

# The BuzZ at BZ

News From B'nai Zion Congregation in Shreveport, LA

☆ December 2019 / Kislev Tevet 5780 ☆



## From Rabbi Jana

### Got a Light?

The world seems very dark these days. It is hard to believe how early in the day the world becomes night. Although we know that there are historical reasons why we have a “Festival of Lights” Jewish holiday to help us light up the darkness, it is so nice that we light our *hanukkiyot* at this season each year. I love that doing Jewish things, we get to make the world brighter.

The world is not just darker during when the sun sets - there is also a rise in hate, including Anti-Semitism. We are commanded to be a “Light to the Nations.” However, it is difficult in dark times to know how to accomplish that. It sometimes feels like neither Torah nor history are giving us guidance for what we can do to prevent or “cure” Anti-Semitism, or the other hatreds that have been blocking the light in our world.

There is a teaching from Rabbi Hillel who said, “In a place where no one is being a *mensch*, strive to be a *mensch*.” He didn’t actually use the Yiddish word, “*mensch*” (which means a decent human being), but that word I think best explains what he said. I think of that quote when I hear about the darkness between human beings in this world. I try to find ways to live by that principle. Be the light in the world of darkness, like the Hanukkah lights on a dark night. The lights that represent standing up for what we believe is right, and fighting - and knowing that we can win - against injustice.

The interesting thing is that, according to Jewish law, we are not supposed to use the light from any/all of the eight candles lit on the *hanukkiyah*. The Rabbis explained that since we light the candles to represent the miracle of the oil that burned eight days and nights, we shouldn’t use their light. We are supposed to just look at the light. That seems difficult - if not impossible to do. Even on the first night, when one little candle is lit, it dispels darkness. Especially on the eighth night, with so much light coming from the combined candles - and if you have a tradition like at our house where everyone is lighting their own hanukkiyah, so we have eight times many menorot’s worth of light, making things VERY bright - we are not supposed to use the light.

That is why we have a Shamash - the “helper” candle that we use to light the rest. It is always near the other candles, but set apart - usually higher than the other candles. This way, we are using the light of the Shamash, and officially not using the light of the other candles. (We have to stretch our imagination a lot on the eighth night when the Shamash burns down faster than the other candles.)

This made me think about how to dispel darkness in our world. We are commanded to be a light to the nations. We must each be a mensch in all that we do, and to everyone we encounter. If we were each to learn to be a Shamash, we could help light the world, and even if their light doesn’t get used to make the world a better place, we are making it a better place. We are making it a brighter place.

I hope that you realize how important and helpful it is to live a Jewish life in order to make the world a brighter place. It helps to “re-Jew-venate” occasionally by coming to services and other events, by reading and learning, by spending time with other mensches.

B’nai Zion as a place and as a congregation tries to offer you many ways to re-Jew-venate. See you soon...

Biv’rakhah,

Rabbi Dr. Jana L. De Benedetti



## From our President, Jon Black



I wouldn't normally start my monthly message talking about food - particularly right after Thanksgiving. However, I just love latkes and will eat them every chance I get - so I can't wait to celebrate Chanukah. I'm so thankful for our family gathering and for our Congregation family gatherings as well.

Incredibly, we are fast approaching year 2020. This past year has been filled with great sorrow and great love and I hope you have felt B'nai Zion's arms around you in your time of need. We have celebrated, danced with the Torah and enjoyed music, music and more music. I hope 2020 will be a great year for you and yours.

B'nai Zion continues moving forward with ongoing improvement projects that will benefit all of us. We are grateful for all the new members who have joined our congregation. It is great to see so many young families and of course their children help light up the room. We appreciate seeing the members who have been part of our congregation for many years - many of whom are part of families that have been members for many generations.

We are nearing completion of the office space renovation and remodeling of our office areas, which includes new carpets, ceilings, lighting, cabinets, and even a new workspace design. The project was initiated by a very generous gift from the Eltis family in memory of Shirley and Lionel. As you consider your year-end charitable giving, please consider an additional gift to B'nai Zion to help defray some of the additional costs of the renovation and to help with some new furniture as well.



We are looking forward to the lighting of the Chanukah menorahs again this year at our Chanukah parties and Chanukah Shabbat - and hope you will join us.

Wow.....where did 2019 geaux? Jerie joins me in wishing you Happy Chanukah and a happy, healthy and peaceful 2020.

