

# The BuzZ at BZ

News From B'nai Zion Congregation in Shreveport, LA



☆ December 2020 - January 2021 / Kislev ~ Tevet ~ Sh'vat 5781 ☆

## From Rabbi Jana

### *Every Day Miracles*

Jewish tradition includes saying prayers and blessings every morning and every night. Many people know and remember to say “*Sh'ma*” when they go to sleep. Fewer people remember to say it when they wake up. In addition to the *Sh'ma* in the morning, there is a prayer, “*Modeh/Modah Ani*” that thanks G-d for returning our soul for a new day. That has taken on a new meaning during this pandemic. So many people have suffered. So many people have died. I am grateful for every day. I am also grateful that we have bodies that heal – and a greater number of people have recuperated than have died. And now, I am grateful that there are scientists working diligently – and often researchers cooperating significantly more than they had in the past – to find ways to cure and prevent us from this virus.

In addition to the prayers I mentioned above there is one of my favorite parts of the morning - the group of blessings known as “*Nissim b'chol yom*” / “Every Day Miracles.” During Shabbat morning services I find myself spending more time on these blessings than any other part of the service - even though they are in some ways less “significant,” and are only part of the preliminary service, meant to help “get us in the mood to pray.” Before the pandemic my favorite prayer was being thankful that “I was made in the image of G-d.” It made me start the day feeling good about myself, and recognize that each person I met had a spark of G-d in them to make them who they are. I loved interacting with the world.

Now I only see people on the screen. I do a lot of Zoom. The prayer that we most identify with is the one that appreciates that G-d “frees the captive.” We are each in our little Zoom box, getting to “visit,” but often feeling very alone and captive.

I still like to look at the world and my life as if it is filled with every day miracles: Trees and sky, critters and family, food delivery, and a safe place to live, the technology to stay connected and be creative, and so much more. This year during the Oneg Shabbat after the Hanukkah Shabbat service we had what felt like a Hanukkah miracle. I was hosting the Zoom gathering, when all of a sudden I heard a loud “boom” outside - and my power went out in my house. Everything was totally dark. The miracle was that somehow, even though I was hosting the Zoom AND I had NO electricity in my house - my computer stayed on, the internet connection did not disappear, and neither did all of the people in the Oneg Shabbat. It truly felt like a Hanukkah miracle - and reminded us of how it must have felt to have the oil continue to burn when everything else around was dark.

I know how my “miracle” happened. My computer is a laptop, and switches to battery power to stay on when there is no electricity. I have an “uninterruptible power supply / UPS” that acts as a battery backup for my modem and router, which explained why I stayed connected to the internet. The fact that I know how it happened didn't change the fact that we felt like there was a miracle occurring.

The fact that I know how bodies heal doesn't change the feeling that getting better is a miracle. The fact that - even when there are still many questions about the COVID virus - we have known about how to make vaccines for a long time.

I also feel like it is a miracle to be able to protect each other simply by not being near each other. I don't like this, but I appreciate that every day we are waking up, it is a miracle, and I appreciate the effort that people are putting into keeping each other safe. I pray that the vaccine will prove to be another miracle - and allow us to be in person again.

We did not get to celebrate the anniversary of B'nai Zion in 2020. I pray that 2021 will be a year of celebrations together!

*Rabbi Dr. Jana L. De Benedetti*



## From our President, Kathy Plante

We will celebrate Hanukkah early in December this year. It is the most unusual Hanukkah that I can ever remember. I am glad that Rabbi Jana and the Jewish Federation are trying to find ways to celebrate together, even though we are staying physically apart.

As we light the candles each night we can see how much brighter the world gets with each additional candle. I like to think that the added light can give us added hope, and I look forward to increasing hope this month.

During December each year we usually ask you to determine what your annual pledge will be for the coming year. I don't think that most of us could have imagined what 2020 was going to be like last December. I realize that some of you may not be able to even pledge at your previous level, because of the ways that 2020 impacted you. If things are difficult, please contact me, Rabbi Jana, or a Board member with whom you want to discuss it, and we can help.

I do want to say that I am extremely proud that, despite almost nothing being "normal" this year, B'nai Zion has been able to provide the congregants, and the community with resources, support, and more throughout the year.

