

The *BuzZ* at BZ

News From B'nai Zion Congregation in Shreveport, LA

☆ March 2018 / Adar ~ Nisan 5778 ☆



From Rabbi Jana

Going

Between Purim and Passover – as you know - is an especially stressful time for me. There is so much to do to get ready for Passover. I try to do what may be considered “Spring Cleaning.” For me it is about getting rid of the chametz, but it also includes acknowledging that Winter clothes can go away and the Spring clothes can be brought back (or bought new). There are many things that we find when cleaning that just have to go: expired food, clothes that don't fit, and much more.

As stressful as it is to know that this should be done, and should be done NOW, I also feel glad that I had the luxury to be ready for these changes. As Passover approaches I think back to when we left our homes as slaves, and went out into the wilderness. We didn't have much to pack, and had no idea what we should pack – and probably didn't know how to pack. We went anyway. In hindsight we realize that we had to go.

Today we don't leave slavery, but it makes us think of things in our lives that make us feel enslaved. We become more aware of people in our world who are more enslaved than we are. Hopefully we find new motivation to do something about it.

An important fact from our leaving slavery, is that it led to our receiving and acknowledging our moral obligation to make the world a better place. We are frequently reminded in our liturgy that we will treat others well, because we remember what it was like to be slaves.

This year it strikes me that one of the places we need to leave and are not very prepared to leave is... life. I obviously do not want to compare leaving slavery to leaving this life. During this time of change, however, it may be a good time to think about preparing for when you or a loved one does leave this life. The Israelites knew they were going to the Promised Land – do you know where you will be buried? The Children of Israel realized how to make life meaningful once they were given an ethical code to guide their lives. Do you have an Ethical Will written? Have you thought about leaving a legacy at B'nai Zion in your memory?

Passover is a time when families and friends get together. For many of us it reminds us of family that is no longer with us. These memories often inspire us to cherish the moments we do have.

Whether you join us at the B'nai Zion Seder, or you make one at your own home, or go somewhere else, I hope you find that this time of change inspires you. I hope that the colors and sights of Spring renew your enthusiasm for life, and that the tastes and smells of Passover renew your enthusiasm for freedom and appreciation for making a positive impact in your own life and find a way to help others.

May this be a time of inspiration for you, Bivrakha (with blessing),

Rabbi Dr. Jana De Benedetti



From our President, Gary Abrams



A few weeks ago, I joined the Sunday School students and teachers as they participated in planting several fruit trees on our grounds. It gave me the opportunity to walk our yard and take notice of how much land that we actually have. We have twenty live oak trees and approximately twenty other trees made up of Poplar, Magnolia, Yaupon, Pecan, Red Oak, Holly and Bradford pear. Many of these trees were planted when our building was constructed and some were probably there long before. We are undertaking our normal tree maintenance and you will see some of these trees that have gotten to the end of their life cycle come down. At the same time, you will be seeing a fruit tree orchard being planted in our fenced in area at the back of the building. Helaine has coordinated the planting of these fruit trees and what an excellent way to replace those trees that we will be losing. I am sure that Helaine has visions of being able to pick pears, peaches and plums next to our Sukkah.

Our grounds are extensive and they might offer opportunities for your family. We have not held a softball game in a number of years, however the grounds are still available for that use. Not too far in the past, my kids held Little League practice on that field. We have soccer teams that currently utilize the grounds and you might find that it is perfect for some of your activities.

Have a great spring!

Shalom,

Gary Abrams



*The B'nai Zion Board meeting
will be 6:30 PM March 20*

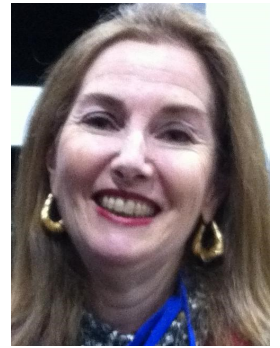
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From Our Educator, Helaine Braunig



March winds seem to have arrived early this year, and they blew in a flurry of activity for our Religious School and our congregation. We had a fabulous Purim Carnival, thanks to the tireless efforts of our Carnival Chair Rachel Robichaux and our Federation director Bethany Sorkey. Big events require lots of support, and I am grateful to everyone who helped our kids celebrate in extravagant fashion.



