuot is May 31.

The discussions are always interesting, topical, relative and educational yet humorous.

Everyone is invited. You don't have to live at The Oaks to come to the discussions. Refreshments are served.

Rabbi Jana is committed to teaching wherever people want to learn.

Come, learn with her.



Yizkor



Yizkor is another name for a special Memorial service. Traditionally there is a Yizkor service at the end of most major Jewish holidays. In the Fall there are two Yizkor services: one on Yom Kippur and one at the end of Sukkot (on Simchat Torah). At B'nai Zion we have Memorial Books printed to honor our loved ones who have died. The book of names which we print at the beginning of the Jewish year is used for each of the Yizkor services during the year. The Yizkor service on Yom Kippur starts after the Afternoon service and before the

Concluding service. The Yizkor service at the end of Sukkot is in the morning, as

is the Passover Yizkor service. At Shavuot we will have a service May 31 at 11 a.m. (the actual date of Shavuot on the Jewish Calendar). B'nai Zion, for your convenience, also plans a Yizkor service during the Confirmation service Friday, June 2. There is also a tradition to light a candle that burns from sundown the evening before the service through the evening of the Yizkor

service. Some local supermarkets carry Yizkor or Yahrzeit candles, or you can contact the office, and we will help make sure that you have one, if you need one. Some people prefer to light electric or battery operated Yizkor lights. You only need to light one candle no matter how many people you are remembering. There is no specific prayer to say when lighting the candle, but if you are looking for something to say, please ask Rabbi Jana.



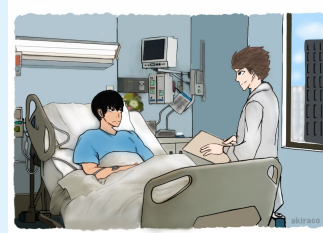
Summer Bulletins:

The deadline for the combined June & July bulletin is May 15.

The deadline for the August bulletin is July 15

Tell the Rabbi: Hospital Edition

It used to be that if you checked into the hospital, they would ask you your religion, and if you said that you were Jewish, they would let the Rabbi know where you were. It used to be that if you were in the hospital, the Rabbi could call the hospital operator and ask if there were any Jewish patients that day. The current privacy laws (HIPAA) prevent anyone—including the Rabbi—from obtaining patient information just by calling the hospital.



Rabbi Jana will gladly visit you in the hospital even if your hair is messy and you have to wear a hospital gown. She can say blessings with you/for you even if you are sleeping (she doesn't like to disturb someone who is finally getting some rest).

If you want the Rabbi to know that you are in a hospital, you can have a friend or family member tell her. You can ask the nurse or doctor to contact the Rabbi. You can call the Rabbi from the hospital.

It is even okay to let her know that you are in a hospital, but you would prefer that she not visit.

Member Directory and More Online



Go to the B'nai Zion website and not only is the BZ Buzz online, and the important forms and schedules, and the ability to pay dues or make donations, but also there is a Member Directory to look up members of B'nai Zion to find a phone number or address information.

Go to www.BnaiZionCongregation.org, then click on the "Member Login" on the top left. The office sent member ID and login information a few months ago. For forgotten IDs or other help logging in to accounts, please contact the office.

If you haven't looked around the website, make it part of your 'spring forward' resolution. Contact the office or Rabbi Jana with questions or suggestions about the website.

Jewish Directory: "Paperback" Edition

The print copy of the Jewish Directory should be ready by the end of the summer. However, many people have not yet submitted their request to be included in the newest book.

This year it is a joint effort of the B'nai Zion and Agudath Achim Sisterhoods. The intention is to have every Jewish household represented in the book, with complete information for each adult in the house, including name of each adult, home and cell phone numbers, email addresses, home address.

Please help us get this directory finished by providing complete information for your household. You are welcome to call the office, submit the online form, check the Member Login and let the office know to include what is there. We may need volunteers to help us call households that do not contact us soon.



