

The BuzZ at BZ

News From B'nai Zion Congregation in Shreveport, LA

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From Rabbi Jana

Blessed Art Thou

When I was young the translation to every blessing began, “Blessed art Thou...” We read it “bless-ed” – not like “blesst.” As a teenager I studied with Rabbi Chaim Stern (z”l may his memory be a blessing). He edited the “Big Blue” prayer book (Gates of Prayer) that came out in the seventies, and he also edited the little grey Gates of Prayer that came out in the nineties, that we continue to use at our congregation. He taught that there were many times that the verb “bless” is used in liturgy. The interesting thing is that sometimes we do it to G-d and sometimes G-d does it to us. Even though the same verb is used in Hebrew to describe the action, it seems to be a different thing when we do it to G-d than when we receive the blessing from G-d. I liked to think of it as the different “direction” that the verb is going.

I have always been intrigued by the word in Hebrew for “bless” and what it really means. We first see it in the Torah when G-d blesses Shabbat and makes it holy. Since it is the first time the word is used, I try to find clues from the text to see what it means. Perhaps it means to “make it holy.” Of course, that gets me curious about what “holy means.”

Rabbi Chaim was masterful at being able to take the magnificent Hebrew and turn it into magnificent English. He felt that the way to translate the verb “bless” when G-d does it to us he says, “bless” and when we do it to G-d, he says, “praise.” I appreciate that by translating it like this we see the different direction. However, by translating it differently, when you are reading along and praying along in English, you don’t always think about the fact that the two directions – now represented by two different words – are actually the same verb.

Now let me add another variation to the “blessing.” We can bless other things. We bless the food we eat, we bless our children, we bless the Torah before we read it... or do we? We sometimes use the expression that we “say a blessing over bread,” for example. We don’t always say that we are blessing the bread. Sometimes it feels like we are acknowledging that G-d blessed us with the bread, and we therefore say: “Blessed art Thou... who brings forth bread from the earth.” Are we blessing the bread? Are we blessing G-d? Is G-d blessing us?

There is a prayer we say every Saturday morning during services, that includes, “Beyond the injustice of our time, its cruelty and its wars, we look forward to a world at peace when men and women deal kindly with each other, and no one is afraid. Every bad deed delays its coming, every good one brings it nearer. May our lives be Your witness, so that future generations bless us.” I really like the idea that the way we live can cause future generations to bless us. In this case, it seems like we are using the verb to mean “praise” when really it sounds to me like we would be praised for being a blessing.

Which brings me to my next question: What does it mean to say that “you shall be a blessing.” The verb is now being used a noun. We know how to say a blessing about anything. Now we are not talking about saying a blessing, but being a blessing. To be a blessing, do you praise everyone? Are we more like G-d? Are the blessings we bestow G-dlike? Do people want to praise us for the things that we do?

There is a tradition to find one hundred opportunities each day to say blessings. May you find that your world is filled with blessings, that you find ways to be a blessing, and that future generations find ways to bless us.

Bivrakha (with blessing),

Rabbi Dr. Jana De Benedetti

From our President, Gary Abrams



When I began my two year term as President, it was important to me to look at dues collection, the number of members (household units) and Religious School enrollment over a ten year period. Sometimes we have distorted views if we don't have the numbers in front of us. I have updated those charts and have concluded that although maintaining a vibrant congregation will always take work, there is no reason to be pessimistic about our future.

On the other hand, pledges/dues collections remain reasonably constant instead of growing to keep up with inflation. Since our dues collections are unable to offset our expenses, we have been relying on the generosity of a few members to make additional major contributions well above their dues. On occasion, when those additional contributions are unable to match our expenses, we rely on an infusion from the Endowment Fund. Since our operating expenses exceed \$400,000 per year, one can easily sense the gap that dues collections leave.

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DUES</u>	<u>HOUSEHOLDS</u>	<u>STUDENTS</u>
2006	\$199,791	193	57
2007	\$217,144	202	51
2008	\$245,779	205	53
2009	\$268,054	199	54
2010	\$260,934	207	54
2011	\$266,331	205	61
2012	\$268,670	211	69
2013	\$262,802	211	66
2014	\$236,365	200	60
2015	\$255,288	208	62
2016	\$249,687	197	55
2017	\$240,461	197	66

By working together, we have overcome all of our obstacles and I know that will be the case in every upcoming year.

