

# The BuzZ at BZ

News From B'nai Zion Congregation in Shreveport, LA

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## From Rabbi Jana

### *Make Like a Tree*

I forget or don't realize, how much time I spend thinking about trees. I love to watch them change color. I wait patiently starting before the High Holy

Days for the leaves to go from what seems like a uniform blanket of green to the royal colors of the autumn. I do notice trees wherever I go, but I love to look at the Japanese Magnolia that I see every day outside my office in the Schuster Garden at B'nai Zion.

This year it felt like fall lasted less than a week. And it came closer to Hanukkah than Sukkot. And then, since it immediately got warm after that cold snap we had, the tree in our garden started to make buds. By the time of Sophie's Bat Mitzvah – the morning of her Bat Mitzvah actually – the blossoms began to turn the tree from brown with grey fuzzy buds, to blazing pink. By the time of Maddy's Bat Mitzvah, the pink may not even be there anymore. If you looked at the pictures on my phone, you would see more pictures of that tree than anything else.

Time seems to go by so quickly when I watch this tree. It feels like weeks – not months – between fall, winter, and spring. Enjoying the colorful display makes the passage of time more poignant, and less stressful.

We can learn a lot from trees.

I remember in college studying Martin Buber's *I and Thou*. Buber used the way we interact with a tree to explain the kinds of relationships we have with things. Sometimes a tree is just an "it." Sometimes a tree, if you spend time thinking about it, becomes more like a "you." Buber goes on to describe the depths of interacting with people, and then with God. I think that in some ways, the fact that I thought about understanding a tree as something more than an "it" was the conscious beginning of what might be called "mindfulness" today. I do try to find some time each day to look at something in a "mindful" way. Lately the trees have been winning for my attention.

I like to think of those moments as "awesome" – filled with awe (which could be called "awful" but obviously would ruin what I really mean). I also think of those moments as "holy."

If the changing colors of a tree leaves me breathless, then perhaps I can learn from the tree: To stop and appreciate the awesome moments.

Try it... try to let a tree leave you breathless. It could be the colors, or the magnificence of the unique shape it has become, or it's refreshing aroma, or perhaps the food it provides... I'm sure you can think of other things to add to the list, especially if you really do take time to get to know the tree.

And make like a tree and let people leave you breathless too.

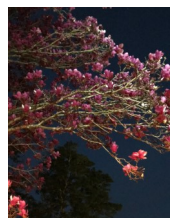
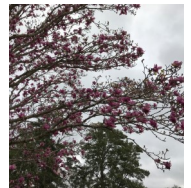
And realize that if trees can bring you awesome moments, and people can leave you breathless, then realize that God is there, and you are at the I and Thou moment, if you let yourself be. Live in the world. Let it leave you breathless.

Or if it the thing you are looking at is a tree, maybe it is not an "I and Thou" moment, it is an "I and *bough*" moment. I couldn't resist. I guess you saw all the "leaves" in this tree lesson too. I want to be serious, but the colors cheer me up, and Purim is weeks away.

Before Purim there are many things I would like to do with you. Look in the bulletin, and you will know how to find me.

B'vrakha (with blessing),

*Rabbi Dr. Jana De Benedetti*



## From our President, Gary Abrams



Over the last months, we have discussed membership, income and expenses. While I was listening to Rabbi Jana at Margaret Rifken's funeral, I realized that involvement in B'nai Zion activities is the area of discussion that I am least equipped to impact. Margaret and others have continuously devoted so much time to day to day B'nai Zion operations. I am afraid that most of us take all of these behind the scenes things for granted. The little things like taking our flowers after services to congregants who are recuperating, or to members who are celebrating a special occasion, have a tremendous impact on those recipients.

I can confess that over the years I thought that it was enough congregational participation if I was a Board member who showed up eight Tuesday evenings a year — and day-dreamed during the hour or hour-and-a-half meeting. I have been guilty of thinking that since I served 20 years prior as an officer I have done my duty to the congregation. Sometimes I thought that by giving a little more in dues I didn't have to show up as much to congregational events. I believe that I am not the only one to have thought these things about what it means to participate at B'nai Zion.

I never hear anything from the diligent volunteers (like Margaret). None of the people who spend their time helping B'nai Zion brag about it to me. Rather, I hear about them from the office. I have taken it for granted that someone just does these little things.