Jon



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Next Board meeting is 6 PM Tuesday, January 7

## From our Education Director, Barbara Joseph

The article “The Case for Jewish Mentorship” by Brad Sugar (ejewishphilanthropy.com) advocates we need to provide our Jewish youth with affable and knowledgeable Jewish role models and leaders they can trust – men and women, religious and secular, gay and straight, young and old.

Do you recall a person from your childhood, adolescence or early adulthood who was a Jewish mentor for you? What stands out from your interaction with that person? What was a lasting outcome?

I ask these questions as I consider the rich Jewish experiences the Religious School attempts to provide for students and their families. I wonder often how much of the experience is really about the people leading it. I would love to hear your answers, either via email or the next time I see you in person.

See you soon,

*Barbara*



## Religious School News

### Todah Rabah:

to Karen Gordon for her assistance with safety guidelines for the Blessing of the Pets, and for bringing her pet horse!  
and to the Parris family for their hospitality towards our ISJL Fellow, Julia Kunis.

### Events this month:

Liam Haas Bar Mitzvah December 6 at B'nai Zion

Community Hanuka Celebration sponsored by the Federation at Agudath Achim with The Bible Players (coordinated with the ISJL Cultural Programming Entertainers) – December 22

## Renovation of the Office Spaces at B'nai Zion



The renovation of the office areas is not yet complete (at the time of the writing of this bulletin), but should be finished soon. Watch for news about dedicating the new space when it is done, and to learn when to visit us in our usual location, instead of in the Federation office. There will be some simple changes (wall colors), some needed changes (ceilings redone, new lighting, new cabinets) and some efficiency and safety changes (new layout for the offices). One of the helpful additions is a slot in the outside of the door where things drop into a locked box inside the office. Payments and correspondence made after hours will be more secure. (Pictures shown are in progress - not completed.)





# Recurring and Special Events

## Simcha Shabbat



**Simcha Shabbat** to celebrate and honor people with birthdays or anniversaries in November is **6 PM December 6**. This month we will celebrate during the Bar Mitzvah 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.



## Together Tuesday

People from all backgrounds are welcome to join us at "Together Tuesday" **6 PM December 3**. an opportunity for people of all faiths and backgrounds to get together, share with each other and hopefully inspire each other. The hope is that by coming together it will encourage conversation and strengthen our greater community. Invite someone new.



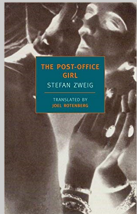
You can stay as long or short as you want. We are meeting at locally owned locations. Contact Rabbi Jana if you are interested in attending in December. Location is still being decided.

## KID-dush Shabbat



The next KID-dush Shabbat will be 9-9:30 January 11. Please contact Rabbi Jana or Barbara Joseph if you want family friendly or child friendly fun things to do for Hanukkah or during school breaks.

## People of the Book Club



**7 PM Tuesday, December 10**

The "People of the Book" group will discuss the book: "The Post Office Girl" by Stefan Zweig. In "The Post-Office Girl" Stefan Zweig explores the details of everyday life in language that pierces both brain and heart...The story is poignant, painful, and must be one of fiction's darkest indictments of how poverty destroys hope, enjoyment, beauty, brightness and laughter, and how money, no matter how falsely, provides ease and delight. - The Spectator (UK)

## Ethical Dilemmas from a Jewish Perspective with Rabbi Jana



Instead of our monthly discussion group, we will be celebrating Chanukah at the Oaks. 6PM Thursday, December 26

## Save the Date: Bat Mitzvah

Join us as our daughter

**Emily Brooks**

helps lead the service and is called to the Torah as a

**Bat Mitzvah**

6 pm Friday, January 24, 2020

B'nai Zion Congregation

Michelle and Floyd Brooks

## Please Join Us: Bar Mitzvah

Join us as our son helps lead the service  
and is called to the Torah as a

Bar Mitzvah  
**Liam Haas**



6 pm Friday, December 6, 2019

Dinner and Celebration follow the service  
B'nai Zion Congregation

Rachel and David Haas

## Please Join Us: 75th Birthday Celebration

*Please join us Friday, December 13 to honor*



*Sammy Courtney*  
*and*  
*Kathy Plante*

*during 6 pm service*  
*and have a special*  
*Oneg Shabbat to celebrate their*  
*75th birthdays*

*Rick Murov and family will lead the Shabbat Evening service.*

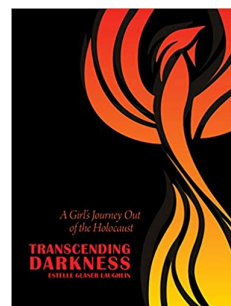
## Holocaust Survivor: Estelle Laughlin, Guest Speaker



B'nai Zion Congregation and the Shreveport Jewish community in conjunction with the University of First Presbyterian is hosting Estelle Laughlin to speak.