Shalom,

Gary Abrams

*The B'nai Zion
Board meeting
will be 6:30 PM
April 17*

B'nai Zion Board of Trustees **2017 - 2018**

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		Sue Rubenstein
		Rachel Stuart-Haas

From Our Educator, Helaine Braunig

The beginning of this month we celebrate Passover: it's time to make matzah balls and chicken soup, find the tablecloths and napkins, and consult the long lists of things to do before we host our family Seder. If ever there is a time to bask in the pride of being organized, this is it for Bill and me. After many years of practice, hosting a Seder is something we do well. However, we don't do it alone. Our family and friends around the table contribute to the success of the Seder, and we have learned to appreciate the things that they do to help us.

In that spirit of gratitude and with recognition that things done well take practice, I'd like to thank the very talented faculty members whose teaching/mentoring skills have been refined through many years of dedicated service to our school.

I can't enumerate all their talents or contributions, but here are a few of the gifts they've brought to our program this year.

Sharon Goldman and Goldy Marrus are extraordinary pre-school teachers. They are part grandmother, part instructor – adding up to completely successful nurturers of young children. They are creative and loving, but they like discipline and order.

Bill Braunig is in a class all his own. Mr. Bill, as he is affectionately known, knows how to make learning fun. He has embraced the internet, You Tube, video streaming, and podcasts to capture the attention of his young students. They have a good time, but they also learn a lot.

Amy Turner loves her students, no matter what their moods are. She has a strong sense of connection to B'nai Zion, even displaying in her room the sign that was above the Religious School wing for many years: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and even when he is old, he will not depart from it." (There is a newer version of the sign still hanging over the entrance to the Religious School wing.) She's also sure that girls realize that the "he" in that sign means "he or she."

Diane Dufilho's love of Judaism is contagious, as is her love of the natural world. Her students learn from Torah how to care for the earth and all its creatures. Her art background enriches her conversations about the beauty found in people as well as in objects.

Kathy Brodnax can do it all. She can teach, she can fix things, she can show empathy for her students. She loves to learn, so she knows how to encourage her students to widen their knowledge base and then use it to their advantage.

Rebecca Austin lives the values that she teaches. Her students come quickly to understand that Judaism requires action, not lip service to a creed. Text provides the jumping off point, but discussion must lead to concrete steps to repair the world.

Bethany Sorkey is nothing short of a wonder. She's our Sisterhood President, our Federation Director, and the most unselfish person I've ever known. She truly leads by example, and our students can't wait to get in the kitchen with her.

Next month my attention will go to three more teachers: Barbara Joseph, Rabbi Jana, and Cantor Neil. They round out this extraordinary faculty, and they are well practiced in their skills and their understanding of Jewish life. Until next month, let's all acknowledge our strengths, practice the things we'd like to improve, and show gratitude to those who help us.

L'shalom,

Helaine Braunig



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Monthly Events

Together Tuesday April 3

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 the first Tuesday of each month.

Please join us:

TUESDAY, APRIL 3 AT 6 PM

We meet under the Texas Street Bridge in the Red River District (in front of the Bon Temps Coffee Bar, 450 Clyde Fant Memorial Parkway), or if the weather makes it uncomfortable to be outside, we meet inside the Coffee Bar)

PLEASE JOIN US AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

Simcha Shabbat and Yizkor/Memorial Service April 6

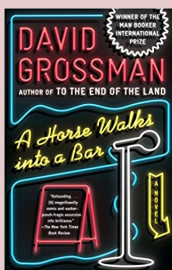
It is such a blessing for us to be together for joyous or sad occasions.

The first Friday of April we will mark the end of Passover with a Yizkor/Memorial Service. Instead of a Friday morning service, we will have the Memorial Service during Friday evening service. We will use the Memorial Books that were first used Yom Kippur 5778.

The first Friday also will be our Simcha Shabbat. We will celebrate everyone with birthdays or anniversaries in April.



People of the Book Club



A Horse Walks Into a Bar by David Grossman

7 PM Tuesday, April 10

WINNER OF THE 2017 MAN BOOKER INTERNATIONAL PRIZE

In a dive bar in a small Israeli city, Dov Greenstein, a comedian a bit past his prime, takes the stage for his final show. Over the course of a single evening, Dov's patter becomes a kind of memoir, taking us back into the terrors of his childhood. And in the dance between comic and audience, a deeper story begins to take shape as Dov confronts the decision that has shaped the course of his life—a story that will alter the lives of several of those in attendance. A poignant exploration of how people confront life's capricious battering, *A Horse Walks into a Bar* is a searing story of loss and survival.