With only eight days of Religious School left in the year (due to Spring Break on Sunday, March 25 and Sunday, April 1,) I urge all parents to make a special effort to bring your children to classes. In addition to the regular curriculum, we will spend some time on each Sunday in March learning about our obligation to live righteously, making tzedakah a part of our everyday lives. Students in Grades 3-7 will have the special privilege of making decisions about where the money we have collected will go. We will learn about how Jews take care of each other (“If I am not for myself, who will be for me?”) as we allocate to particularly Jewish causes, but we will also learn about how Jews feel a responsibility for the entire world (“If I am for myself alone, what am I?”) when we choose some secular organizations as well. I will report on our allocations in the May bulletin.

We have been asked by the Blood Bank to host another blood drive this spring, and our tentative date is Sunday, April 29. If you are a regular donor at our drives, or if this might be your first time to do so, I hope you will put the date on your calendar. Our tradition teaches that “to save one life is to save the world,” and having our Religious School students witness a blood drive in our synagogue is both important and instructive.

Speaking of opportunities to help our general community, many of you know that we have stepped up the frequency of our visits to the Northwest Louisiana Food Bank to sort food and pack senior boxes. If you want to be included in the list of people who get the first notice of volunteer days, please call the office or email me. In addition, we will have our BIG Mitzvah Day at the Food Bank on Sunday, June 3. That date follows the Letter Carriers’ Food Drive sponsored by the Postal Service, a drive that brings in thousands of pounds of canned goods that must be sorted. We were so helpful to the food bank last year that they asked us to do it again this year, even though they do not usually host volunteers on Sundays. Again, mark your calendar.

At the end of the month we will celebrate Passover, and whether your Seder is in your own home, someone else’s home, or your synagogue home, I hope you will have a meaningful celebration. Let us be reminded that Passover is not just about the food that some of us love. After all, we can enjoy matzah balls anytime during the year. Passover is about our freedom from slavery, and while we do not know physical slavery (thankfully), many of us still struggle with other kinds of slavery:

Contemporary culture finds many of us enslaved to our phones, computers, music and game-playing devices. We need to break free and embrace our family and friends face-to-face, no technology allowed. Some of us are slaves to the work place, spending so many hours at the office that we forego friendships, exercise time, and pure recreation. Others are slaves to materialism, always wanting more things and forgetting that the most important things are the ones we can purchase only through love, compassion, and unselfish acts of kindness. Let us use Passover as a time to cherish our freedom from Egyptian slavery and to engineer our own freedom from whatever enslaves us. Happy Passover!

L’shalom,

Helaine Braunig

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Monthly Events

Together Tuesday March 6

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, MARCH 6 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 March 9

It is such a blessing for us to celebrate happy events together. Please join us each month when we bless and honor those who will be celebrating a **birthday** or **anniversary** during the month.

If your birthday or anniversary is in **March** we will celebrate and honor you **March 9, 2018** during the service that begins at 6:00 PM. We will have a special Oneg Shabbat following services.

March 9 will also be Hadassah Shabbat, and we will have a Lagniappe Shabbat service at 7:15.



KID-dush Shabbat March 17



“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 March 17 9 - 9:30 AM

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.

Ethical Dilemmas From a Jewish Perspective March 28

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

“What Would You Do? **Ethical Dilemmas from a Jewish Perspective.**”

We plan to meet **Wednesday, March 28 from 2-3 PM**

in The Tower Ballroom at the Oaks of Louisiana

This month we will be discussing Passover and the Seder

Refreshments are provided.

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



People of the Book Club



Details about the next People of the Book Club meeting were not available at press time for this bulletin. Please contact the B'nai Zion office or Helaine Braunig if you would like to receive information about when the next Book Club meeting will be and which book will be discussed. The intention is to have a discussion meeting every month except during the summer.