12 PM Sunday, December 22nd at  
First Presbyterian Church,  
900 Jordan Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101.

Estelle is a survivor of the Holocaust, including the Warsaw ghetto and then concentration camps, before immigrating to the US at the age of 18. She has written a memoir entitled *Transcending Darkness* that has been published and of which some copies will be on hand at the event. She will tell parts of her story followed by question-and-answer time co-moderated by Pastor Chris Currie and Rabbi Jana.

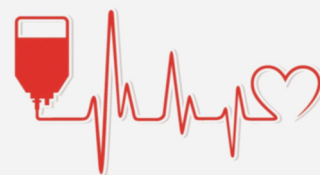


We look forward to the Christian and Jewish communities coming together at this important event. Please contact the B'nai Zion office if you plan to attend. \$12 and RSVP required for lunch. No fee for attending the program.

## Blood Drive at B'nai Zion

**Sunday, December 15** will have its  
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.



## Food Bank News



B'nai Zion volunteers spent a morning in November helping sort food at the Food Bank of North Louisiana. The staff is always appreciative when our congregants help. Our team processed thousands of pounds of food that morning. We appreciate the congregants who volunteered in November: Helaine and Bill Braunig, Rozann and Bob Frey, Jan Pittman, Barry and Patti Suckle, and Marion Weiss.

Rabbi Jana and B'nai Zion make a donation for the Food Bank's Backpack for Kids program in conjunction with Red River Radio. The program makes sure that students who would otherwise have little to no food at home get backpacks filled with food for weekends and school breaks.

Contact Rabbi Jana, Helaine or the office if you would like to help with our efforts to try to make sure that no one in our community is without food.

# Bagels With The Titovets - Special Artists Presentation

Join us for an incredible opportunity to meet internationally-renowned artists Aleksander and Lyuba Titovets at a Bagel breakfast hosted by the North Louisiana Jewish Federation. Aleksander Titovets was the artist chosen to paint the official portrait for former First Lady, Laura Bush (which is now on display at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington D.C.). Aleksander also specializes in landscapes and Lyuba specializes in still life.



The event will be 10-11 AM Sunday, December 8 at B'nai Zion, which will include bagel breakfast, discussion with the artists and the opportunity to view and even purchase their artwork.

Aleksander and Lyuba will not only discuss their artwork, but they will also briefly tell their story about how the Jewish Federation helped them leave the Soviet Union and come to America.



The Titovets artwork will be for sale at the breakfast, and 20% of the proceeds will directly support the Jewish community of Shreveport. Buyers will be able to choose if the sale will support B'nai Zion, the North Louisiana Jewish Federation or Agudath Achim.

Please RSVP using the form online at the B'nai Zion website, the North Louisiana Jewish Federation's newly updated website ([JewishNLa.org](http://JewishNLa.org)) or contacting either the B'nai Zion or Federation offices.



## Here is What is New at Jewish Federation

- ☆ A New Logo, which can be seen on the newly designed website ([JewishNLa.org](http://JewishNLa.org))
- ☆ The Federation is hosting many events in December - especially for Hanukkah, but also an Art Presentation at B'nai Zion, a Holocaust Speaker at First United Presbyterian. (Details in this bulletin.)
- ☆ Rabbi Feivel Rubinstein (husband of Rabbi Sydni at Agudath Achim) has been hired as Programming Director.



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The North Louisiana Jewish Federation protects and enhances the well-being of Jews and Jewish communities in North Louisiana, the United States, Israel and around the world, striving to realize our core values of Chesed (caring and compassion), Torah (Jewish learning), Tikkun Olam (repair of the world) and Tzedakah (social justice). We act upon these values through philanthropic endeavors and collective leadership in partnership with national and international agencies.

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# Hanukkah / Chanukah Events

## Hanukkah Goodies from the B'nai Zion Sisterhood Gift Shop:

Remember the Sisterhood Gift Shop for your Hanukkah gifts, Hanukkiyot (menorahs), candles, dreidels, and more. Shop anytime during office hours. Contact the office if you want to shop at other times.



## North Louisiana Jewish Federation-Sponsored Hanukkah Parties:

Everyone is invited to join these Jewish Federation-sponsored Hanukkah events.