Ethical Dilemmas From a Jewish Perspective

The last Wednesday of each month Rabbi Jana leads a discussion:

What Would You Do? Ethical Dilemmas from a Jewish Perspective."

We plan to meet **Wednesday, April 25 from 2-3 PM**

in The Tower Ballroom at the Oaks of Louisiana

Refreshments are provided.

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



Candle and Kiddush Blessers



6	Julie Miller and Ben Sour
13	Rachel Stuart-Haas & David Haas
20	Mimi Meriam and Mitch Newstadt
27	Helaine and Bill Braunig

Special Events at Shabbat Services in April

Blessing a Couple Engaged to Be Married April 13

Friday, April 13, during Shabbat Evening service Elizabeth Bernstein and Cameron Rifkin will be at B'nai Zion to be blessed for their upcoming marriage.

Elizabeth is the granddaughter of Joe Badt, Sr. and the late Helen Badt. Her parents are Nancy and Sam Bernstein.

A special Oneg Shabbat is being hosted by the Badt/Bernstein family to help us celebrate with them.



Lagniappe Shabbat: Extra Evening Service 7:15 PM April 13

We will again have an *extra* Shabbat experience that will begin 7:15 PM April 13. The service will focus on the rituals, prayers, and “choreography” that are needed to be a better participant or leader in the worship service.

The *Lagniappe Shabbat* service will be especially helpful for Hebrew students, Bar/Bat Mitzvah candidates, families, interfaith family members, conversion students, anyone who would want to understand the worship service better or anyone who feels that the 7:15 time is a more comfortable time to attend services.



The Lagniappe service this month is scheduled for the second week in April, on the 13th, and will focus on the Torah service.

The Oneg Shabbat for the Lagniappe service will be at 7 PM together with everyone who was in the 6 PM service.

The intention is to have the service be finished by 8 PM.

Celebrate Our Seventieth Birthdays With Us

*We are celebrating our 70th birthdays with the State of Israel at B'nai Zion
Join us for a special Oneg Shabbat following Friday evening service*

April 20.

Laurie Levine

Cheryl Rubin



Special Musical Soloists at Services



**Shabbat Evening Service
Friday, April 27
Spencer Reichman and Sarah Dunham
are scheduled to lead the music of our service.**



Special Events and Programs

Blood Drive at B'nai Zion April 8

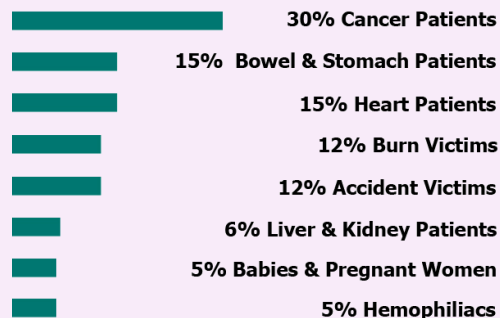
WHY GIVE BLOOD?

Every two seconds, someone somewhere needs blood. One of every seven people who enter the hospital will need blood. That person may be you, your loved one, friend or co-worker. With all the wonderful advances in modern medicine, there still is NO substitute for human blood. The blood that helps patients comes only from caring people who volunteer to help others by donating their life-saving blood.

In the short time it took to read the above paragraph, 11 people needed blood.



Patients Who Receive Blood



Please consider giving the gift of life!

9-12:30 Sunday, April 8

You will need your driver's license, and you should eat breakfast before you come.

Email Helaine to indicate that you will be a donor, and she will contact you to set up a specific time.

Now Hear This: Red River Radio Programs



Passover 2018

A Musical Feast for Passover with Itzhak Perlman – 2 PM Tue. April 3

The Four Cups – A Celebration of Passover – 2 PM Wed. April 4

Passover Dreams – 8 PM Wed. April 4

Passover – A Time To Cross Over – 1 PM Thur. April 5

Yom Hashoah 2018

Kaddish: 7 PM Sunday April 15

This moving program draws, in the main, upon the reminiscences of survivors of the Holocaust, recorded in conversation with APM classical music host Mindy Ratner

Each story is unique, and yet all contrast tragedy with a sense of courage, resilience, and serendipity, often in astonishing circumstances. The narrative is scored throughout with works by composers whose lives were, in some way, touched by the Holocaust. An unforgettable listening experience!