May Birthdays & Anniversaries♥

2 Alexander Murov
 3 Michelle Brooks
 3 Laurence Courtney
 4 Maggie Kaufman
 5 Steven Holman
 6 Sam Lepow
 6 Rick Murov
 7 Arnold Frankel
 7 Bryan McDaniel
 8 ♥ Francine & Jerald Perlman
 11 Stuart Blum
 12 Faye Serkin
 12 Alvin Toys
 15 Brent Turner
 16 Nora Serkin

17 Tobias Kallenberg
 17 ♥ Polly & David Kaufman
 17 Eric Weiss
 19 Sheila Watkins
 20 Stephen Wright
 23 Joshua Hecker
 23 ♥ Melinda & Fred Kent
 23 Berte Muslow
 23 ♥ Jackie & Ron Nierman
 25 ♥ Rachel & David Haas
 25 ♥ Georgette & Craig Toys
 26 Esther Smet
 28 Mary Beth Muslow
 28 ♥ Faye & Scott Serkin
 28 ♥ Kathleen & Michael Somer

29 Randolph Kallenberg
 29 Grant Muslow
 30 ♥ Marilyn & Abry Cahn



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

**If you are not on the above list for current birthdays or anniversaries
 it means that the office does not have your information.
 Please provide the office with the appropriate month, date, and year to complete our data.**

Shabbat: Blessers and Oneg Shabbat for Summer

No Blessers for candles or wine are assigned during the summer, from June through Labor Day. Typically the honor is given to someone who is attending the service. If you have a special occasion (a birthday, anniversary, special guests, etc.) and would like to take that opportunity to receive an honor, please contact Rabbi Jana, the office or Harriette Glazer. You are always encouraged to host an Oneg Shabbat by bringing food and/or drinks, or making a donation to defray the Sisterhood expense. Please notify the office before you bring anything.



May 2017 Candle and Kiddush Blessers



May 5 Debby Dlin and Herb Miller
 12 Helaine and Bill Braunig
 19 Cheryl and Harvey Rubin
 26

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*

Tributes

BUILDING & GROUNDS

In Honor of the Birthday of:

Flo Selber
Margy Ray

In Memory of:

Betty Levy
Margy Ray
Frank Anthony
Jerie & Jon Black
Jules Dreyfuss
Margy Ray

Prayer for Health and Recuperation:

Bill Braunig
Margy Ray

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

In Honor of the 60th Anniversary of:

Dorothy & Bernard Lobel
Helaine & Bill Braunig
Gloria Meyer
Mollie & Mitchel Newstadt

In Honor of the Bat Mitzvah of:

Arden Brainis
Gloria Rosen

In Memory of:

Frank Anthony
Gloria Rosen
Geraldine Zelinsky

Prayer for Health and Recuperation:

Gloria Meyer
Dorothy & Bernard Lobel
Lionel Eltis
Dorothy & Bernard Lobel
Mandy Selber
Dorothy & Bernard Lobel

LIBRARY

In Memory of:

Edith Bayer
Geraldine Zelinsky



MUSIC

Prayer for Health and Recuperation:

Tammy Courtney
Shirley Seligman
Mandy Selber
Shirley Seligman
Donald Zadeck
Shirley Seligman

In Honor of the 50th Anniversary of:

Tammy & Larry Courtney
Shirley Seligman

In Honor of the 60th Anniversary of:

Dorothy & Bernard Lobel
Shirley Seligman

In Memory of:

Barbara A. Threefoot,
Felix L. Alcus, & Mabel Levy
Berte & Ike Muslow

SHFTY

In Honor of the 60th Anniversary of:

Dorothy & Bernard Lobel
Mark Kaplan & Betsy Kaplan Beall

In Honor of the Birthday of:

Gary Abrams
Mark Kaplan & Betsy Kaplan Beall
Connie Posner
Mark Kaplan & Betsy Kaplan Beall