Rabbi Jana has been officiating all life-cycle events including baby namings / Brit Milah, weddings, Bar Mitzvah, and funerals. Classes have been held for students from elementary school through adults. We have had cultural events. We have had consistently creative and inspiring worship services. We have had holiday celebrations – some attended by hundreds of people. We have gone out of our way to ensure the safety of our congregants. We have accepted payments and donations, answered emails and phone calls. We have gained some regular attendees from far and wide – some are "just visiting" and some have been making regular donations.

When you consider what you can donate this coming year to ensure that B'nai Zion continues to go from strength to strength, please remember all of the ways that we are here for each other – even during difficult, unprecedented times.

Stay well, stay safe!

*Kathy*



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### **B'nai Zion Shabbat Schedule**

***Friday Evening Service - 6:00 PM***

***Saturday Torah Study - 9:45 AM***

***Saturday Morning Service - 11:00 AM***



### **B'nai Zion Office Hours**

***Monday through Friday 9 AM-2 PM***

***No Business on Shabbat or Holidays***

***Call for an appointment to meet with the Rabbi***  
***PLEASE CALL AHEAD FOR ANY BUSINESS***

# From our Education Director, Barbara Joseph

## DECEMBER

Since one of the themes of Hanukkah is dedication, I want to recognize these people who have dedicated themselves to education this year:

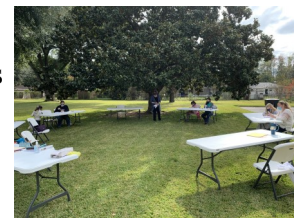
- ✧ Kindergarten teachers Rosa Tirado and Sophie Wiener
- ✧ First grade teacher Morgan Conway
- ✧ Third and Fourth grade teacher Amanda Dodson
- ✧ Fifth and Sixth grade teachers Jennifer Parris and Rebecca Austin
- ✧ Seventh grade teacher Rabbi Feivel Rubinstein
- ✧ Chai 5 teachers Rabbi Feivel and Rabbi Jana
- ✧ Rabbi Jana and Rabbi Sydni, with their inspiring Rabbi Time visits and special events
- ✧ All the parents and other adults who support the children in this community with tech support, calendar reminders, and are role modeling Jewish values



Last month the Education Committee met to discuss how our Religious School year will proceed. Classes will continue on Zoom through our coldest months. After Spring Break and Pesach, students in first through seventh grade will meet outside on Sunday mornings. There may be some changes in how different ages are grouped, and we may extend the calendar through July, with the re-introduction of specialties like art and dance. Religious School families can expect updates on these changes via email in the coming weeks.

We will continue to have family programs once a month, as well as occasional gatherings by grade. In November, the sixth graders met to learn about Tzedakah and Mitzvot.

There is Shabbat programming available for our youngest Jewish community members – I encourage everyone to take advantage! Rabbi Jana hosts KID-dush Shabbat on the second Shabbat of each month, and starting this month, Rabbi Sydni will have a children's service on the first Shabbat, and a Havdalah service on the third Shabbat.



## JANUARY:

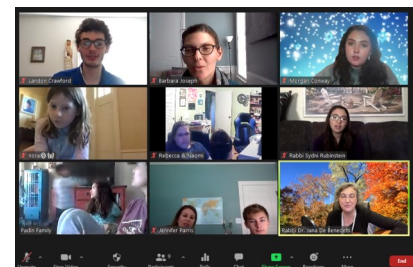
Religious School classes will resume on Sunday, January 10, and Hebrew classes will resume on Wednesday, January 6.

In collaboration with the North Louisiana Jewish Federation, on January 10th there will be a special presentation geared toward the seventh-grade Religious School students and the Chai 5 students (grades eight through ten). The rest of the community is also invited to hear Julie Kohner of Voices of the Generations. Julie is the daughter of Holocaust survivor Hanna Kohner, and she will share memories, videos, and her parents' inspiring love story. Please join us on Zoom on January 10th, as we do our part to "Never Forget" the Holocaust. More details are at the Federation's website ([https://www.jewishnla.org/events/event/2021\\_01\\_10\\_1606240351](https://www.jewishnla.org/events/event/2021_01_10_1606240351)), and in the Federation section of this bulletin.