Community Holocaust Remembrance Service

This will be the 35th year that the Shreveport and Bossier communities will come together in prayer, memory, and hope for our annual Holocaust Remembrance Service. Each year a different house of worship hosts the event, and this year it will be



3 PM Sunday, April 15
at Brown Chapel
Centenary College Campus
Shreveport, LA 71104

Dr. Christopher L. Holoman
President of Centenary College
is Chair of the Remembrance service this year.

Eleven candles will be lit in memory of the
Eleven million lives lost during the Holocaust.

We will share prayers together in memory and solidarity.

Our special program will be Music of the Holocaust

A selection of music in Yiddish, Hebrew, and English from 1938 to 1946. The collection includes songs that predict the Holocaust, commemorated events such as the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, were written in the Concentration Camps, or were prayers sung by victims and survivors. The composers all perished in the Holocaust. The music is being coordinated by Cantor Neil Schwartz of Congregation Agudath Achim. Cantor Neil, Rabbi Jana and Sarah Dunham will sing.

More than 100 essays and poems from local middle school and high school students were submitted for our **Holocaust Literature contest. Awards will be presented to the winners, and to participating teachers.**

This is intended as a non-denominational opportunity for the community to come together to remember and find strength to prevent injustice in the world.

Please join us, whatever your faith background.

More details about the 2018 35th Annual Holocaust Remembrance Service for North Louisiana can be found at the Holocaust Remembrance Service website:

www.HolocaustRemembranceService.org

or on the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/RemembranceService/

Sponsorship opportunities still exist to help fund the awards for the Literary Competition and the teacher participants. Please consider making a donation to the North Louisiana Jewish Federation to award students and teachers who have been encouraged to “Never Forget.” Your donation can be acknowledged in the Holocaust Remembrance Service program.

News

Earth Day Program at B'nai Zion April 22

John-Paul Young helped B'nai Zion plant many fruit trees on our property. He has also led a project to plant significantly more trees all around the Shreveport area.

John-Paul is scheduled to speak at B'nai Zion Sunday, April 22, which is Earth Day.

The Brotherhood will provide a special breakfast.

The event at B'nai Zion begins at 9:45 AM.

Jean-Paul will continue to help us measure our large Live Oak trees. We plan to register many of the trees on B'nai Zion property as Historic Live Oaks. The Religious School students have begun to discuss ideas about what to name each tree when we register them. Please contact Helaine or Rabbi Jana if you have ideas about names for our trees.

Earth Day officially began in 1970, and occurs each year on April 22. This year it is projected that at least a billion people in at least 192 countries all over the world will do something for Earth Day. There is a global focus this year to become educated and try to End Plastics Pollution.



Cemetery



The B'nai Zion section of Greenwood Cemetery has had many areas of the **sidewalks repaired**, thanks to the B'nai Zion Cemetery Fund. Sidewalks that were extremely uneven, or extremely cracked have been repaired. The pictures show only two repaired locations out of many.

The end of next month, for Memorial Day, we plan to replace the **flags for those who served in the military** and are buried in our cemeteries. We are still working on making sure that every grave with a veteran has a flag. If you can help research, remove flags, or place flags, please contact Rabbi Jana.



Camp Chai: Summer 2018



The North Louisiana Jewish Federation is proud to announce that Camp Chai will be held this summer .

July 16-20 and July 23-27 at B'nai Zion

Morgan Walker will be the Camp Director

If you want to help make this year a success, if you want to send your children to camp, please contact Bethany Sorkey, the Executive Director of the Jewish Federation.

More details will be available soon.

Plan Ahead: Mark Your Calendars

Annual Congregational Meeting: Noon May 6

Please join us for our annual Congregational Meeting.

We need to vote for new Board members:

NEW BOARD MEMBER NOMINEES

Re-elect Jon Black
Re-elect Kathy Plante
Randy Greengus
Adam Miller
Anna Myers



To nominate someone else, or if you want to serve on the Board, contact Past President Donald Posner, Nomination Committee Chair, or President Gary Abrams.



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

Mitch Newstadt
Donald Posner
Harvey Rubin

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

We will also **take the annual picture of our congregation.** (The 2016 group picture is shown above, and the 2017 picture is shown on the back cover of the bulletin.)