Special Events

Hadassah Shabbat March 9

Hadassah is the largest women's organization in the world. The Shreveport Chapter of Hadassah will help lead the service and briefly present information about what is new in Hadassah world-wide.

Every year B'nai Zion and Agudath Achim worship together alternating synagogues for Friday evening service. This year we will be at B'nai Zion 6 PM March 9.

You don't want to miss this service - and the Shreveport Chapter of Hadassah helps host the Oneg Shabbat.

This is a big 100th anniversary year for Hadassah.



Lagniappe Shabbat: Extra Evening Service March 9 7:15 PM

We will have an *extra* Shabbat experience that will begin 7:15 PM once a month. 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 first Lagniappe Shabbat service will be the second week in March on March 9 from 7:15 to 8:00 PM following the regular 6 PM service and Oneg Shabbat. The second Lagniappe service is scheduled for the second week in April, on the 13th.

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.

Hadassah Shower of Dollars March 14

Come when you can Wednesday, March 14, between 11:30 AM through 2 PM for the Shreveport Chapter of Hadassah's Shower of Dollars at the home of Elizabeth Arceneaux, 536 Jordan, Shreveport, 71106.

Have a delicious lunch or nosh. Give to your favorite Hadassah project such as HMO, JNF, Youth Aliyah, or "Wherever Needed", and enjoy visiting friends.

Contact Debby Dlin for more information.



Musical Soloists at Services



Last month we enjoyed Sarah Dunham singing as she helped lead us during the service.

Due to their schedules, the soloists cannot always confirm early enough to print in the bulletin the dates that they will be able to sing with us. However, there are plans to have more soloists leading music, including Sarah Dunham, Spencer Reichman, and others. The One Call phone messages and emails will let you know as soon as we can when these wonderful musicians will be joining us.

B'nai Zion Congregation
PASSOVER SEDER

Conducted by Rabbi Dr. Jana De Benedetti

March 30, 2018 / 15 Nisan 5778

Friday 6:30 PM

at B'nai Zion

Seder Meal prepared by Sisterhood
 Chopped Liver, Matza Ball Soup
 Green Salad

Chicken ☆ Brisket ☆ Vegetarian
 Vegetable Sides ☆ Dessert



Early Bird Pricing by March 6

Reservation Deadline is March 15 *(see below for rates)*

After March 15 there is no guarantee for space and an additional fee is charged for meals



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

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

Passover 2018 Rates for Attendees	Number in Your Group	Veggie Meal	Early Bird by Mar 6	Deadline Pay By Mar 15	LATE Pay After Mar 15	Total \$
Member			\$40	\$45	\$50	
Age 5-12			\$15	\$18	\$20	
Students 13 and above			\$18	\$20	\$25	
Non-Member			\$50	\$50	\$50	
Non-Member Students 5+			\$18	\$20	\$25	
All Children under 5			\$0	\$0	\$0	
TOTALS:						

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

We would like to be seated with: _____.

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

Make Check Payable to B'nai Zion. To pay with     go online, call the office, or Fill in Here:

Card # ____/____/____/____/ ____/____/____/____/ ____/____/____/____/

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

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www.BnaiZionCongregation.org

Leftovers, if there are any, will be available for sale Sunday, April 1

Reports and Updates From B'nai Zion

Sisterhood

The B'nai Zion Sisterhood wants to invite everyone to the Passover Seder. Please make reservations by filling out the form. More forms are available in the office or online at the B'nai Zion website. Note that there is a special price for people who make reservations early. Please know that if the price of the Seder is a problem for you, contact Bethany or the Rabbi to make special arrangements.



The Sisterhood will be getting ready for Passover at B'nai Zion by cleaning and preparing the kitchen, and cooking and setting up for the Seder. Cleaning and preparing the kitchen will be ongoing during the month of March. Cooking and setting up for the Seder will be the last week of March.



Please contact Bethany or the office if you can help.

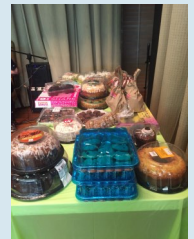
And the Gift Shop has a wonderful selection of Seder Plates and so much more.