SISTERHOOD

In Honor of the 50th Anniversary of:

Tammy & Larry Courtney
Helaine & Bill Braunig

SISTERHOOD FLOWERS

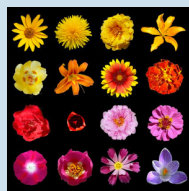
In Memory of:

Dorothy Marie Robins Taub
Betty Feir & Mike Richardson

SISTERHOOD ONEG SHABBAT:

In Memory of:

Margaret Rifkin
Helaine & Bill Braunig



GENERAL FUND

In Honor of:

B'nai Zion
Ramona Moody

In Honor of the 60th Anniversary of:

Dorothy & Bernard Lobel
Joe Badt
Harriet & Richard Dechowitz
Marcia Katzenstein
Ruth Lewis
Kim Selber-Lester, Mandy Selber III
Rachel & Mandy Selber, Jr.

In Memory of:

Frank Anthony
Nancy & Gary Abrams
Mollie & Mitch Newstadt
Edith Bayer
Nancy & Gary Abrams
Jules Dreyfuss
Helaine & Bill Braunig
Frances, Donald & Julie Zadeck
Betty Levy
Helaine & Bill Braunig

Prayer for Health and Recuperation:

Connie Posner
Gloria Meyer
Sue Rubenstein
Harriett & Imy Marcus
Rachel & Mandy Selber
Herman Van Os
Rachel & Mandy Selber

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Honor of:

B'nai Zion
Patricia Smitley

In Memory of:

Inez Hafter
Judith Price

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In Honor of:

Arry & Bree Robichaux
Helaine & Bill Braunig

Prayer for Health and Recuperation:

Bill Braunig
Bertha Shambalum

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Yahrzeits

April 30 - May 6

Isaac Barron M06
Bea Blumberg 33-12
Shelton "Shelly" Borin
Harry Fox 31-11
Nancy Claire Fox 31-13
Sally Friedman
Irving Greenberg 25-21
Fannie Chapman Handel
Lucille Michel
Joseph Phillips 11-08
Isaac Raas M30
Ruben Schultz
Meir Peter Paul Jacob Shamgar
Stanley L. Sugar
Rebecca Vedlitz 14-11
Herman Willer

May 6 - 13

Rose Aufrichtig 23-09
Edith Benson 14-13
Jerry M. Brown
Bernice Clark
J. Robert Frey
Eve Greenberg
Carolyn Hirsch
Marion Louise Hirsch
Erwin M. Joseph
Paul Lowenthal M01
Moses Leon "Zotzi" Murov
Herta Saphier
Jake Schuster
Aaron Simon 15-20
Ruth Simon
Sydney Willer
Harry Zwick

May 14 - 20

Albert Axel
Morris Baron
Annie Feigelson
Elsie N. Goldberg
Fannie Goldman
Elizabeth Hamner
Harold Levy
Charles G. Meyer
Sylvia Rosenzweig 34-08
Mary Elaine Vaska

May 21 - 27

Tamara Atkins
Georgianna Graves Bailey
Gussie Chernick 32-06
Celeste Dreyfuss 14-22
Gustave S. Friedman 22-06
Alvin Gardsbane
Clara Goldman
Mortimer Hertzberg
Ruth Kallenberg 31-09
Karl Levy 31-14
Ralph Perlman
Keith Norman Rabinowitz
Esther Selber Rosenthal 13-24
Barney Ruben
Aaron Selber, Sr. 12-09
Mollie Shanhouse
Robert Simon Trieff
Mildred Lottie Werner 22-14
Jacques Wiener, Sr.