We will meet at the Sanctuary at noon for the picture, then we move to Lefkowitz Hall. Lunch will be 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. This event is for B’nai Zion members. There is no fee for the lunch.

Special Events at B’nai Zion After April

- ✧ Sunday, May 6: Last Day of Religious School
- ✧ Friday, May 11: Confirmation
- ✧ Sunday, May 27: Flags at Cemetery for Memorial Day
- ✧ Sunday, June 3: Mitzvah Day at Food Bank
- ✧ Friday and Saturday, June 8 and 9: Caleb Joseph Bar Mitzvah
- ✧ Friday through Sunday, June 15 through 17: Visit from Raba Dikla Druckman (Omer, Israel) and her husband
- ✧ Saturday, June 30: Ben and Luke Muslow B’nai Mitzvah
- ✧ Monday through Friday, July 16-27: Camp Chai



It's a Date: Calendar Information

Do You Count?



Remember to count the Omer: Count seven times seven weeks after the first day of Passover (in 2018 we begin counting after Shabbat ends on March 31), and on the 50th day we will commemorate receiving the Torah and the Laws on Shavuot. Find the Omer count in the B'nai Zion calendar. There are a variety of apps for smart phones, and websites that can email you reminders and insights. The blessings are online at the Holiday Resources link from the B'nai Zion website. Since you are fulfilling a blessing, say the blessing each evening when you count the Omer.

The Omer calendar shown here is from an animated counter by the "Jewish Graffiti" artist Hillel Smith. There is a link to his Omer counter that you can find from the B'nai Zion website. Go to www.BnaiZionCongregation.org, find the "Links and Forms" tab, and then in the "Reference Info" column, find the "Holiday Resources" link. Click on the Matzah for Passover resources. You will find many awesome videos, and other links - including a few Omer Counters.

April Changes for Passover

- ✧ Sunday, April 1 there will NOT be Religious School or Hebrew classes.
- ✧ Wednesday, April 4 we WILL have Bet class. Please do NOT BRING SNACK to BZ.
- ✧ Friday, April 6 the B'nai Zion office will be CLOSED. It is the seventh day of Passover. The Torah commands us to make the seventh day of Passover a holy day. We will not have service in the morning.
- ✧ Friday, April 6 YIZKOR will be during Shabbat Evening / Simcha Shabbat. We will commemorate the end of Passover during Shabbat service.



Hebrew Students and Families: Mark Your Calendars

- Lagniaappe Shabbat: 7:15 April 13 we will have a learning Shabbat experience. See the article in this bulletin.
- Family Lunch meeting. Noon April 29 every family of students going into 3rd through 7th grade should attend the Hebrew meeting. We will serve lunch, so please let us know how many people from your family will attend. Children from your family who are older or younger than Hebrew School age are welcome as well.
- Last Day of Aleph will be Sunday, April 29.
- Last Day of Bet will be Wednesday, May 2. The last Sunday for Bet class will be April 22.

These are the remaining Hebrew class dates:

- The Aleph Class will meet every Sunday in April except April 1.
- The Bet Class will meet every Sunday except April 1 and April 29 (we have a family meeting instead).
- The Bet Class will meet every Wednesday in April, plus the first Wednesday in May.



Insights from Other Sources

The Famous Pharaoh at My Seder/ By Shira Telushkiin



As kids, my sister and I would write up Passover skits and musicals each year for the Seder, imagining if the whole story had happened in the rad 1960s, or transplanting Moses and Pharaoh to a hairdresser salon for a quick chat. One year, when I was about 11, the actor Kirk Douglas joined us at our Upper West Side apartment for the Seder, and insisted he take part in a skit. I don't remember what premise we had dreamed up that year, but I do remember his take on Pharaoh: In character, he commanded we show him some gratitude for letting Moses live. "You think I don't know who my daughter brought home?" he asked. He wanted to remind us that every villain, in his own mind, is a hero.

Pharaoh is sometimes pitied as an unwilling villain, given the way God hardened his heart. But as one awesome Jewish teaching points out, God doesn't always harden his heart. Usually, he strengthens it. In other words, God keeps Pharaoh strong and without fear in the face of the plagues, and thus preserves his free will by ensuring he doesn't just free the Israelites out of fear. A decision made in fear is not true free will. As the Rev. William Sloane Coffin said, "If your heart is full of fear, you won't seek truth; you'll seek security."