ShFTY

Our teens once again helped staff the booths at the Purim Carnival. We would like to thank our BZ family for all the cakes/goodies, volunteers, and an overall great time from our annual Purim carnival! Everyone in attendance had full bellies and a great time and we look forward to next year!!

The Junior Youth Group 678 conclave at HSJ is March 2 - 4, 2018 and we hope all our future ShFTYites have a great event!



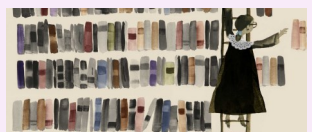
B'nai Zion Mitzvah Projects



Food Bank B'nai Zion volunteers packed 60 boxes for a total of 2540 lbs one day in February at the Northwest Louisiana Food Bank. The next big Mitzvah opportunity for B'nai Zion volunteers to help at the Food Bank is Sunday, June 3.



Atkins Little Library: B'nai Zion is partnering with Step Forward to help stock the Little Free Library in Cedar Grove at Atkins Elementary. Please bring children's books - new or gently used - or donate money to buy new books for the Free Library.



Jewish Little Library for Religious School Students Leave some books. Take some books. Share books that are no longer being read in your home. Find books that others have loved. There is a small bookshelf outside the library in the Religious School wing.



Drink Can Tabs are given to St. Jude's. They recycle the tabs for money. It is easier to transport the tabs than the whole cans, so they are a convenient way to recycle for a donation to St. Jude's.



Box Tops for Education / Campbells Education Labels. When schools submit the labels, they are given money or they get to select school supplies.



Toiletries for the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

Local Jewish Community News

Northwest Louisiana Jewish Federation

The Federation wants to thank everyone who helped with the Purim carnival - it was a great success! Rachel Robichaux for coordinating the event, her family for help and support, and ShFTY for staffing the booths, Goldy Marrus and Sharon Goldman for the obstacle course game and for baking, Marion Weiss, the Cantor, Francine Midboe, Yehudit Platt, and Arry Robichaux for making hamantaschen.

We also appreciate the new Purim Schpiel that Rabbi Jana's Bet Class created, wrote, and voiced. You can watch it on the B'nai Zion YouTube channel. It is AWESOME!



The next big event that the Jewish Federation will help sponsor is the Holocaust Remembrance Service which will be 3 PM April 15 at the Brown Memorial Chapel at Centenary College. It is not too late to make donations to help with the costs, or to sponsor awards for the teachers or students who participate in the Literary Competition. More details about the event can be found at www.HolocaustRemembranceService.org.



The Federation will once again have Camp Chai this summer every weekday from July 16 through July 27. Please contact Bethany Sorkey if you are interested in sending your children to camp, if you want to make donations, or help with camp.

We want to thank Dr. David Saphier and Goldy Marrus for sharing their photos of the Purim Carnival with us.



Passover Reminders

Passover (Pesach in Hebrew) is known as the "holiday of freedom," commemorating the Jewish Exodus from Egypt following 210 years of slavery. Passover is regarded as the "birth" of the Jewish nation, and its lessons of struggle and identity continue to form the basis of Jewish consciousness 3,300 years after the event. (from Aish.com)



📄 First Seder is Friday March 30

📄 Passover Morning service at B'nai Zion will be Saturday, March 31 at 11 a.m.

📄 The commandments in the Torah for Passover include eating matzah and NOT eating chametz for the whole week (some people observe the holiday for eight days)



📄 Start counting the Omer beginning Saturday night, March 31. Continue counting for seven times seven weeks (49 days) until we arrive at the holiday of Shavuot .



📄 The seventh day of Passover we will have morning services which will include Yizkor / Memorial service. The worship will begin at 10 a.m. Friday April 6. We will use the Memorial Books that were prepared for 5778 that we began using on Yom Kippur this year, and all Memorial plaques will be lit.



📄 Contact Rabbi Jana if you need Haggadot or any other help with preparing for your Seder or keeping Passover traditions.

DELEGATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SALE OF CHAMETZ

KNOW YE that I, the undersigned, fully empower and permit Rabbi Jana De Benedetti to act in my place and stead, and in my behalf to sell all CHAMETZ possessed by me (knowingly or unknowingly) defined as claimed by The Torah and Rabbinic Law (e.g. Chametz, doubt of Chametz, and all kinds of Chametz mixtures), as well as Chametz that tends to harden and to adhere to a surface of inside of pans, pots and cooking and usable utensils, and all kinds of live animals that have been eating Chametz or mixtures thereof, and to lease all places wherein the Chametz owned by me may be found, especially in the premises indicated below and elsewhere.

Rabbi Jana De Benedetti has the full right to sell and to lease by transactions, as she deems fit and proper and for such time which she believes necessary in accordance with all terms detailed in the general authorization contract which is in the possession of Rabbi Jana De Benedetti authorizing her to sell Chametz; on behalf of others. (Submit at least three days before Passover. It is customary to include a tzedakah donation with the form).

Date: _____

Name: _____ (Please Print)

Signature: _____

Home Address: _____

Street _____ City, State _____

Office Address:
(if Chametz is in office) _____

Street _____ City, State _____

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Requirements

Families of B'nai Mitzvah students must be members of the congregation, in good standing (staying current with their fair share/dues and tuition for Religious School and Hebrew School)

Students must be enrolled in Religious School as well as Hebrew School, and they must attend regularly. They should pledge to remain in Religious School through Confirmation.

If families live in Shreveport/Bossier they must enroll their children in Hebrew School when they are entering 3rd grade, and children must study continuously until they become bar or bat mitzvah. Families who move to the area with children who are beyond 3rd grade may enroll their children when they join the congregation. However, the date of their projected bar/bat mitzvah may be adjusted by the Rabbi if they haven't had Hebrew instruction prior to being at B'nai Zion.

Families of Aleph students (3rd and 4th grades) are expected to attend Shabbat services at least once a month. Families of Bet students (5th and 6th grades) are expected to attend Shabbat services at least twice a month. In the last 4 months before the bar/bat mitzvah, families are expected to make an effort to attend weekly in order to assure that the parents and students are totally at ease with the service and the congregation.

Students will choose a Mitzvah Project during their final year of study, and the results of the project will be shared at the time of their service. The project should be more than having guests bring something to the bar/bat mitzvah service.

Parents are expected to attend meetings set by the Rabbi to help them know what to expect as their children prepare for their bar/bat mitzvah.

Parents must set the date for the bar/bat mitzvah six months to one year before the ceremony is to take place. They must meet with the Events Coordinator of B'nai Zion three to six months prior.

Parents are expected to have their children (or help their children) study for at least five minutes per day between Hebrew classes. The Rabbi's website provides all the tools they will need.

Parents must allow the Rabbi to proof all invitations, save-the-date cards, and any other communication about the bar/bat mitzvah before they are mailed or otherwise shared with guests.

Hebrew lessons: Students must know all of the Hebrew required for leading worship services and basic home rituals at least six months before they can begin learning Torah during individualized lessons with the Rabbi – which should be a minimum of six months before the Bar/Bat Mitzvah date. Learning requires regularly attending classes, services, and studying/practicing between lessons. Approximately two months before the Bar/Bat Mitzvah date the student may need to increase the individualized lessons with the Rabbi in order to practice leading the service, read from the Torah scroll, and write the D'var Torah (Torah lesson/speech) with the Rabbi.

Hebrew requirements and learning materials can be found at www.HebrewDoc.com

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah

If you are over 13 years old - even if you are many years past your thirteenth birthday, you are already a Bar/Bat Mitzvah (an adult according to Jewish law). However, if you would like to learn how to lead a worship service, Rabbi Jana would love to help you - even if you have never learned how to read Hebrew. In order to lead the service, you should still learn the prayers and blessings in the list shown to the right. If you are already familiar with the worship service, you are already well on your way to gaining the skills to lead a service - even the Hebrew. There are many study aids available on Rabbi Jana's website.