I wish everyone a happy and healthy rest of 5781 (and 2021!)

Special thanks to Landon Crawford, our ISJL fellow, for his recent virtual visit!



*Barbara*

# Recurring Events

## Together Tuesday

Join us at a Zoom Together Tuesday. The first Tuesday of every month we make time to visit. People of all backgrounds get together. Sometimes we pray, sing, talk... it is important that we find time to get to know people with different backgrounds. We have been meeting (almost) every month since August 2016.

**Join us on Zoom. 6 -7 PM Tuesday, January 5.**

**Please sign up at the B'nai Zion website for Zoom information.**

We have been through a lot recently. It helps to get together.



## Simchah Shabbat



To celebrate and honor people with birthdays or anniversaries in December we will celebrate Simchah Shabbat during the Shabbat Evening service:

**6 PM Friday, January 1 on YouTube**

## Zoom Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service Every Saturday

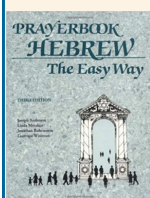
The Torah Study begins at 9:45 AM when Rabbi Jana leads a discussion about the Torah portion of the week. No text or prep required.

Shabbat service begins around 11 AM, Prayerbook is on screen.

These events are on Zoom. Use the form on the B'nai Zion website to request access to the Zoom events.



## Rabbi Jana's Adult Hebrew Classes Continue



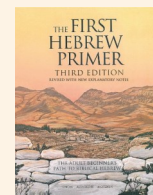
Rabbi Jana's Adult Hebrew classes continue:

Prayerbook Hebrew The Easy Way meets **NEW TIME**

**7-8 PM Wednesdays on Zoom.**

Biblical Hebrew meets **5:30-6:30 PM Thursdays on Zoom**

Check the B'nai Zion website for details and dates



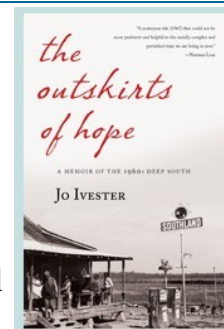
## People of the Book Club

Our next book will be *The Outskirts of Hope: A Memoir of the 1960's Deep South* by Jo Ivester. It was published in 2015, and it's the story of the author's family's move from Newton, MA when she was a child to Mound Bayou, MS. Her father was a doctor, her mother a teacher, and they were one of two white families in the extremely poor town. The author now lives in Texas, and she has just written another book, *Once a Girl, Always a Boy* about her family's experience with her transgender son. It has just been released and seems to be getting good press.

Not everyone in our book club grew up in the '60s in the South, but those of us who did will have our own experiences to share, though nothing to match the author's.

The book is not too long - 260 pages - so we should be able to discuss it in January. We will continue to meet by Zoom for now. We are looking at the second week (our usual meeting time). We could meet on Thursday, Jan. 14, Tuesday, Jan. 12 or even Wednesday, Jan. 13 if that is best for you.

If you want to read this book and/or be part of the discussion, please let Helaine know which night you prefer.



# North Louisiana Jewish Federation



All details for the events and more can be found at: [JewishNLA.org](http://JewishNLA.org)

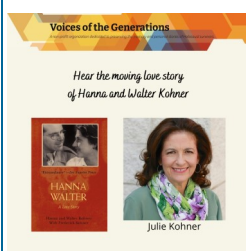
## LEARN JEWISH COOKING ONLINE WITH CELEBRITY CHEFS



Enjoy a virtual international culinary journey with four celebrity chefs on the Israeli and American scenes. Explore their Moroccan, Yemenite, Persian, Tunisian, and Ashkenazi backgrounds, recipes and culinary inspirations.