So how do we assist — or replace — those folks who give so much time to BZ? I hope you will tell me or Rabbi Jana, because I don't know the answer.

I do know that as President, I have gained a new appreciation for all of the efforts it takes to keep things at B'nai Zion running smoothly—from the professional staff, to the Board members, Religious School teachers, and so many volunteers. Please help me thank them when you see their good efforts—and I will add my thank you to everyone who is contributing to B'nai Zion in whatever way you can.

Please keep up with the BZ calendar because, as usual, this month is filled with many things to do at B'nai Zion.

Shalom,

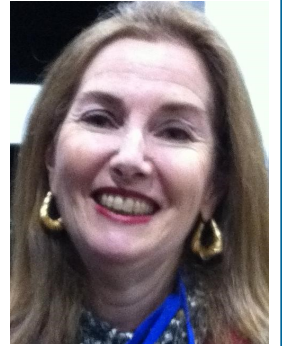
*Gary Abrams*

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

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## From our Educator, Helaine Braunig

Writing a bulletin article from San Francisco while awaiting Bill's surgery, I'm uplifted by the way you have rallied around us. Your many texts, emails, Facebook messages, and phone calls have reminded us how much we value the gift of community. Often on Sunday mornings at Religious School, at mitzvah projects like the recent packing of boxes at the Food Bank, and at book club meetings, I think how fortunate we are that members of B'nai Zion and Agudath Achim come together to support each other. Bill and I thank you for helping to make our time away from Shreveport easier for us.



The winter months always focus my attention on our Jewish community's place in the larger community as we set the wheels in motion for our annual Blood Drive and Mitzvah Day. If you know of volunteer opportunities that we might be able to join, or if you have special agencies whose work you support, please get in touch with me so that we might try to incorporate new activities into our program and find new beneficiaries for our efforts. In addition to being physically active on behalf of others, we want to channel our tzedakah fund dollars to worthy efforts here at home and around the United States and the world. With that in mind, I hope that you will help me in raising the bar for *regular* Religious School tzedakah contributions. The habit of giving tzedakah is not just a "good deed" – our tradition "commands" that we give. I learned as a child from my parents and grandparents that giving is indeed a *habit* as well as a responsibility, and I want the children in our school to learn the same.

Perhaps I just become more reflective in the winter, but I also focus on the internal Jewish community. I think about the fact that we have new young families who need the support of older people because their own families live far away. I think about the fact that we have older people who have many life experiences to share with those who are younger. I hope that we can make specific plans— across the generations —to work together, learn together, and have fun together.

As we move forward with the second semester of our year, Rabbi Jana, Cantor Neil, and I, along with our teachers, would like to join you in brainstorming ways to enhance what we do in the classroom with home activities. Perhaps you'd like to host a Shabbat dinner for your child's class. Or, how about a Shabbat pajama party for our toddlers and young students with cookie baking and havdalah? Perhaps you'd like to undertake new practices to protect our planet's resources – a great way to celebrate Tu B'Shevat. We celebrate Purim with a big carnival each year, but families can also celebrate at home by making baskets of goodies to share with family and friends, or by watching movies about people real or fictional who have behaved heroically to ensure freedom for others. (Have you watched *To Kill a Mockingbird* with your older children? What about *The Diary of Anne Frank* - to prepare for a discussion of "the Righteous Gentiles" during the Holocaust?) I'm not suggesting that you and your family need to do all of this – just something new for the new semester.

Bill and I look forward to seeing you by the end of the month. In the meantime, we love your text messages and email, and we both appreciate your willingness to help get things done in our absence.

L'shalom,

*Helaine Braunig*

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## 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 **February** we will celebrate and honor you **February 3, 2017** during services. We will have a special Oneg Shabbat following services.

If your birthday or anniversary is in **March** your Simcha Shabbat will be **March 10, 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.



## Tot Shabbat



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

**Saturday February 4**  
**9 - 9:30 a.m.**

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

## 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, FEBRUARY 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



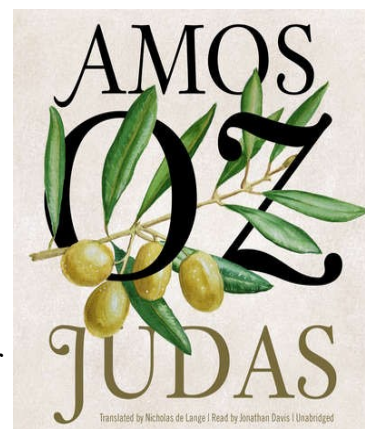
## Jewish Book Club

The Jewish Book Club will be meeting **7 PM Monday, February 13.**

This month's book is Amos Oz's new novel *Judas*.