Bar/Bat Mitzvah Requirements

Prayer / Blessing	Level	Completed
Tallit	2	
Candles	2	
Reader's Kaddish	5	
Bar'chu	1	
Sh'ma	1	
V'ahavta	5	
S'fatai Tiftach	1	
Avot	5	
G'vurot	5	
K'dushah	1	
Before Torah	4	
After Torah	3	
Before Haftarah	4	
After Haftarah	5	
BONUS:		
Aleinu	4	
Kiddush	5	
Havdalah (4 Blessings)	5	
Food Blessings	5	
TORAH		
With Vowels	Start 6 months before	
Without Vowels	Start 2 months before	
MITZVAH PROJECT	Start 12 months before	
SERMON	Start 2 months before	
ATTENDANCE		
Services (minimum of 2 per month)	Required	

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

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



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



☆ Brett Goldberg will be married to Mell Maese on March 18 in El Paso Texas. Brett is the son of Mona Kent Goldberg and Howard Goldberg. Grandparents are **Hollisann and Sidney Kent**. Late grandmother was Janice Kent.

Security at B'nai Zion

Police officers guard B'nai Zion during Friday evening and Saturday morning services and study, and when there is Religious School. Please note that the officers are not allowed to accept gifts. You are welcome to make donations to B'nai Zion to help pay for having security. They have appreciated getting to know our congregants.



Calendar Notes



March 11 at 2 AM "spring forward" to change your clocks to an hour ahead (2 AM becomes 3 AM). It helps if you also remember to change batteries in smoke detectors, etc.

March 20 is the first day of Spring.

The last day of Religious School is scheduled for May 6.

Confirmation service has been changed to May 11.

Caleb Joseph will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah by helping lead the services and being called to the Torah at Agudath Achim June 8 and 9.

Ben and Luke Muslow will celebrate becoming B'nai Mitzvah June 30 by helping lead the service and being called to the Torah at B'nai Zion.

Donations Were Made to the Following Funds:

GENERAL

For the Complete Recovery of:

Sheila Lawrence
Karen & Bob Gordon

In Honor of:

B'nai Zion Congregation
Philip Rolland

In Honor of the 80th Birthday of:

Sue Rubenstein
Marcia Katzenstein
Rachel & Mandy Selber

In Honor of the 85th Birthday of:

Mr. H. I. Marcus, Jr.
Marcia Katzenstein

In Memory of:

Anita Lee Blaufuss
Philipp Blaufuss
Walter Cozzens
Philipp Blaufuss

MUSIC

In Honor of:

Jeffrey Knox Goodpaster
Suzee & Ardis Robison

In Memory of:

Betty & Ralph Segall
Suzee & Ardis Robison

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY

In Honor of the Birthday of:

Rabbi Jana
Angie Noelani

In Memory of:

Cerf Hirsch
Jan Pittman
Betty Levy
Marcia & Jim Levy
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Herman Van Os
Zadeck Family Foundation
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In Memory of:

Dora Diebner
Gloria Rosen

SHFITY DONATIONS

In Honor of the Bat Mitzvah of:

Abby Katz
Kathleen Plante

SISTERHOOD

Special Prayers and Consolation for:

Harsha, Jeff and Avi Grunes
Michael Stahl

While care was taken to compile these lists, errors may have occurred. If you notice any omissions, misspellings, or names in the incorrect category, please accept our apologies and notify the office so that we may correct our records. Please note that donations made after the bulletin deadline will appear in the next month's bulletin.

Donations can always be made online by going to the B'nai Zion website and clicking either Member or Non-Member login from the links on the top left of any page at www.BnaiZionCongregation.org.