- ✧ Einat Admony <https://www.chefeinat.com/> – The Ultimate Balaboosta  
Tuesday, January 19th, 7:00pm  
Menu: Moroccan Spiced Fish, Yemenite Salad with Fenugreek-Yoghurt Dressing, and Ja'ala
  - ✧ Lior Lev-Sercarz <https://www.laboiteny.com/pages/about-lior> – The Spice Master  
Tuesday, January 26th, 7:00pm  
Menu: Freekah and Feta Salad; Charred Eggplant and Labneh Parfait
  - ✧ Danielle Renov <https://peaslovenicarrots.com/about-me/> – Peas, Love & Carrots  
Tuesday, February 2nd, 7:00pm  
Menu: Meat stuffed artichokes; Sumac-Scented Fennel and Tangerine Salad
  - ✧ Adeena Sussman <https://www.adeenasussman.com/> – Sababa  
Tuesday, February 9th, 7:00pm  
Menu: My Mother's Irresistible Peach Kuchen; Chewy Tahini Blondies
- Reserve Your Spot Online Today: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/celebrity-chefs-series-registration-129628370947>

## VOICES OF THE GENERATIONS



Julie Kohner, daughter of Holocaust survivor Hanna Kohner, shares memories, videos, and her parents' inspiring love story. This program is geared toward Middle & High School students and their families, but is open to the general public. Join us on January 10th, as we do our part to "Never Forget" the Holocaust.

RSVP Online Today: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/voices-of-the-generations-registration-130440574269>

## Henry S. Jacobs Camp



- ✧ Register for Camp: [jacobscamp.org/register](http://jacobscamp.org/register)
- ✧ Taste of Camp 1st-4th Grade 1:30 pm January 24 sign up at [jacobscamp.org/tasteofcamp](http://jacobscamp.org/tasteofcamp)
- ✧ Missing Jacobs Camp?  
Relive the magic through our new Promo Video!  
[Jacobscamp.org/promo](http://Jacobscamp.org/promo)
- ✧ B'nai Zion and the Jewish Federation can help with scholarships  
[bnaizioncongregation.org/Education/Scholarships](http://bnaizioncongregation.org/Education/Scholarships)

# Donations Were Made to These Funds:

## **BUILDING & GROUNDS**

### **In Honor of**

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### **In Memory of**

James Muslow from **Barbara & Edgar Newstadt**  
Leonard Selber from **Jerie & Jon Black**  
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### **In Honor of**

Mandel Selber, Jr. from **Suzanne Miller**

### **In Honor of**

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

Dorothy Lobel from **Mandy Selber Jr.**  
Kathy Plante from **Linda Finley**

### **In Memory of**

Joseph Goldman from **Mandy Selber Jr.**  
Rae Goldstein from **Mandy Selber Jr.**  
Alfred Kent from **Mandy Selber Jr.**  
Sophie Lepow from **Connie and Donald Posner**  
Charles Selber from **Mandy Selber Jr.**  
Leonard Selber from **Mandy Selber Jr.**  
Leonard Selber from **Kathleen Plante**  
Mandel C. Selber, Sr. and Mary R. Selber from **Mandel C. Selber, Jr., Suzanne Selber-Miller, Kimberly Selber-Lester, and Mandy Selber III**  
Joanne Selber-Vedlitz from **Mandy Selber Jr.**

## **FOUNDATION**

### **In Memory of**

Abry S. Cahn, Jr. from **Michael Rubenstein**  
Leonard Selber from **Jane Rubenstein & Michael Rubenstein**

## **L'DOR VADOR**

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

Dorothy Lobel from **Rozann & Robert Frey**

## **RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY**

### **For the complete recovery of**

Rabbi Jana De Benedetti from **Cathy & Abraham Aufrichtig**

### **In Honor of**

Rabbi Jana De Benedetti from **Kimberly & Henry Florsheim**  
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Rabbi Jana De Benedetti from **Grayson and McKenzie Nash**  
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### **In Memory of**

Ross Stuart Aufrichtig from **Cathy & Abraham Aufrichtig**  
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### **In Memory of**

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

Sam Silverblatt from **Mark Kaplan**

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## SISTERHOOD DONATIONS

### In Honor of

Bethany Sorkey from Sylvia & Carl Goodman

### In Memory of

Sophia Lepow from Sylvia & Carl Goodman

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### In Honor of the Birthday of