**Sunday, December 22 at Agudath Achim 5 PM** Dinner will be served for the Jewish community. Candle lighting will be at approximately 6 PM 6:30 PM **The Bible Players** will begin their awesome, funny, clever family friendly show  
Reservations for the dinner are requested.  
There is no fee for the event  
Donations to the Jewish Federation can be made at the event.



## Hanukkah Parties Will Be Near You

Please come to help us celebrate Hanukkah with residents at these Retirement facilities. Rabbis Jana, Sydni and Feivel will lead the parties with singing, story telling, candle lighting, jelly donuts, dreidels, and fun.

Come to any or all:

Thursday, December 26 at Montclair Park 10 AM

Thursday, December 26 the Waterview 3 PM

Thursday, December 26 the Tower of the Oaks 6 PM



**Hanukkah Candle Lighting at Shabbat Evening Service:** Friday, December 27 every household should bring a hanukkiyah (menorah) to light before service to celebrate Hanukkah. If your tradition is to have everyone in your family light candles - that is great too. Candles will be provided to light the candles at 6 PM before the Shabbat service begins. We also plan to have some extra menorot available for lighting that night.

## Red River Radio has special Hanukkah programs scheduled throughout Hanukkah:

- ♪ Hanukkah A Great Miracle Happened There - 7 PM Thursday, December 19
- ♪ Candles Burning Brightly for Chanukah - 2 PM Friday, December 20
- ♪ A Chanukah Celebration Across the Globe - 1 PM Monday, December 23
- ♪ Chanukah - Itzhak Perlman's Chanukah Radio Party - 2 PM Monday, December 23
- ♪ A Chanukah Celebration with Chicago a cappella - 9 PM Tuesday, December 24
- ♪ Chanukah in Song & Story - 1 PM Thursday, December 26
- ♪ Eternal Echoes for Hanukkah - 8 PM Thursday, December 26
- ♪ Hanukkah Lights - 2 PM Friday, December 27
- ♪ Chanukah - The Kabbalah of Chanukah - 6 PM Sunday, December 29





# Happy Hanukkah



## HANUKKAH SERVICE FOR THE HOME



A *Hanukkiyah* (Hanukkah Menorah) has space for nine candles. The one that is higher than the others is for the *Shamash* ("helper" or "server"), which is our source of light and used to light the other candles. In the Ashkenazic tradition candles are put in the Menorah from right to left (the ones representing the oldest days first). The candles are lighted from left to right (the ones representing the newest days first). On the first night of Hanukkah, one candle is put in the *Chanukiyah* and lit using the *Shamash*. On the second night, two candles are put in, and one more candle is added every night until eight are in the *Chanukiyah* and lit on the eighth night. Light the *Shamash*, then say the blessings before lighting the rest of the candles for each night. On the first night, say all three blessings below. On the rest of the nights, say only the first two blessings. After the candles are lit, you may continue with readings, songs, food and games.

When lighting candles on Friday night, be sure to light Hanukkah candles first and then the Shabbat candles before sundown.

### BLESSINGS:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוֵּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק  
נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Ba-rukh A-ta A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lekh ha-o-lam, a-she-  
kid-sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav v'tzi-va-nu l-had-lik ner shel Ha-nu-kah.

*Praised are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, Who has sanctified us with commandments and commanded us to kindle the Hanukkah lights.*

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם  
בְּזִמְנָן הַזֶּה.

Ba-rukh A-ta A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam, she-'a-sa nis-sim la-avo-tei-nu ba-ya-mim  
ha-hem ba-z'man ha-zeh.

*Praised are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, Who did wondrous things for our ancestors at this season in those days.*

### **First night only:**

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לַזִּמְנָן הַזֶּה.

Ba-rukh A-ta A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lekh ha-'o-lam, she-he-he-ya-nu v'ki-y'-ma-nu v'hi-gi-ya-  
nu la-z'man ha-zeh.

*Praised are You, Eternal our God, Ruler of the universe, Who gave us life, sustained us, and permitted us to celebrate this joyous festival.*

### HANUKKAH SONGS, MOVIES, AND MORE ONLINE



You can find Hanukkah songs, blessings, and other fun holiday stuff at Rabbi Jana's Website. Go to:

[www.HebrewDoc.com](http://www.HebrewDoc.com) and click "Holiday Resources" and then click the spinning dreidel for links and files for Hanukkah. You can also go to the B'nai Zion "Holidays" page..