Many people in the Book Club loved Oz's memoir, *A Tale of Love and Darkness*, and this is his first major work since then.

The story is set in 1959 in Jerusalem, and the book is described as both love story and coming-of-age story. The three main characters are described as "misfits." Sounds like it will make for a good discussion. Please join us.



# Maddy Meyers' Bat Mitzvah

*Please share our joy as our daughter*  
**Maddy Myers**  
*Will Help Lead the Service*  
*and Be Called to the Torah as a*  
**Bat Mitzvah**



*Saturday, February 11 10:30 a.m.*

*B'nai Zion Congregation*  
*Kiddush Luncheon Immediately Following Service*  
*Hosted by Anna and Breck Myers*



# BZ Sisterhood Ladybug Lunch



An Invitation to the Members of

**B'nai Zion Sisterhood**

Please be our guest at the

**Ladybug Lunch**

Tuesday, February 14th

11:30 a.m. ~ hosted by

**\*Jerie Black ~ Peggy Nuckolls**

**Kathy Plante ~ Connie Posner**

**Bethany Sorkey**

at B'nai Zion

**RSVP by February 9 to:**  
**[jerieblack@bellsouth.net](mailto:jerieblack@bellsouth.net)**

**or: 318-797-0077**

## ISJL Education Fellow Visit: February 3-5



Leah Wittenberg is the Institute for Southern Jewish Life's Education Fellow for our community. Leah will be visiting B'nai Zion the weekend of February 3-5.

Friday evening she will give the sermon at services at B'nai Zion, and then she will join Agudath Achim for their Shabbat service.

Saturday morning she will tell a story at Tot Shabbat. Then Leah will join the discussions at Torah Time and Shabbat Shmooze.

Throughout the weekend Leah will meet with Religious School teachers and she will teach students on Sunday morning. The Youth Group is looking forward to workshops with her Sunday afternoon.

During this busy weekend hopefully you will find a moment to get learn with her, learn from her, and get to know her.

## Shabbat Shira—a Shabbat of Music... and Trees

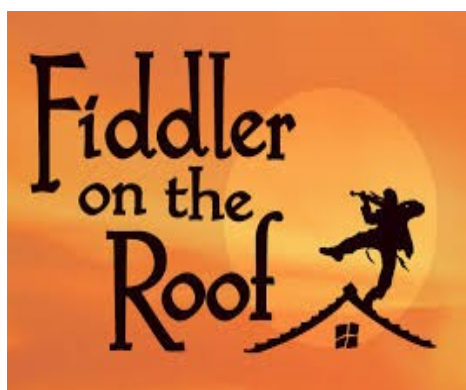
**Friday, February 10**, Shabbat Shira—the Sabbath of Song, B'nai Zion will be singing joyfully to God. **Bethany Sorkey and Rabbi Jana** will lead our Shabbat music. There may be other musical surprises as well. Please let Rabbi Jana know if you want to contribute to this musical Shabbat.

This year it coincides with Tu BiSh'vat (the birthday of the trees).

We will have a grand and joyous celebration you won't want to miss.



## Fiddler on the Roof and Dinner



### *Dinner and Fiddler on the Roof* *6 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).

Please contact the BZ or AA office, by **February 6** so that tickets can be ordered and the restaurant determined. Confirmed reservations (your check) must be received in the BZ or AA office no later than **Friday, February 17**.



## Tu BiSh'vat



Tu BiSh'vat, like Hanukkah, is a post-biblical festival, instituted by the Rabbis. However, the holiday has biblical roots. The tithing system upon which it is based dates back to the Torah and its deep concern with trees, harvests, and the natural world, all of which are at the heart of Tu BiSh'vat. Beginning with the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden all the way through to Deuteronomy's injunction against destroying fruit trees in times of war, our biblical text is replete with trees, both literal and metaphorical. Indeed, the Torah itself often is referred to as an *etz chayim* (tree of life), based on a passage in the Book of Proverbs.

