

The BuzZ at BZ

News From B'nai Zion Congregation in Shreveport, LA

☆ April 2019 / Adar II ~ Nisan 5779 ☆



From Rabbi Jana

Mixed Blessing

Usually when you hear the expression “mixed blessing” it is about something that is a little bit good and a little bit bad. Since April this year will include Passover, I’m seeing it in a different way.

One of the four questions tells us that on most nights we don’t dip even once, but during Passover at the seder we’re supposed to dip twice. Now in modern times we do tend to dip our food. There’s french fries and ketchup, nachos and cheese, vegetables and dip, and more. Is it true that we didn’t dip things in ancient times? There is a commentary that says that the Torah mentions two times that things were dipped, and each one involved blood. The first was when Joseph’s brothers dipped his multi-colored coat in blood to make their father Jacob think that his beloved son, Joseph was eaten by a wild beast. The second time was when the children of Israel had to dip a bundle of hyssop into blood and use that like a paintbrush to dip it into the blood and smear it on the doorposts of their homes so that the Angel of Death would pass over them. We are taught that the lesson we learn is that the two dippings teach us we need to care about each other, because the first time the dipping was about hate – they hated their brother Joseph. That act set in motion the chain of events that caused us all to be slaves in Egypt. The second was about working together “bundling” our resources – so that we could be free. The dippings in the Seder remind us that when we focus on doing things together for a good cause, we can achieve miraculous things. I find that gleaned lessons from dipping into blood is not my favorite way to convey messages about unity. We might call it a mixed blessing.

In my family we had a tradition that for our Seder we would always try to invite at least one person who had never been to a Seder before. That became a mixed blessing. There’s something about having a ceremony that’s the same every year and everybody knows what to expect. When you mix in someone who has no idea what’s going on, it changes the dynamics of the seder. Typically it wound up being a good thing, because we either felt good that we knew the answers to their questions, since it was so familiar to us, or we had someone with new perspectives that were able to challenge us to think about the Seder in new ways. I don’t recall ever being sorry for having invited someone who was a stranger to the Seder.

When we left Egypt we are taught that the massive crowd of people who left weren’t just Jews, it was a mixed multitude. We are taught that means there were Jews and non-Jews. And in many ways the non-Jews chose to participate in the lifestyle and the commandments that the Jews were obligated to do. That seems like a mixed blessing too. In those days God’s might was shown in miraculous ways. It may not seem as surprising that people who are not obligated felt very moved and motivated to do what God said. On the other hand, God gave us a lot of commandments at that time, and it’s surprising that so many people chose - whether they were Jewish or not to do what God told us to do.

When you grow up Jewish you know that it’s a mixed blessing to be Jewish sometimes. Persecution and bullying is one side of it. The other side is belonging to a glorious family that goes back thousands of years and maintains its bond with each other and with God.

Today in our congregation the number of families that include non-Jews is growing all the time. 100% of our congregants who have children in the religious school have at least one parent who was not born Jewish.

I for one appreciate the mixed blessing that we have when our lives are enriched by sharing our traditions with others, and appreciate that others are willing to learn about and participate in the things we do.

By mixing our blessings, our blessings increase exponentially. When including others, our lives become so much more meaningful.

May you have a sweet and healthy Passover, and may your life be filled with blessing,

Rabbi Dr. Jana L. De Benedetti

From our President, Jon Black



The Youth Group did an outstanding job of handling the service on March 1st. I was so proud of them and especially touched by Rachel Robichaux's remarks. We are lucky to have so many teens and also lucky to have Rachel serving as their Advisor. It was a fun service and thanks also to Barbara Joseph and Adam Philley for their contributions. I am still in awe of our beautiful sanctuary.

We were recently in Phoenix visiting Palmer and the weather was cold and rainy the first half of our trip. It was nice to come home to blooms on our Bradford pear tree and on a few azalea bushes. Our congregation's Passover Seder is Friday, April 19, 2019 at 6:30 PM. Rabbi Jana will conduct the Service and the meal will be prepared by B'nai Zion Sisterhood. See the bulletin or our website for full details and reservation deadlines.

We will have some openings for our Board of Directors starting with our new year in May. Please let me know if you are interested in serving.