# B'nai Zion's Cloud-Based Software - One Year Later



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B'nai Zion has been using "ShulCloud" as our membership portal, database and website for a year.

So many people have said how easy the website is to use, and how much more information is available about what is going on in the congregation in an easy to access format. Have you tried to go to [www.BnaiZionCongregation.org](http://www.BnaiZionCongregation.org) to:

- See the most up-to-date information about events, bills, contact information, etc.

Update your personal information

- Manage yahrzeits
- View your financial account to pay bills (even setup scheduled payments)
- Pay tuition
- Make donations
- See details about upcoming events – and register online
- Access our membership directory, and much more!

If you have not yet created a login, you can contact B'nai Zion, and we will send you a new link to set it up.

You will notice that you can see much more information while you are logged in than if you don't log-in. For example, only members who are logged in can see the Member Directory. Only parents of students in the school can see the school schedules.

It is important that you login and setup your account before you receive your statements, which will be arriving via email soon. You will be able to make all of your payments online via credit card or bank draft with a simple click.

We will continue to send you instructions for ways to take advantage of the software. We can get a specialized phone app. Please email the office to say that you would like the app.

We hope you find that your experience with ShulCloud to be easy, but should you have any questions, please contact either the [B'nai Zion office](#) or [Rabbi Jana](#).

Of course, you can always make payments the way you have in the past, whether you mail or bring checks to the office, or call the office with credit card information.

If we do not have email information for yourself in our database, you will receive statements and other notifications in the mail.

If you do have an email address for you in the database, not only will you receive much more information about B'nai Zion events, but notifications of donations, yahrzeits, etc. will be sent to your email address - immediately.

Thank you for your patience as we fine tune our database. We always appreciate and encourage your feedback. Please don't hesitate to contact us so that we can provide support for what you need.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

12/01 Rita Rabinowitz  
 12/02 David Rubenstein  
 12/04 Ruth Lewis  
 12/04 ♥ Rita & Richard Muslow  
 12/05 Marti Lepow  
 12/06 Liam Haas  
 12/09 Melissa Gillum  
 12/09 Tamara Courtney  
 12/10 Nathan Master  
 12/11 Charles Rogers  
 12/11 Katie Walker  
 12/12 Mollie Newstadt  
 12/15 Geraldine Zelinsky  
 12/16 Kathleen Plante



12/16 ♥ Stephanie & Ryan Master  
 12/17 George McGovern  
 12/18 Anna Myers  
 12/20 David Kaufman  
 12/20 Robert Talbert  
 12/20 ♥ Keli & Robert Talbert  
 12/20 William Serkin  
 12/23 ♥ Hollisann & Sidney Kent  
 12/23 Cole Evensky  
 12/27 Georgette Toys  
 12/28 Darin Jones  
 12/29 ♥ Pat & Ann Maxey  
 12/30 Daryl Muslow

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

## Mazel Tov to:

☆ Fred & Melinda Kent were honored on National Philanthropy Day by the North Louisiana Chapter of Fundraising Professionals. Fred and Melinda are the 2019 Outstanding Fundraising Volunteers.



## Shabbat Blessers at B'nai Zion



<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Rachel &amp; David Haas &amp; Family</b>
	<b>13</b>	<b>Kathy Plante &amp; Family</b>
	<b>20</b>	<b>Tammy Courtney and Randy Greengus</b>
	<b>27</b>	<b>(Hanukkah)</b>

### 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*



# Donations Were Made to These Funds:

## CEMETERY

### In Memory of:

Ethel Kaplan from **Nell & Abry Cahn**  
James Muslow from **Barbara & Edgar Newstadt**  
Janice Muslow from **Mary, Jason, Matt & Mary Katherine Muslow**  
Paul Shapiro from **Jackie Fleschman**  
Mr. Bernie Wilenzick from **Nell & Abry Cahn**

## ENDOWMENT

### For the complete recovery of:

Bobbie Goodman from **Nell & Abry Cahn**  
Fred Phillips from **Mandy Selber Jr.**  
Bethany Sorkey from **Nell & Abry Cahn**

### In Honor of the Birthday of:

Mandy Selber from **Nell & Abry Cahn**

### In Memory of:

Mandel C. Selber from **Mandel C. Selber, Jr, Kimberly-Selber Lester, Mandy Selber, III and Suzanne Selber Miller**  
Mary Rosenbaum Selber from **Mandel C. Selber, Jr, Kimberly-Selber Lester, Mandy Selber, III and Suzanne Selber Miller**