From the Unorthodox Haggadah / Tablet Magazine

Israeli National Holidays: Their Meaning and Message

During a period of 50 days between Passover and Shavuot, called the Omer, these holidays occur.

Yom HaShoah: Holocaust and Heroism Day

In 1951, the Israeli government chose the 27th of Nissan to memorialize the victims of the Holocaust. This date was chosen because it occurs close to the date of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, which began on the eve of Passover 1943. (This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Uprising.)

When the Nazis decided to liquidate the ghetto, groups of young Jews decided to fight back. Though ill equipped, they held off the Germans for 27 days, until the Ghetto fell. In Israel today, memorial ceremonies, as well as TV and radio broadcasts, mark the day. This year Yom HaShoah will be April 12, but our community will commemorate it Sunday, April 15



Yom HaZikaron: Memorial Day

Israel has faced many wars and attacks in its brief history. On this day, Israel remembers all those who fell to establish and defend it. On the morning of Yom HaZikaron, a siren is sounded, and the entire population of Israel stands for two minutes of silence, paying tribute to the many heroes who made Israel a reality. A national ceremony is held at the military cemetery on Mount Herzl. This year Yom HaZikaron will be April 18.



Yom HaAtzma-ut: Independence Day

The day after the solemn observance of Yom HaZikaron, Israel bursts out in celebration of its Independence Day, the anniversary of the 5th of Iyar 5708. Parades, speeches, picnics, fireworks and dancing mark this happy occasion. Jews outside of the Land of Israel also celebrate this holiday to express solidarity with Israel. This year Yom HaAtzma-ut will celebrate Israel's 70th birthday and will be April 19 on the secular calendar.



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April Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Justin Rutkowski	12 Ron Lepow	21 Alan Sklar
4 Ike Muslow	13 Kate Myers	22 Amanda Dodson
5 ♥ Amy & David Brainis	14 ♥ Dorothy & Bernard Lobel	23 Sarah Abrams
5 ♥ Donna & Randy Greengus	15 David Brainis	23 Jonathan Murphrey
5 Melinda Kent	16 Elaine Levin	24 Dylan Muslow
5 Lillian Miller	16 Goldy Marrus	25 Robert Frey
5 Amy Quinn	16 Jeri Miller	26 Sanford Katz
6 Herb Miller	17 Joe Badt	27 Gary Abrams
7 John Whittington	18 Kristina Haas	27 Kayden Brooks
7 Frances Zadeck	18 Cary Rogers	27 Timothy Levin
7 Julie Zadeck	18 Gloria Rosen	28 Connie Posner
8 Kyah Hunter	19 Fred Kent	29 Ava Muslow
9 Hollisann Kent	20 ♥ Leia & Cornell Hunter	30 Martin Black
9 Ryan Master	21 Isaac Haas	30 Palmer Black
10 Elijah Nierman	21 Laurie Levine	
11 Paige McGovern	21 Cheryl Rubin	



If you are not on the above list for current birthdays or anniversaries
it means that the office does not have your information.

Please provide the office with the appropriate month, date, and year to complete our data.

Mazel Tov

- ☆ **Sylvia Goodman** received the Clyde Fant Memorial Award from United Way.
- ☆ Jeffrey Knox Goodpaster was born to Jen Robison Goodpaster and Jeff Goodpaster. Proud grandparents are **Suzee and Ardis Robison**.
- ☆ Jordan Levy was named the Volunteer of the Year for the Chai program, where she volunteers to serve with intellectually challenged adult residents. She is the daughter of Alyce and Doug Levy. Proud grandmother is **Harriette Glazer**.
- ☆ **McKenzie Nash** is the 2017-18 Caddo Magnet High School Ladies JV Soccer Team MVP with the highest scoring stats of the season. Her proud mother is **Hollie Nash**.
- ☆ Elizabeth Roos was married to Kevin White. She is **Lynn and Armand Roos'** daughter.
- ☆ Ella Owen was married to Kenny Roos. He is **Lynn and Armand Roos'** son.
- ☆ **Reed Turner** was accepted into the Elementary School National Honor Society. His parents are **Amy and Brent Turner**. Proud Grandparents are **Sharon and Elliott Goldman**.
- ☆ **Katie Walker** was selected to be a Dream Street Counselor this summer. She is the daughter of **Jennifer Boyter** and her proud grandmother is **Kathy Plante**.
- ☆ Siegfried Samson was born to Ethan and Michelle Weiss. His grandparents are **Vona and Jeff Weiss** and his Great Grandmother is **Marion Weiss**.