May 28 - June 3

Mortimer A. Cohen
Shirley Murov Eltis
I. H. Ginsburg
Mary Joseph Goulder
H. Louis Heilperin M03
Zena Heiman 24-14
Abe J. Katz
Jacob Katzenstein M29
Loris Levy
Philip Ben Lieber 15-07
Max Morris 24-11
Bill Otto
Delbert Plante
A. M. Rosen
Fannie Katz Rosenfield
Milton I. Rosenzweig 34-07
Mayme Selber 12-25
Archie Simon 32-15

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:



- ✧ *Shirley Murov Greengus Seligman, whose family is too numerous to acknowledge by name here*
- ✧ *David Quinn, husband of Amy Quinn, and stepfather of Mary Beth Muslow*
- ✧ *Kenneth Ray Thurin, great-grandson of Deb Collier*

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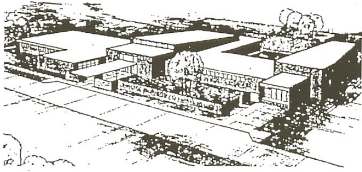
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 5th of Iyar 20th day of the Omer YOM HAZIKARON 	2 6th of Iyar YOM HAATZMA'UT 21st day of the Omer 	3 7th of Iyar 22nd day of the Omer	4 8th of Iyar 23rd day of the Omer	5 9th of Iyar 24th day of the Omer  SIMCHA SHABBAT Cast a Giant Shadow Movie after 6 PM service 7:41 	6 10th of Iyar 25th day of the Omer Achare-K'doshim Lev. 19:1-20 Amos 9:7-15 Torah Study 9:45 AM Shabbat Service 11 AM
7 11th of Iyar 26th day of the Omer  CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOON	8 12th of Iyar 27th day of the Omer	9 13th of Iyar 28th day of the Omer	10 14th of Iyar 29th day of the Omer	11 15th of Iyar 30th day of the Omer	12 16th of Iyar 31st day of the Omer  GRADUATION SHABBAT Service 6 PM 7:46 	13 17th of Iyar 32nd day of the Omer Emor  KID-DUSH SHABBAT 9-9:30 AM Torah Study 9:45 AM Shabbat Service 11 AM
14 18th of Iyar LAG BA'OMER 33rd day of the Omer  HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAY No Religious School	15 19th of Iyar 34th day of the Omer	16 20th of Iyar 35th day of the Omer	17 21st of Iyar 36th day of the Omer	18 22nd of Iyar 37th day of the Omer	19 23rd of Iyar 38th day of the Omer Shabbat Service 6 PM 7:51 	20 24th of Iyar 39th day of the Omer Behar-B'chukotai Lev 26:1-27:34 Jerem. 16:19-17:14 Torah Study 9:45 AM Shabbat Service 11 AM
21 25th of Iyar 40th day of the Omer  MITZVAH DAY	22 26th of Iyar 41st day of the Omer  BOOK CLUB 7 PM	23 27th of Iyar 42nd day of the Omer	24 28th of Iyar YOM YERUSHALAYIM 43rd day of the Omer 	25 29th of Iyar 44th day of the Omer	26 1st of Sivan ROSH CHODESH SIVAN 45th day of the Omer  YOM YERUSHALYAM Shabbat Service 6 PM 8:08 	27 2nd of Sivan 46th day of the Omer B'midbar Num. 1:1-4:20 Hosea 2:1-22 Torah Study 9:45 AM Shabbat Service 11 AM
28 3rd of Sivan 47th day of the Omer	29 4th of Sivan 48th day of the Omer  THANK YOU	30 5th of Sivan EREV SHAVUOT 49th day of the Omer	31 6th of Sivan SHAVUOT YIZKOR 11 AM 	1 7th of Sivan	2 8th of Sivan CONFIRMATION 6 PM  Shabbat Service 6 PM 8:11 	3 9th of Sivan Naso Num. 4:21-7:89 Judges 13:2-25 Torah Study 9:45 AM Shabbat Service 11 AM

Mitzvah Day is Sunday, May 21
 There are many ways for you to help.
 Details are on page 8
 Sign-up See you there!

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Joined UAHC 1908

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