The Congregational Dinner is scheduled for May 9. Details will be on the B'nai Zion website. The yearly photos are also on our website. I hope you will join us.

Warmest regards

Jon Black

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Next Board meeting is 6 PM April 16

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

The B'nai Zion office will be closed April 26 in observance of the Holy Day / final day of Passover.

From our Education Director, Barbara Joseph

In the middle of March, I missed a day of Religious School (and left it in the capable hands of some incredible teachers) because I went with my family to Atlanta for the weekend. The son of one of my oldest friends became a Bar Mitzvah, and several aspects of the experience were notable.

For one thing, it was nice to step into a building 600 miles from home, and have a pretty good understanding of everything that was happening. I really thought about this from the perspective of our children – they recognized tunes, knew the words of some prayers with different tunes, knew when to stand and sit. It was nice to reflect on what was the same and what was different from our usual Shabbat service experience.

As is often the case when around other Jews, we found connections. Several family members and friends of the Bar Mitzvah recognized us from past life cycle events, and we talked with several people with connections to Shreveport. One guy took a selfie with me and Curtis, to share with his college friend, an active B'nai Zion member, from here. One gentleman in his 70s told us his wife's family was from Shreveport, and he also had a camp friend from here. It was nice to hear familiar names.

Several long-time members of the congregation, Ahavath Achim, shared their disappointment with me that their one-time membership of over 2000 families is now down to around 800 families. I've heard similar comments at both congregations in Shreveport, but with scaled down numbers. Isn't it interesting that it's all a matter of proportion?

I wish you all a Happy Pesach!

Barbara Joseph



Special Religious School Events

Challah Tots - Sunday, April 7th, 10:00 – 11:30, a program for kids 5 and under. Each child will decorate an individual challah, and have special play time while it bakes. Thanks (again!) to Shana, mom of Rafi, for the idea and preparing the dough. Children who are not enrolled in Religious School are asked to bring an adult with them to enjoy play time in the Youth Group room. (Please note that part of Lefkowitz Hall will be sectioned off for the Blood Drive happening at the same time)

There is no Religious School or Hebrew class on Sunday April 21. There is Religious School and Hebrew on every other Sunday in April, and there is Hebrew on all Wednesdays in April.

The final Hebrew class is scheduled for April 28. The final day of Religious School is scheduled for May 5.

Religious School Thanks:

Anna Myers for stepping into the 5th and 6th grade classroom March 10th.

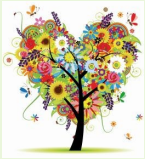
Rachel Robichaux for all her work to prepare for the Purim Carnival

Amanda Dodson for taking an active role for the rest of the year with the 3rd and 4th grades.

Padin, Robichaux, Murov and Hutto families for providing lunch for the Sunday Hebrew class recently.

Upcoming Events

Simcha Shabbat



Simcha Shabbat to celebrate and honor people with birthdays or anniversaries in April is **6 PM April 5**. Special Oneg Shabbat following service. New this year: each month Rabbi Jana and the B'nai Zion Sisterhood are giving gifts to everyone who attends the Simcha Shabbat during the month of their birthday or anniversary.

Blood Drive at B'nai Zion

Sunday, April 7

B'nai Zion Blood Drive from 9AM to 1 PM

Please consider giving the gift of life! 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.



People of the Book Club



The People of the Book Club will be meeting 7 PM Tuesday April 9 to discuss *The Sandcastle Girls*. by Chris Bohjalian

KID-dush Shabbat

"Kiddush Shabbat" is the "Sanctification of Shabbat." "KID-dush 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 KID-dush Shabbat.

9 - 9:30 AM Saturday April 13

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 KID-dush Shabbat.



Graduation Shabbat



April 26 will be our Graduation Shabbat when we honor and celebrate with the students from the congregation who are graduating this Spring.

The Sandra Goldberg Award will be presented.

A special Oneg Shabbat will follow the 6 PM service.

Ethical Dilemmas from a Jewish Perspective with Rabbi Jana

The last Wednesday of each month Rabbi Jana will lead discussions called: "What Would You Do? Ethical Dilemmas with a Jewish Perspective."

We plan to meet **April 24 from 2-3 PM** in the Tower Ballroom at the Oaks of Louisiana

You do not have to live at the Oaks to come to the discussions, but please make a reservation by calling Stephanie at 212-2322.