Although the celebration of Tu BiSh'vat has a long and varied history, the theme most commonly ascribed to the holiday is the environment. It is considered a festival of nature, full of wonder, joy, and thankfulness for God's creation in anticipation of the renewal of the natural world. During this festival, Jews recall the sacred obligation to care for God's world, and the responsibility to share the fruits of God's earth with all.

Tu BiSh'vat falls at the beginning of spring in Israel, when the winter rains subside and the pink and white blossoms of the almond trees begin to bud. It is for this reason that almonds and other fruits and nuts native to the Land of Israel - barley, dates, figs, grapes, pomegranates, olives, and wheat - are commonly eaten during the Tu BiSh'vat seder.

In modern times, Tu BiSh'vat was nourished by the rise of the Zionist movement in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, which re-emphasized the Jewish people's connections to the land and the natural world. It was the Zionist pioneers who - with strong financial support from Jews throughout the world who donated trees to mark *smichot* (special occasions) - re-forested the land of Israel, largely under the auspices of the Jewish National Fund (*Keren Kayemet l'Yisrael*). As a result of this emphasis on tree planting - on Tu BiSh'vat and all year long - Israel stands as the only country in the world with an almost constant net *growth* of trees.

Source: URJ, Rabbi Daniel Syme

## Brotherhood



Gentlemen of B'nai Zion, it is time to pay Brotherhood dues. Dues are still only \$25 per year. You are welcome to send a check to B'nai Zion with a note that says that it is for Brotherhood Dues. You can also pay by credit card by calling the office or going to your statement at [BnaiZionCongregation.org](http://BnaiZionCongregation.org) and clicking on the "Member Login."

We are also co-sponsoring the Fiddler on the Roof and Dinner evening with Agudath Achim Men's Club March 4 . We hope you join us.

## Candle and Kiddush Blessers

February	3	Marla & Perry Hyman
	10	Maddy Myers' Family
	17	Suzee & Ardis Robison
	24	Dorothy & Bernard Lobel



# New Jewish Directory - We Need Your Information



Many people have requested a new Jewish Directory. The Sisterhoods of B'nai Zion and Agudath Achim are working together to create a new directory that will include everyone in the Jewish community. Please send your information, as shown below, to indicate what information you would like included. Once we receive information from everyone who wants to be included (and notification from everyone who does NOT want to be included) B'nai Zion and Agudath Achim will be printing the directories and selling them.

Out of town people are also welcome to be included. We encourage former members who have moved away to be included to be able to stay in touch.

Please print clearly and please write only the information that you want shared in the Jewish Directory

Name(s) for listing \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Adult Information (e.g., spouse):

2nd Adult Name \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Adult Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Adult Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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TO NOT BE INCLUDED IN DIRECTORY, WRITE YOUR NAME HERE: \_\_\_\_\_

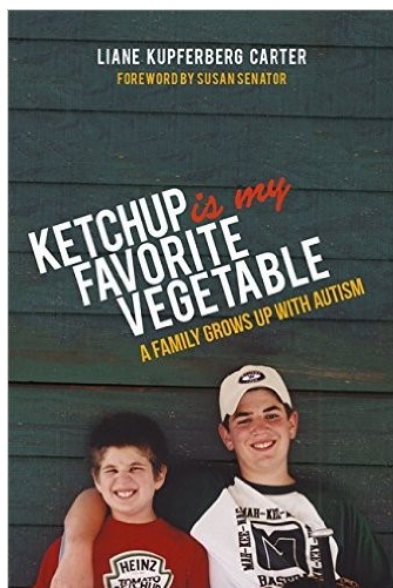


# February is Jewish Disabilities and Inclusion Month.

February is officially known as Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month (JDAIM). B'nai Zion Congregation is proud to join together with Jewish organizations and communities around the world in this unified effort to raise awareness and champion the rights of people with disabilities. Together, we can foster a more inclusive Jewish community that emphasizes the value, dignity and capabilities of each and every individual.