B'nai Zion Schedules

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



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

Donations Were Made to the Following Funds:

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Sue Rubenstein
Nell & Abry Cahn

In Memory of:

Henry Elaine Dreyfuss
Nell & Abry Cahn
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Bernie Wilenzick
Nell & Abry Cahn

Prayers for Speedy Recovery of:

Sue Rubenstein
Nell & Abry Cahn

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In Honor of the Birth of:

Scarlette Clare Gaskins
Jerie & Jon Black

CEMETERY

In Memory of:

Carol Goodman
Jerie & Jon Black

ENDOWMENT

In Honor of:

B'nai Zion Congregation
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In Honor of the 80th Birthday of:

Sue Rubenstein
Kathy Plante

Prayers for Speedy Recovery:

Sue Rubenstein
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In Honor of the Birthday of:

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In Honor of:

B'nai Zion Congregation
Tammy & Larry Courtney
Peace in Israel
Cornerstone Bible Ministries

In Honor of the 80th Birthday of:

Sue Rubenstein
Ruth Lewis

In Memory of:

Karol Birchfield
Cliff Birchfield
Henry Elaine Dreyfuss
Mandel Selber Jr.
Edith Gladstein
Zadeck Family Foundation

Prayers for Speedy Recovery:

Sheila Lawrence
Jerie & Jon Black
Rachel & Mandel Selber

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

In Honor of the 80th Birthday of:

Sue Rubenstein
Ruthie Nierman

In Honor of the Birthday of:

Ruthie Nierman
Jerie & Jon Black

Prayers for Speedy Recovery:

Sheila Lawrence
Ruthie Nierman
Gloria Meyer
Ruthie Nierman
Sue Rubenstein
Ruthie Nierman

SISTERHOOD FLOWER

In Memory of:

Henry Elaine Dreyfuss
Jerie & Jon Black
Vivian Murov
Jerie & Jon Black

WE CARE

Prayers for Speedy Recovery:

Barbara Lundenheimer
Peggy & Leroy Nuckolls
Sheila Lawrence
Sandra & David Ginsburg

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Yahrzeits: May Remembering Them Be A Blessing

April 1-7

Felix L. Alcus 24-01
 Brad Lee Battarbee
 Carol Manhein Crane 23-15
 Melitta K. Frankel
 Myrtle W. Freedman 14-01
 Abe A. Gilbert 12-13
 Abram Ginsburg
 Edmund Golden 42-22
 Aubrey C. Harris
 Ira Katz
 Mabel Cahn Landauer Levy
 Louis Ochs 21-04
 Phoebe A. Rabinowitz
 Louis Silverblatt
 Norma Levy Weinstein 11-23
 Walter Wolens 11-11

April 8-14

Isadore Friedman
 Salome Heiman Gardsbane 34-25
 Madeleine Gariani
 Louis Goldin 13-17
 Barbara C. Goodman 15-06
 Lois P. Kuperman
 Clara L. Lieber 15-08
 Charlton E. Meyer Sr. 32-22
 Nathan Pfeifer 15-10
 Harry Rosenzweig
 Sally Sorkin 15-11
 Robert D. Susman 31-19
 Molly B. Teck
 Henry S. Weisman, Jr. 25-10
 Doris Susman Yates
 Jon Zuzak 13-06

April 15-21

Morris Anisman 23-01
 Morrie J. Ellison 24-04
 Alfred Grossman
 Meyer Heiman 24-15
 Birdie Frank Katzenstein M28
 Nathan Levi
 Zel E. Lipsen
 Nellie Schwartz
 Larry Shirley
 Miriam Mandel Sklar
 Barbara Alcus Threefoot 24-19
 Natalie H. Weiss 13-10
 Charles Zelinsky

April 22-28

Louis Abramson
 Lisa Gaye Arnold
 C. H. Baker
 M. T. Flaxman
 Emily Gassenheimer
 Louis Glazer
 Flossie L. Goldin 4-23
 Simon Herold 31-10
 Leah K. Joseph
 Connie Katzenstein
 Isadore Kuperman 15-01
 Anne Lawrence
 Joseph J. Levy 24-17
 Oscar Levy
 Hyman P. Mandel
 Leo Minder 24-13
 Hermione Cahn Moss
 Joe Murov 44-02
 Shirley Murov Greengus Seligman
 Meir Peter Paul Jacob Shamgar
 Conway Temple Sinclair 33-01
 Seymour Van Os 14-06