All Hands Needed for Passover Preparation!

We will be getting ready for Passover at B'nai Zion starting on **April 9**, when we will clean the kitchen and store all the hametz. We will meet in the kitchen at **10 AM**, and be there for quite a while. Come when you can! We will send out for lunch or you can bring your own.

On Sunday, **April 14**, we will be making matzah ball soup with master soup makers Buddy Warnock and Alan Sorkey. **10 AM**.



On Wednesday, **April 17**, Ardis will be working on chopped liver, and we will make the haroset. **10 AM**.

On April 18th we will make the deviled eggs and set the tables. **10 AM**.



Many hands make light work! Thank you!



North Louisiana Jewish Federation: Great Purim!



The North Louisiana Jewish Federation Purim Carnival was really great this year, and for that we have many people to thank. Barbara Ginsburg and the Sunday morning *madrichim* got things organized and did lots of *schlepping*. Rachel Robichaux and the ShFTY group made the magic happen before, during, and after the carnival itself. Jodi Hutto, with help from Ava (see photo) greeted people as they arrived and, along with Lang Wardlaw sold raffle tickets for our *mishloach manot* basket.

Congratulations to the winner, Bruce Herniter. Any Purim event is not



complete without *hamantaschen*, and the Federation crew spent two Sunday afternoons making hundreds of delicious three-sided cookies with many different fillings. Thank you to the many members of both congregations who helped with that big project! The *hamantaschen* were enjoyed at Purim services at Agudath Achim and B'nai Zion as well as at the carnival. The Federation did something new and fun this year, and sent a little *mishloach manot* package to college students. It looks like it was enjoyed – one student posted video of himself having fun with his gragger!



For more pictures (courtesy of Max De Benedetti and David Saphier) of the carnival go to the Worship/Purim page on the B'nai Zion website. You can also see the Marvelous Purim Schpiel from the Hebrew students, which made its debut at the carnival, and Rabbi Jana's Beignet Zion Players Purim Schpiel.

Upcoming Federation Events

- ☆ 6 PM Wednesday May 1 the next film in the Jewish Film Series will be "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas" at the Robinson Film Center. This movie is presented by the North Louisiana Jewish Federation, Amy Quinn and Mary Beth Muslow. If you would like to sponsor future movies, please contact Bethany Sorkey, Executive Director of the Federation.
- ☆ 3 PM Sunday, May 5 The 36th Holocaust Remembrance Service for the Shreveport / Bossier City community. This year it will be held at Broadmoor United Methodist Church on Youree Drive.

A photograph of a Sri Yantra mandala on a brass plate. The central symbol is a Sri Yantra, a complex geometric figure composed of nine interlocking triangles that radiate from a central point (bindu). The triangles are surrounded by two concentric circles of lotus petals: an inner circle of eight petals and an outer circle of sixteen petals. The entire mandala is inscribed with the Sanskrit text 'Om Hrim Namo Bhagavate Vasudevaya'. Surrounding the central symbol are various offerings: a white egg-shaped object at the top, a red flower at the top right, a yellow flower at the right, a bowl of red liquid (possibly ghee or a ritual drink) at the bottom right, a bowl of red liquid at the bottom, a bowl of green liquid at the bottom left, and a bowl of green liquid at the left. The plate is ornate with a scalloped edge and a central circular motif.

Seder Meal prepared by Sisterhood



After April 5 there is no guarantee for space and an additional fee is charged for meals

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

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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 on Friday April 19.

📄 Passover Morning service at B'nai Zion will be Saturday, April 20 at 11:00 AM.

📄 The commandments in the Torah for Passover include eating matzah and NOT eating chametz for the whole week (some people observe the holiday for 8 days).



📄 Start counting the Omer beginning Saturday night, April 20. 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 10:00 AM Friday morning April 26. We will use the Memorial Books that were prepared for 5779 that we began using on Yom Kippur this year, and all Memorial plaques will be lit.



📄 Go to the B'nai Zion website (www.BnaiZionCongregation.org) and hover over the "Worship" link to find the Passover page to find more materials for Passover, including a family friendly Haggadah, songs, links, etc.