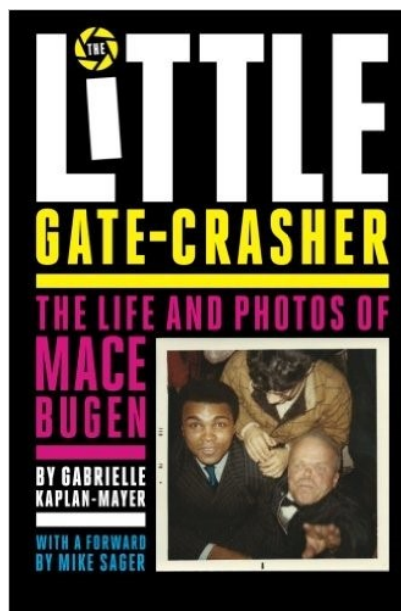
These are the official books chosen for JDAIM 2017.



**KETCHUP IS MY FAVORITE VEGETABLE: A Family Grows Up With Autism** By Liane Kupferberg Carter  
There's a popular saying: "If you've met one person with autism, you've met one person with autism."

How do you create an ordinary family life, while dealing with the extraordinary needs of an autistic child?

Meet Mickey - charming, funny, compassionate, and autistic. In this unflinching portrait of family life, Liane Kupferberg Carter gives us a mother's insight into what really goes on in the two decades after diagnosis. From the double-blow of a subsequent epilepsy diagnosis, to bullying and Bar Mitzvahs, Mickey's struggles and triumphs along the road to adulthood are honestly detailed to show how one family learned to grow and thrive with autism.



**The Little Gate Crasher The Life and Photos of Mace Bugen**  
Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer

Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer's *The Little Gate Crasher* is a memoir of her amazing Great-Uncle Mace Bugen--an unstoppable spirit, first generation Jewish American, self-made millionaire, celebrity gate-crasher--who was 43 inches tall.

Mace's unstoppable spirit defied the challenges of his own physical limitations and society's prejudices towards people with dwarfism. Dr. Dan Gottlieb of NPR's "Voices in the Family" captured the essence of the book in his review: "Many begin their journeys by saying, 'Why me?' But healing begins when they say, 'Okay, what now?' Part history and part biography, *The Little Gate-Crasher* is inspirational— and [really] fun to read."

To find more ideas of books to read for JDAIM go to:  
[www.inclusioninnovations.com/jdaim-2017/jdaim-reads/](http://www.inclusioninnovations.com/jdaim-2017/jdaim-reads/)

# North Louisiana Jewish Federation

Coming events sponsored by the North Louisiana Jewish Federation -

## **MARCH 12 PURIM CARNIVAL AT B'NAI ZION 11 AM.**

NOTE: As part of the event, there will be a cake walk. Can you help us out by providing a cake or cupcakes (or two) or a plate of cookies?

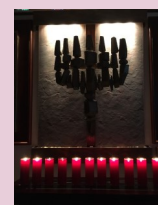
## **APRIL 23 HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

Deadline for Middle School, High School, or College Literary Competition submissions is **March 1 at Midnight**. Go to [www.HolocaustRemembranceService.org](http://www.HolocaustRemembranceService.org) for details.

## **2017 JEWISH FILM FEST**

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



Recently, I attended the Jewish Federations of North America General Assembly, called the 'GA.' If that doesn't mean much to you, don't feel as if you are alone. I felt the same way until 15 minutes after our first meeting started.

Two or three thousand attendees gathered in one room. A voice came over the public address system. It was a young girl, maybe in her teens, telling about her experience in a Federation program. She alternated with three other young people telling their stories. One was from Canada. It was spell-binding to listen to the impact our Federation had had on these young Jewish lives and how awakened they were to the wonderful things our tradition offers. Other stories would follow: a young girl who qualified for Birthright Israel because she had a Jewish grandparent. A young Muslim girl and her young Jewish friend who attended the same Federation-sponsored school in North Africa.

Reading the schedule of events and deciding which I should attend... they went from 7 a.m. until bedtime... I arrived at the last page and saw something that made me realize I could say that 'our' Federation helped make this possible. There were eight Federations recognized for being in existence for 75 years. We were one of them! The next morning (7a.m.!) at the business meeting, I was asked to stand with the other 75-year-old Federations and be recognized by the assembled leaders.

I met someone from another Federation. "Have you heard of the Greenspoon Foundation?" they asked. "No," I said. "It's an unbelievably easy way to raise money for your local Federation." I met another person from a different Federation. "Have you heard of the Greenspoon Foundation?" she asked. "I just did," I said. "It's an unbelievably easy way to raise money for your local Federation," she said.