Buddy Rubenstein from Nell Cahn

Buddy Rubenstein from Dorothy & Bernard Lobel

### In Memory of

Leonard Selber from Nell Cahn

## GENERAL

### In Honor of

the 90th Birthday of David Rubenstein from Marcia Katzenstein

### In Honor of the Birthday of

Harriett Marcus from Marcia Katzenstein

### In Honor of

Kol B'Seder Concert from Sheila Lawrence

### In Memory of

Sophia Lepow from Tamara & Laurence Courtney

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Shaw



## GENERAL (continued)

### In Memory of

Leonard Selber from Catherine & Jerry Goldstein

Leonard Selber from Bobbye Goodman

Leonard Selber from Carl & Sylvia Goodman

Leonard Selber from Bobbie Cates Hicks

Leonard Selber from The Michael Kantrow families

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## November 29-December 5

12/04 \*William M. Blumberg 33-11  
 11/30 Eric Brock  
 12/04 Richard Bronner  
 12/05 Eva P. Cooperstein 14-09  
 11/29 Gladys Dreifus 13-11  
 12/05 Melanie Meyer Goldstein  
 12/01 Max Kalisky  
 12/04 Irvin Kassof  
 12/03 Frank Katzenstein 13-04  
 12/03 Donald Kern  
 11/30 Norman Kranson 43-21  
 12/03 Jane Leeds  
 12/02 Doris Stern Levinson  
 11/30 Paul Shapiro 25-24  
 11/30 Paul Silverblatt  
 11/29 Hermina Ochs Silverman  
 11/30 \*Sam Wolff 23-03

## December 6-12

12/08 Esther Fish Arbili  
 12/08 Sam Benon  
 12/06 Ike Cullick  
 12/09 Jake Evensky  
 12/09 Belle Fenkelstein  
 12/07 M. Mendell Heller 21-18  
 12/06 "Mickey" (Milton) Holland  
 12/12 Solomon Lepow  
 12/07 Hyman A. Perlstein 15-18  
 12/08 Lillian Rothkopf  
 12/08 Mary R. Selber 12-04  
 12/08 Mandel C. Selber, Sr. 12-07  
 12/08 Yvette Somer 42-21  
 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 13-19

12/14 Libbie Bliss Abramson  
 12/18 Ross Stuart Aufrichtig 33-13  
 12/18 Marx Bluestein M21  
 12/16 Z. Brainis  
 12/14 Roger David  
 12/17 Pearl G. Dover 14-10  
 12/13 \*Jules Henry Dreyfuss 43-05  
 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  
 12/13 Caro W. Levy 13-12  
 12/17 Helen L. Levy 12-23  
 12/17 Herbert Loeb  
 12/18 Carol Steiner Rubenstein 34-14  
 12/15 Lottie Feld Selber 23-11  
 12/16 Sam Sklar 14-02  
 12/14 Jewel M. Sorkin 15-15  
 12/15 \*Jacob "Jack" Stein  
 12/16 Sylvia Terrell  
 12/18 \*Sam Weisman  
 12/15 Elise Willer  
 12/17 Charles Yellen

## December 20-26

12/25 Milton Abrams  
 12/22 \*Leon Abramson  
 12/20 Ingrid Benson  
 12/21 Leon Chernick  
 12/25 Annie Gardsbane  
 12/23 Sheldon Goldsholl 42-25  
 12/21 Paul Heiss  
 12/22 \*Henry Kahan 25-15  
 12/25 Bertha Kassof  
 12/26 Leo Kent  
 12/24 Thomas Douglas Kleban  
 12/25 Theodora Kranson 43-22  
 12/21 Leona Lefkowitz  
 12/26 Theodore Mandel  
 12/26 \*Harry Mittenthal  
 12/26 Mamie G. Perlstein 15-19  
 12/20 Emogene Silber Pliner  
 12/22 William Rhodes  
 12/20 Armand W. Roos 11-14  
 12/25 Gertrude Siegel Scheinberg  
 12/23 Molly Scrinopskie  
 12/22 Chuck Selber 24-21  
 12/20 George L. Shanhouse  
 12/24 Louise Shavin

## December 20-26 cont'd

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  
 12/20 Sarah Willer  
 12/22 Viola Wolff 23-04