## GENERAL

### For the complete recovery of:

Fred Phillips from **Sandi & Jeffrey Kallenberg**

### In Memory of:

Electra Churchill from **Sandi & Jeffrey Kallenberg**  
Vivian Murov from **Beth & Ellis Murov**  
Dean Thomas Pratt from **Susan & David Gross**

## MUSIC

### For the complete recovery of:

Bethany Sorkey from **David Saphier**

### In Memory of:

Dean Thomas Pratt  
from **Karen & Bob Gordon**  
Dean Thomas Pratt  
from **David Saphier**



## RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY

### For the complete recovery of:

Sheila Lawrence from **Karen & Bob Gordon**  
Jeri Miller from **Karen & Bob Gordon**  
Jeri Miller from **Kay & Fred Zeidman and family**  
Fred Phillips from **Karen & Bob Gordon**

### In Memory of:

Herman Gold from **Melissa & Daryl Gold**  
Ray Morris from **Iris Morris**  
Dean Thomas Pratt from **Francine & Jerald**

### Perlman

Hugh 'Nootsi' Williams from **Ida Williams**

### Prayers for health and recuperation:

Sheila Lawrence from **Lory & Larry Evensky**

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### In Memory of:

Julie Miles from **Sharon & Elliott Goldman**

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### In Honor of:

B'nai Zion from **Robin Denise Freeman**

## SHFTY DONATIONS

### For the complete recovery of:

Fred Phillips from **Debbie Caminker**

### In Honor of the Birthday of:

Teddy Kranson from **Mark Kaplan and Betsy Kaplan Beall**

Dorothy Lobel from **Mark Kaplan**

**and Betsy Kaplan Beall**

### In Memory of:

Norman Kranson from **Mark Kaplan and Betsy Kaplan Beall**

## SISTERHOOD DONATIONS

### In Honor of:

Bethany Sorkey from **Michael Stahl**

### In Memory of:

Dean Thomas Pratt from **Lory & Larry Evensky**  
Dean Thomas Pratt from **Mollie & Mitch Newstadt**

*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.*

*The ShulCloud program simplifies the process of making donations or dedications online.*

☆ Go to the B'nai Zion website: **[www.BnaiZionCongregation.org](http://www.BnaiZionCongregation.org)** **Log-in**

☆ Click "**Donate.**"

☆ Choose a fund, recipient, and payment type with just a few clicks. Payments can be made by credit or debit card, or e-checks

You are always also welcome to contact the B'nai Zion office to make donations or payments.

The layout shown here of who was honored, who donated and to which funds for all donations was created using ShulCloud.

# Yahrzeits: May Remembering Them Be A Blessing

## December 1 - 7

12/4 \*William M. Blumberg 33-11  
 12/4 Richard Bronner  
 12/5 Eva P. Cooperstein 14-09  
 12/6 Ike Cullick  
 12/5 Melanie Meyer Goldstein  
 12/7 M. Mendell Heller 21-18  
 12/6 Milton 'Mickey' Holland  
 12/1 Max Kalisky  
 12/4 Irvin Kassof  
 12/3 Frank Katzenstein 13-04  
 12/3 Donald Kern  
 12/3 Jane Leeds  
 12/2 Doris Stern Levinson  
 12/5 S.S. Marrus  
 12/7 Hyman A. Perlstein 15-18  
 12/8 Pearl Winer

## December 8 - 14

12/14 Libbie Bliss Abramson  
 12/08 Esther Fish Arbili  
 12/08 Sam Benon  
 12/10 Roger David  
 12/13 \*Jules Henry Dreyfuss 43-05  
 12/09 Belle Finkelstein  
 11/22 Manny Finkelstein  
 12/12 Solomon Lepow  
 12/13 Caro W. Levy 13-12  
 12/08 Mandel C. Selber, Sr. 12-07  
 12/08 Mary R. Selber 12-04  
 12/08 Yvette Somer 42-21  
 12/14 Jewel M. Sorkin 15-15  
 12/08 Harry Steckol 13-25  
 12/12 Sonia Grunes Surenko  
 12/12 Alexander W. Teck  
 12/10 Marilyn Weil  
 12/10 \*Sam Wiener, Jr. 33-21  
 12/10 Dorothy G. Zadeck 21-22