April 29-May 5

Isaac Barron M06
 David Bernstein
 Bea Blumberg 33-12
 Harry Fox 31-11
 Nancy Claire Fox 31-13
 Sally Friedman
 Irving Greenberg 25-21
 Fannie Chapman Handel
 Leonora Groner Kleban 34-20
 Joseph Phillips 11-08
 Isaac Raas M30
 Dr. Herta Saphier
 Ruben Schultz
 Stanley L. Sugar
 Rebecca Vedlitz 14-11
 Herman Willer

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



My God Console The Family And Friends Of:

- ✧ *Henry Elaine Dreyfuss, wife of the late Jules Dreyfuss. Mother of Jules "Hank," Rob, and the late Lee Dreyfuss.*
- ✧ *Muriel Bundrick, mother of Paula Sour (Ben Sour's wife)*
- ✧ *Sara David, mother of Estelle Guigue, Jean Pierre, the late Roger, and Patricia "Patti" David.*

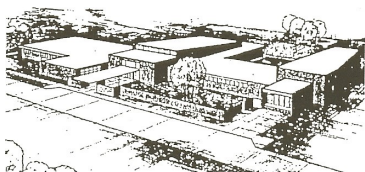


April 2018 / Nisan ~ Iyar 5778

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 16th of Nisan Pesach II 1st day of the Omer No Religious School No Hebrew Classes	2 17th of Nisan Pesach III 2nd day of the Omer	3 18th of Nisan Pesach IV 3rd day of the Omer Together Tuesday 6 PM	4 19th of Nisan Pesach V 4th day of the Omer Bet Hebrew	5 20th of Nisan Pesach VI 5th day of the Omer 7:19 11 (Passover) 🕯️ Yizkor Candle	6 21st of Nisan Pesach VII 6th day of the Omer Office Closed Simchah Shabbat Yizkor Shabbat Service 6 PM 7:20 11	7 22nd of Nisan 7th day of the Omer Torah Study 9:45 Morning Service 11 8:09 1
8 23rd of Nisan 8th day of the Omer Blood Drive at BZ 9 AM-12:30 PM Religious School	9 24th of Nisan 9th day of the Omer	10 25th of Nisan 10th day of the Omer	11 26th of Nisan 11th day of the Omer Bet Hebrew	12 27th of Nisan Yom HaShoah 12th day of the Omer	13 28th of Nisan 13th day of the Omer Shabbat Service 6 PM Bernstein/Badit Special Oneg Shabbat Lagniappe Shabbat 7:15 7:25 11	14 29th of Nisan Tazria-Metzora 14th day of the Omer Torah Study 9:45 Morning Service 11 8:14 1
15 30th of Nisan Rosh Chodesh Iyar 15th day of the Omer Religious School 35th Holocaust Remembrance Service 3 PM Brown Chapel Centenary	16 1st of Iyar Rosh Chodesh Iyar 16th day of the Omer Bulletin Deadline	17 2nd of Iyar 17th day of the Omer BZ Board Mtg 6:30	18 3rd of Iyar Yom HaZikaron 18th day of the Omer Bet Hebrew	19 4th of Iyar Yom HaAtzma'ut 19th day of the Omer	20 5th of Iyar 20th day of the Omer Shabbat Service 6 PM 70th Birthdays Special Oneg Shabbat 7:30 11	21 6th of Iyar Achrei Mot-Kedoshim 21st day of the Omer Torah Study 9:45 Morning Service 11 8:19 1
22 7th of Iyar 22nd day of the Omer Religious School Earth Day Breakfast and Program 9:45	23 8th of Iyar 23rd day of the Omer	24 9th of Iyar 24th day of the Omer	25 10th of Iyar 25th day of the Omer Bet Hebrew	26 11th of Iyar 26th day of the Omer	27 12th of Iyar 27th day of the Omer Shabbat Service 6 PM Musical Soloists 7:35 11	28 13th of Iyar Emor 28th day of the Omer Torah Study 9:45 Morning Service 11 8:24 1
29 14th of Iyar 29th day of the Omer Hebrew Family meeting at noon	30 15th of Iyar 30th day of the Omer					

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