Who said, "Never call it a coincidence?" Expect to hear more about the Greenspoon Foundation in the coming months, especially if there is a volunteer who is interested in an unbelievably easy way to raise money for our local Federation.



*Ben Sour*

## B'nai Zion Sisterhood

The women of B'nai Zion need more opportunities to get together. Please come to the Sisterhood luncheon on February 14. In addition to enjoying each other's company and getting to know each other better, we plan to discuss our future in further detail.

Thank you to everyone who helped out and/or shopped at the gift shop before Hanukkah.

The Sisterhood of Agudath Achim will be working with us on projects that are important to our community. They will help us collect Box Tops for Education, Community Coffee labels, and soda pop tops for our distribution, and they ask that we collect toiletries for their Mitzvah project. They donate the toiletries to Caddo Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse for their shelter.

We are also working with the Agudath Achim Sisterhood to create a new Jewish Community Directory. Please look for the form in the bulletin to add your information to the Directory. As soon as we have everyone's information we can begin to print the new directories.

It is also time to pay your annual membership dues to our Sisterhood. Every woman of B'nai Zion is eligible to be a member of Sisterhood, if she pays annual dues.



## 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.**

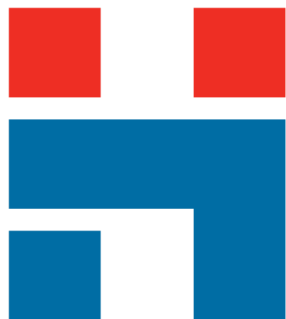
The February event will be February 22 from 2-3 p.m. in the Tower Ballroom at the Oaks of Louisiana.

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.



## Hadassah Shabbat & Shower of Dollars



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Hadassah Shabbat will be Friday, March 24 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at B'nai Zion. 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.



## Mazel Tov to:

- ☆ Ron De Benedetti on being named to the Chancellor's List at LSUS. He is the son of Rabbi Dr. Jana De Benedetti and Dr. Arrigo De Benedetti.
- ☆ Noah Sorkey on being named to the Dean's List at LSUS. He is the son of Bethany & Dr. Alan Sorkey.
- ☆ Yale Rosen is a Prince at this year's Holiday in Dixie Cotillion Court. He is the son of Dr. Maurie Patterson Rosen & Dr. Lane Rosen.
- ☆ Cole Evensky has been named a Gentleman of the Court, at this year's Holiday in Dixie Cotillion Court. He is the son of Lory & Larry Evensky.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Norman Lepow                    | 10. David Hecker           | 27. Jason Brown      |
| 1. Susan Meyer                     | 10. Bernard Lobel          | 27. Howard Sklar     |
| 2. Tina Kallenberg                 | 12. Harrison Walker        | 28. Rowen Guthikonda |
| 3. Cameron Barnett                 | 14. Vivian Murov           |                      |
| 3. Betty Levy                      | 14. ♥ Ann & Grant Nuckolls |                      |
| 4. Avi Guthikonda                  | 16. Thomas Robichaux       |                      |
| 4. Ann Maxey                       | 24. Amy Rabinowitz         |                      |
| 4. Patti Parker                    | 24. Alan Sorkey            |                      |
| 5. Josiah Brooks                   | 24. Thomas Wiener          |                      |
| 5. Brandy Greer                    | 25. Arden Brainis          |                      |
| 5. Ruthie Nierman                  | 25. Bobbye Goodman         |                      |
| 6. Maddy Myers                     | 25. Francine Perlman       |                      |
| 7. Ellen McGovern                  | 25. Jerald Perlman         |                      |
| 7. ♥ Helaine & William Braunig Jr. | 25. Amy Turner             |                      |



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

**If you are not on the above lists 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.**

## 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

## CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

### *In Honor of the Birthday of:*

Sheila Lawrence  
Kathy Plante

## GENERAL

### *For a Happy, Healthy Holiday Season to*

*Rachel & Mandy Selber*  
Suzanne Miller

### *In Memory of:*

Jules Dreyfuss  
Penny S. Autenreith  
Bill Blumberg  
Patti Blumberg  
Carrolyn Fleishman  
Debra & Alan Freyer  
Polly Gleichenhaus  
Marcia Katzenstein  
Patty S. Newton  
Connie & Donald Posner  
Lyn & Dr. A. Carl Schmulen  
Pamela J. Selber,  
Stella Phillips  
Sandy Kallenberg &  
Fred Phillips  
Margaret Rifkin  
Joyce & Dr. Stephen Fadem  
Marcia Katzenstein  
Helen Lansburgh  
Lyn & Dr. A. Carl Schmulen  
Sallye and Morris Schuster  
Diane & Jack Schuster

## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY

### *In Memory of:*

Alice Silverblatt  
Dr. Nancy Silverblatt  
Bella Gold  
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### *For the Recovery of:*

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# May God Console



*Family and Friends of:*

★ *Margaret Werner Golden Rifkin*

*May her memory be a blessing*

# Yahrzeits

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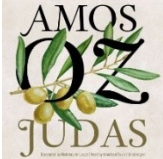














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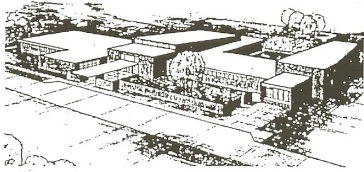
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 5 Sh'vat	2 6 Sh'vat	3 7 Sh'vat <b>ISJL VISIT</b>  SIMCHA SHABBAT  Service 6 pm   5:32	4 8 Sh'vat <b>ISJL VISIT</b> Bo Tot Shabbat 9am  Torah Talk 9:45 am Shabbat Schmooze 11 am  6:29
5 9 Sh'vat <b>ISJL VISIT</b>	6 10 Sh'vat  Deadline for Fiddler & Dinner Reservations	7 11 Sh'vat <b>TOGETHER TUESDAY 6 PM</b> 	8 12 Sh'vat	9 13 Sh'vat  Deadline for Ladybug Lunch Reservation	10 14 Sh'vat <b>SHABBAT SHIRA</b>   Service 6 pm   5:39	11 15 Sh'vat Tu BiShvat Happy  Bat Mitzvah Maddy Myers Bat Mitzvah Service 10:30 AM Service  6:35
12 16 of Sh'vat	13 17 Sh'vat Book Club 7 pm 	14 18 Sh'vat <b>SISTERHOOD LADYBUG LUNCHEON 11:30 @ BZ</b> 	15 19 Sh'vat	16 20 Sh'vat	17 21 Sh'vat  Deadline for Fiddler & Dinner Payments  Service 6 pm   5:45	18 22nd of Sh'vat Yitro  Torah Talk 9:45 am Shabbat Schmooze 11 am  6:41
19 23 Sh'vat <b>NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL</b>	20 24 Sh'vat <b>PRESIDENTS DAY</b> 	21 25 Sh'vat <b>BZ BOARD MEETING 6:30</b> 	22 26 Sh'vat Ethical Dilemma 2 pm The Oaks 	23 27 Sh'vat	24 28 Sh'vat  Service 6 pm   5:51	25 29 Sh'vat Mishpatim Shabbat Shekalim Torah Talk 9:45 am Shabbat Schmooze 11 am  6:46
26 30 Sh'vat <b>ROSH CHODESH ADAR</b>	27 1 Adar <b>ROSH CHODESH ADAR</b>	28 2 Adar	MAR 1 3 Adar	MAR 2 4 Adar	MAR 3 5 Adar  Service 6 pm   5:36	MAR 4 6 Adar Trumah Torah Talk 9:45 am Shabbat Schmooze 11 am Fiddler on the Roof & Dinner 6 PM   6:51

Arden Brainis' Bat Mitzvah ceremony will be March 17. Please join us.

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## The Young and the Old

A group of Hebrew students were looking at the Torah scrolls in the Ark at B'nai Zion. One student noticed that one of the breastplates had two February dates inscribed on it. Upon closer examination, we saw that it reads:

Marcy Levy Hartman, Lt. J.C-USNR-S.C.  
Feb. 2, 1918-Feb. 7, 1943: North Atlantic

Does anyone have information that they could share about the significance of the inscription?

Rabbi Jana showed them that the little Ark on the breastplate opens to reveal a tiny Torah scroll. We noticed the lions, and the crowns, and the bells, and the little plaques with holiday names.

When was the last time you got “up close and personal” with a Torah scroll?