## December 15 - 21

12/18 Ross Stuart Aufrichtig 33-13  
 12/20 Ingrid Benson  
 12/18 Marx Bluestein M21  
 12/16 Z. Brainis  
 12/21 Leon Chernick  
 12/17 Pearl G. Dover 14-10  
 12/16 \*William R.T. Ellis  
 12/18 \*David Felsenthal  
 12/18 Charles G. Friedenthal  
 12/16 Valerie Krandle Gold  
 12/18 Leslie Gruber  
 12/16 Mary Etch Grunes  
 12/21 Paul Heiss  
 12/21 Leona Lefkowitz  
 12/17 Helen L. Levy 12-23  
 12/17 Herbert Loeb  
 12/20 Emogene Silber Pliner  
 12/20 Armand W. Roos 11-14  
 12/18 Carol Steiner Rubenstein 34-14  
 12/15 Lottie Feld Selber 23-11  
 12/20 George L. Shanhouse  
 12/16 Sam Sklar 14-02  
 12/15 \*Jacob "Jack" Stein  
 12/16 Sylvia Terrell  
 12/18 \*Sam Weisman  
 12/20 Sarah Willer  
 12/15 Elise Willer

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.

\*An asterisk before a name indicates the deceased was a veteran

## December 22 28

12/25 Milton Abrams  
 12/22 \*Leon Abramson  
 12/25 Annie Gardsbane  
 12/23 Sheldon Goldsholl 42-25  
 12/22 \*Henry Kahan 25-15  
 12/28 Regina B. Kaufman M26  
 12/26 Leo Kent  
 12/24 Thomas Douglas Kleban  
 12/27 Leah Langford  
 12/26 Theodore Mandel  
 12/26 \*Harry Mittenthal  
 12/26 Mamie G. Perlstein 15-19  
 12/22 William Rhodes  
 12/25 Gertrude Siegel Scheinberg  
 12/23 Molly Scrinopskie  
 12/22 Chuck Selber 24-21  
 12/26 Frank Shaw  
 12/24 Fred Sklar  
 12/26 Hyman Stein  
 12/22 Jerome Bernard Stenzler  
 12/23 Jerold Suckle 22-02  
 12/23 Marion Wiener  
 12/22 Viola Wolff 23-04

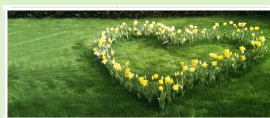
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12/29 Louis M. Bodenheimer  
 1/01 Bertha H. Cheatham 21-21  
 1/01 Dr. Norman N. Fein  
 12/29 Etta Freyer  
 1/04 Sylvian W. Gamm 11-02  
 12/29 Edith Gerson  
 1/01 Rabbi Ronald Myron Goldstein  
 1/02 Arnold Hermer 24-24  
 12/29 Herman L. Herold  
 12/29 Sidney L. Herold  
 1/02 Fred S. Holman  
 1/01 Jack Katzenstein  
 1/02 Hilda Levi  
 12/30 Bill Mantinband  
 1/04 Naomi Murov  
 1/04 Lazar Max Murov 44-08  
 1/02 Joseph S. Murov 13-18  
 1/02 \*Harold Murov 31-06  
 1/01 Gwen Murov 44-03  
 1/03 Stella Phillips 11-09  
 1/04 Lillian Strug Rambach  
 1/01 Bobby Redstone  
 1/01 Alexander Rifkin  
 12/31 Hyman Schuster  
 12/31 Sarah Schuster  
 12/30 Horace Simon Sr.  
 1/04 Lucille Stern  
 1/01 Harold Strausman  
 12/10 Charles Yellen

Names are listed alphabetically under each weekly heading. Numbers before the name indicate the actual date of the Yahrzeit. Numbers following a name in the above list denote Memorial Plaque Location:

For example 13-06 is found on:








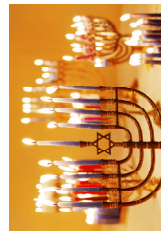
*Board 1 (near sanctuary)  
 Column 3 (from left)  
 Row 6 (from top)*



## Condolences to:

✧ **Bethany Sorkey**, for the death of her father, Dean Thomas Pratt.  
 May memories of him bring blessings. May his family be consoled.