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 3 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 _____



Birthdays and Anniversaries

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



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

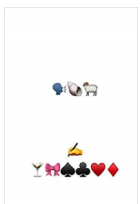
Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Celebrations



- ☆ Friday and Saturday, May 24 and 25 Alexander Murov will help lead the services and be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.
- ☆ Friday, June 7 Celebrate Shavuot and Confirmation.

Unique Haggadot

If you have to lead a Passover Seder, or just want something new, check out some of Rabbi's favorite Haggadot:



Emoji Haggadah



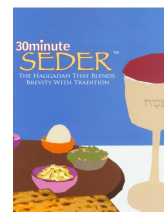
Maximum Velocity
Physics Escape



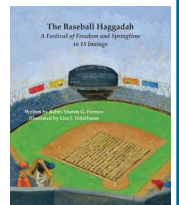
Humorous
For this we Left Egypt?



Graphic Novel



30 Minute Seder

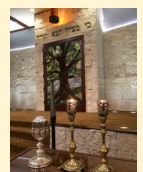


Baseball

Did you know that Rabbi Jana collects Haggadot and uses many when she creates the one for our Seder?

Candle and Kiddush Blessers

APRIL	5	Jerie & Jon Black
	12	Rosen Family
	19	Passover Seder
	26	Cheryl & Harvey Rubin



Tributes: Donations Were Made...

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In Memory of:

Laulette Marcus Black
Martin, Palmer, Jerie & Jon Black



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Yahrzeits: May Remembering Them Be A Blessing

March 31-April 6

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

April 7-13

Isadore Friedman
 Salome Heiman Gardsbane 34-25
 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
 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 14-20

Morris Anisman 23-01
 Morrie J. Ellison 24-04
 Alfred Grossman
 Meyer Heiman 24-15
 Jeanette Katz
 Birdie Frank Katzenstein M28
 Arnie Lawrence 34-04
 Nathan Levi
 Zel E. Lipsen
 Nellie Schwartz
 Miriam Sklar
 Barbara Alcus Threefoot 24-19
 Charles Zelinsky

April 21-27

Louis Abramson
 Lisa Gaye Arnold
 M. T. Flaxman
 Louis Glazer
 Flossie L. Goldin 14-23
 Albert Goldstein
 Shirley Murov Greengus 44-22
 Simon Herold 31-10
 Connie Katzenstein
 Isadore Kuperman 15-01
 Anne Lawrence
 Joseph J. Levy 24-17
 Oscar Levy
 Gloria Meyer 32-25
 Leo Minder 24-13
 Joe Murov 44-02
 Flo Selber 24-23
 Conway Temple Sinclair 33-01
 Seymour Van Os 14-06
 Natalie H. Weiss 13-10



April 28-May 4

Isaac Barron M06
 David Bernstein
 Bea Blumberg 33-12
 Harry Fox 31-11
 Nancy Claire Fox 31-13
 Sally Friedman
 Madeleine Gariani
 Irving Greenberg 25-21
 Fannie Chapman Handel
 Leah K. Joseph
 Leonora Groner Kleban 34-20
 Hyman P. Mandel
 Hermione Cahn Moss
 Joseph Phillips
 Isaac Raas M30
 Stanley L. Sugar
 Herman Willer
 Rebecca Vedlitz 14-11

Numbers following a name in the above list 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 the large Marble stone near the stairs

B'nai Zion tradition is to read the Yahrzeit names during Shabbat services at the end of the week that included the anniversary of the death.

We Offer Our Condolences to the Family of:

✧ *Nan Levy, wife of Joe Levy*

✧ *Jacqueline Tippet Smith, mother of Susan Meyer.*

May their memories be a blessing. May their families be consoled

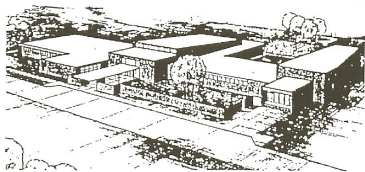


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Sunday							Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
							1 (25 Adar II)	2 (26 Adar II)		3 (27 Adar II) Hebrew Class 4:00p		4 (28 Adar II) Biblical Hebrew 4:00p		5 (29 Adar II) Passover Reservation Deadline Simcha Shabbat 6:00p Candle Lighting 7:20p		6 (1 Nisan) Tazria Torah Study 9:45a Saturday Morning. 11:00a Havdalah 8:28p		
7 (2 Nisan) Blood Drive at BZ 9-1 Religious School 9:30a Challah Tots 10:00a Confirmation 10:30a Hebrew 12:00p							8 (3 Nisan)	9 (4 Nisan) Passover Cleaning 10:00a People of the Book 7:00p		10 (5 Nisan) Hebrew 4:00p		11 (6 Nisan) Biblical Hebrew 4:00p		12 (7 Nisan) Friday Evening Sh. 6:00p Candle Lighting 7:24p		13 (8 Nisan) Mitzora KID-dush Shabbat 9:00a Torah Study 9:45a Saturday Morning. 11:00a Havdalah 8:33p		
14 (9 Nisan) Religious School 9:30a Make Matzavah Ball Soup 10:00a Confirmation 10:30a Hebrew 12:00p							15 (10 Nisan)	16 (11 Nisan) BZ Board Meeting 6:00p		17 (12 Nisan) Making Charoset 10:00a Hebrew 4:00p		18 (13 Nisan) Setting the Tables 10:00a		19 (14 Nisan) Erev Passover Friday Evening Sh. 6:00p Passover Seder at. 6:30p Candle Lighting 7:29p		20 (15 Nisan) 1 Omer Passover Torah Study 9:45a Passover Morning 11:00a Havdalah 8:36p		
21 (16 Nisan) 2 Omer Chol Hamoed Passover							22 (17 Nisan) 3 Omer Chol Hamoed Passover	23 (18 Nisan) 4 Omer Chol Hamoed Passover		24 (19 Nisan) 5 Omer Chol Hamoed Passover Ethical Dilemmas 2:00p Hebrew 4:00p		25 (20 Nisan) 6 Omer Chol Hamoed Passover Candle Lighting 7:34p		26 (21 Nisan) 7 Omer Passover Yizkor OFFICE IS CLOSED Passover & Yizkor 11:00a Friday Evening Sh. 6:00p Candle Lighting 7:34p		27 (22 Nisan) 8 Omer Acharai Mot Torah Study 9:45a Saturday Morning. 11:00a Havdalah 8:43p		
28 (23 Nisan) Omer 9 Religious School 9:30a Confirmation 10:30a Last Hebrew 12:00p							29 (24 Nisan) Omer 10	30 (25 Nisan) Omer 11 Paper Shredding Deadline 8:00a		May 1 (26 Nisan) Omer 12		2 (27 Nisan) Omer 13 Yom HaShoah		3 (28 Nisan) Omer 14 Friday Evening Sh. 6:00p Candle Lighting 7:39p		4 (29 Nisan) Omer 15 K'doshim Torah Study 9:45a Saturday Morning. 11:00a Havdalah 8:48p		
5 (30 Nisan) Omer 16 Religious School 9:30a Holocaust Remembrance Service 3:00p							6 (1 Iyar) Omer 17	7 (2 Iyar) Omer 18		8 (3 Iyar) Omer 19 Yom HaZikaron		9 (4 Iyar) Omer 20 Yom HaAtzmaut Annual Congregational Meeting		10 (5 Iyar) Omer 21 Friday Evening Sh. 6:00p Candle Lighting 7:44p		11 (6 Iyar) Omer 22 Emor Torah Study 9:45a Saturday Morning. 11:00a Havdalah 8:53p		



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B'nai Zion History:

- 📖 Charter Obtained 1866
- 📖 Joined UAHC (now URJ) 1908
- 🏠 First Building Erected 1870
- 🏠 Second Building Dedicated 1914
- 🏠 Present Building Dedicated 1956

B'nai Zion Cemeteries:

- 📍 Hebrew Rest I (Oaklawn): 1858
- 📍 Hebrew Rest II (Texas Av): 1886
- 📍 Hebrew Rest III (Greenwood): 1933

Come to the Annual Meeting

May 9

Dinner will be served

Mark your calendars

- ☆ Take new congregation photo
- ☆ Thank outgoing Board members
- ☆ Elect new Board members
- ☆ Special presentations for 2020 our 150th anniversary:
looking back and ahead

Watch for more details