Candle and Kiddush Blessers



2	Sorkey Family
9	Jerie and Jon Black
16	Nash Family
23	Kathy Plante and Sam Silverblatt
30	Passover Seder

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

Yahrzeits: May Remembering Them Be A Blessing

February 25-March 3

Sigmund Blum
Ernest Braun
Harry Cohen
Jim Dawson
Enrico De Benedetti
Jack Gold
Rachel Goldenberg 14-20
Herman Goodman
Samuel Grossman
Philip Gumbiner 12-14
Ruth Hertzberg
Norman Kal
Ella B. Kranson
Ben Levy, Jr
Jacob Lieber
Simon Marx M08
Fannie Rubenstein 22-08
Isadore Segall
Jennie Simon 15-21

March 4 -10

Moses Ascher 12-12
Karol Y. Birchfield 33-03
Laulette Black
Mabel Frank Bodenheimer
Marion Burstein
Franca Zuckermann De Benedetti
Samuel Dreyfuss 11-07
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Sarah A. Greenberg 21-24
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 14 Adar Deadline for Holocaust Service Literary Competition	2 15 Adar Helaine Leads Service <i>Service 6 PM</i> 5:55	3 16 Adar Helaine Leads Service <i>Torah Study 9:45 AM</i> <i>Service 11 AM</i> 6:50
4 17 Adar No Hebrew Classes Religious School	5 18 Adar	6 19 Adar EARLY BIRD RESERVATIONS FOR SEDER DEADLINE <i>Together Tuesday 6 PM</i>	7 20 Adar Bet Hebrew	8 21 Adar	9 22 Adar HADASSAH SHABBAT Simcha Shabbat Lagniappe <i>Service 7:15</i> <i>Service 6 PM</i> 6:00	10 23 Adar <i>Torah Study 9:45 AM</i> <i>Service 11 AM</i> 6:56
11 24 Adar  Religious School	12 25 Adar	13 26 Adar	14 27 Adar  Hadassah Shower of Dollars 11:30 - 2 PM Bet Hebrew	15 28 Adar DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS FOR SEDER  Bulletin Deadline	16 29 Adar <i>Service 6 PM</i> 7:06	17 1 Nisan ROSH CHODESH NISAN KID-dush SHABBAT 9-9:30 AM <i>Torah Study 9:45 AM</i> <i>Service 11 AM</i> 8:01
18 2 Nisan Religious School	19 3 Nisan	20 4 Nisan  BZ BOARD 6:30 PM 	21 5 Nisan Bet Hebrew Jewish Federation Board Mtg 6 PM at BZ	22 6 Nisan	23 7 Nisan <i>Service 6 PM</i> 7:11	24 8 Nisan <i>Torah Study 9:45 AM</i> <i>Service 11 AM</i> 8:06
25 9 Nisan NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	26 10 Nisan	27 11 Nisan	28 12 Nisan Ethical Dilemmas 2 pm The Oaks No Hebrew Class	29 13 Nisan	30 14 Nisan SEDER 7:15 pm 5:36	31 15 Nisan PASSOVER 11 AM Service No Torah Study 6:11

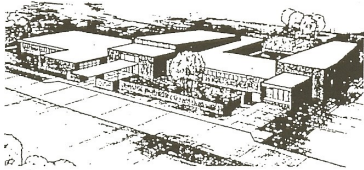
EARTHDAY PROGRAM - SAVE THE DATE:

John-Paul Young is scheduled to speak at B'nai Zion Sunday, April 22, which is Earth Day. We are planning a special breakfast program. Mark your calendar.



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Four More Passover Questions for the Whole Family

What is your *chametz*?

As we prepare for Passover we get rid of anything that contains *chametz* – any food product made from wheat, barley, rye, oats, spelt, or their derivatives, which has leavened (risen) – and traditionally we abstain from *chametz* throughout Passover. Actual *chametz* is relatively easy to identify. What *chametz* in your spiritual life are you going to clean out this year?

What are our plagues?

We read in the Haggadah that God sent 10 plagues upon Pharaoh and the Egyptians to convince them to let the Israelites go. What are our contemporary Plagues that are reminding us to cherish our freedom and make sure more people are free?

What enslaves you?

Each year at the Passover Seder we read that the Israelites were slaves in Egypt. One of the central purposes of the Seder is to remember what it means to be enslaved. What enslaves you today?

What is your *matzah*?

The Israelites had to pack to leave Egypt at a moments notice without time to bake bread and let it rise. What is the most essential to you today – what would you be taking with you?

Why? (Bonus)

In this day and age, living in a world of seemingly endless choices, **what are your reasons for celebrating Passover in a world of choice?**

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