B'nai Zion Congregation					December 2019 / Kislev ~ Tevet 5780				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
<b>1 (3 Kislev)</b> 	<b>2 (4 Kislev)</b> 	<b>3 (5 Kislev)</b> Together Tuesday 6:00p	<b>4 (6 Kislev)</b> 	<b>5 (7 Kislev)</b> Biblical Hebrew 6:00p	<b>6 (8 Kislev)</b> Liam Haas Bar Mitzvah Shabbat Evening Service 6:00p BZ 	<b>7 (9 Kislev) Vayetzai</b> Torah Study 9:45a Saturday Shabbat Service 11:00a <b>#5:59p</b>			
<b>8 (10 Kislev)</b> Bagels With The Titovets - Artists Presentation 10:00a BZ 	<b>9 (11 Kislev)</b> 	<b>10 (12 Kislev)</b> People of the Book Club 7:00p	<b>11 (13 Kislev)</b> 	<b>12 (14 Kislev)</b> 	<b>13 (15 Kislev)</b> Shabbat Service led by Rick Murov and Family and 75th Birthday Celebration for Tammy Courtney and Kathy Plante 6:00p  <b>#4:52p</b>	<b>14 (16 Kislev) Vayishlach</b> Torah Study 9:45a Saturday Shabbat Service 11:00a <b>#6:01p</b>			
<b>15 (17 Kislev)</b> Blood Drive at BZ 9:00a 	<b>16 (18 Kislev)</b> 	<b>17 (19 Kislev)</b> 	<b>18 (20 Kislev)</b> 	<b>19 (21 Kislev)</b> Biblical Hebrew 6:00p	<b>20 (22 Kislev)</b> Friday Evening Shabbat Service 6:00p <b>#4:55p</b>	<b>21 (23 Kislev) Vayeshev</b> Torah Study 9:45a Saturday Shabbat Service 11:00a <b>#6:04p</b>			
<b>22 (24 Kislev)</b> <b>iiiiiii Erev Chanukah</b> Transcending Darkness: Holocaust Survivor Estelle Laughlin 12:00p at First Presbyterian Church  Jewish Community Chanukah Party: Bible Players Show and Dinner 5:00p at AA 	<b>23 (25 Kislev)</b> <b>iiiiiii Chanukah</b> 	<b>24 (26 Kislev)</b> <b>iiiiiii Chanukah</b> 	<b>25 (27 Kislev)</b> <b>iiiiiii Chanukah</b> 	<b>26 (28 Kislev)</b> <b>iiiiiii Chanukah</b> Chanukah Party at Montclair Park 10:00a Chanukah Party at Waterview Court 3:00p Chanukah Party at The Oaks 6:00p 	<b>27 (29 Kislev)</b> <b>iiiiiii Chanukah</b> Chanukah Shabbat - Light Candles Together at Shabbat Evening Service 6:00p  <b>#4:59p</b>	<b>28 (30 Kislev) Miketz</b> <b>iiiiiii Chanukah</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Tevet</b> Torah Study 9:45a Saturday Shabbat Service 11:00a <b>#6:08p</b>			
<b>29 (1 Tevet)</b> <b>iiiiiii Chanukah</b> <b>Rosh Chodesh Tevet</b>	<b>30 (2 Tevet)</b> <b>Chanukah</b>	<b>31 (3 Tevet)</b>							



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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

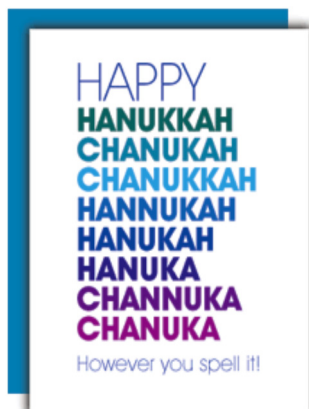
#### B'nai Zion Cemeteries:

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

## Getting Ready for Hanukkah or Chanukah

**Why are there so many ways to spell the name of this holiday?** The best way to spell it is חֲנֻכָּה in Hebrew with vowels, and חנוכה without vowels. The difficult part about spelling the word is to try to spell it in any language other than Hebrew. There are a few reasons for this: the sound of the

first letter in Hebrew does not correspond to an English letter. It is the same letter in Hebrew that starts words like Chai or Challah. It isn't exactly an "H" and it isn't a "CH" like the English sound that begins the word "CHOP." Some people write it as an "H" or "H" (underlined, or with a dot under the H). Many Jews came from Eastern Europe before they emigrated to America. In German the "CH" sounds similar to the first letter of Chanukah. There is a lot more to the spelling and transliteration. Ask Rabbi Jana about it - she loves to talk about the Hebrew language and Hebrew spelling. Meanwhile, don't be surprised if you see it spelled many different ways in this bulletin.



#### How do you read Chanukah in Hebrew?



"CH" is pronounced as "H" not "tsh"  
Thus the word can also be spelled as  
Hanukah