## December 27-January 2

01/01 Kay Adams  
 12/29 Louis M. Bodenheimer  
 01/01 Bertha H. Cheatham 21-21  
 01/01 Dr. Norman N. Fein  
 12/29 Etta Freyer  
 12/29 Edith Gerson  
 1/02 Arnold Hermer 24-24  
 12/29 Sidney L. Herold  
 12/29 Herman L. Herold  
 01/02 Fred S. Holman  
 01/01 Jack Katzenstein  
 12/28 Regina B. Kaufman M26  
 12/27 Leah Langford  
 01/02 Hilda Levi  
 12/30 Bill Mantinband  
 01/02 Joseph S. Murov 13-18  
 01/02 \*Harold Murov 31-06  
 01/01 Gwen Murov 44-03  
 01/01 Bobby Redstone  
 01/01 Alexander Rifkin  
 12/31 Hyman Schuster  
 12/31 Sarah Schuster  
 01/01 Dr. Joseph Shavin  
 12/30 Horace Simon Sr.  
 01/01 Harold Strausman  
 01/02 Janet Stuart

The 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.

# Yahrzeits: May Remembering Them Be A Blessing

## January 3-9

1/7 Theresa M. Arrant M11  
 1/7 Harold B Baron  
 1/5 Jacob Barron M07  
 1/7 \*Paul Brainis  
 1/9 Ann Evensky  
 1/4 Sylvian W. Gamm 11-20  
 1/7 Bella Gold  
 1/5 Bertha Gold  
 1/8 Bernice Herman  
 1/7 \*Sidney Herold  
 1/7 Israel Kosovitz  
 1/7 Nathan Kranson  
 1/7 \*Gershon Marcus 32-12  
 1/4 Naomi Murov  
 1/4 \*Lazar Max Murov 44-08  
 1/3 Stella Phillips 11-09  
 1/4 Lillian Strug Rambach  
 1/9 Margaret Golden Rifkin 42-23  
 1/8 Frances Selber 12-08  
 1/4 Lucille Stern  
 1/8 Della Goldstein Weis  
 1/8 Hazel Weisman  
 1/9 Alvin Willer  
 1/9 Newman Zelinsky

## January 10-16

1/10 Lucile Bodenheimer  
 1/10 Lee Edward Dreyfuss  
 1/12 Lou P. Ellison 24-05  
 1/15 \*Albert Elmer  
 1/13 Martin Feldman  
 1/12 Joseph Slaughter Frankel 14-03  
 1/15 Kenneth Gompertz 33-15  
 1/16 Adeline M. Hermer 21-07  
 1/15 Hubert L. Joyner  
 1/10 Henry Sour Katzenstein  
 1/14 Elsa K. Kent 25-12  
 1/14 Fannie Klumok  
 1/10 David Levy 22-16  
 1/15 Irwin Muslow 25-19  
 1/13 Robert David Pesses 34-17  
 1/10 Robert E. Redstone, Sr.  
 1/15 Debra W. Richardson 44-23  
 1/13 \*Everett Rubenstein 31-21  
 1/15 Morris Schuster 14-14  
 1/16 Rachel Selber  
 1/16 Rose Seligman  
 1/11 Jane Blumenthal Steiner 22-12  
 1/16 Alan Sugar  
 1/10 E. Bernard Weiss 13-09

## January 17-23

1/20 Larry Abrams  
 1/21 George Abrams  
 1/19 Ben Blumberg 34-21  
 1/23 Margarethe Grete Louise Braun  
 1/22 \*Henry E. Cahn 43-03  
 1/23 Genevieve Cowan  
 1/23 Harry Ehrlich M14  
 1/19 Burnhardt W. Fane 13-16  
 1/20 Dr. William G. Fellman 34-12  
 1/20 Ruth Goldsholl  
 1/22 Harriet Goldsmith  
 1/17 June Herold  
 1/22 Louis Kariel, Jr.  
 1/21 Herbert Loeb  
 1/18 Stella Loeb 13-22  
 1/21 Hannah Marx M04  
 1/19 Sophie Meisel 15-05  
 1/22 Vera Miller  
 1/23 Isaac Muslow M10  
 1/18 Ike Muslow, MD 24-07  
 1/21 Micah Ross Newstadt 25-20  
 1/23 Lee Ellen Ogletorpe  
 1/22 Louis Schwartz  
 1/23 Morris J. Weiss  
 1/20 Sydney Willer  
 1/19 Sam Zadeck 12-15

## January 24--30

1/29 Ruby S. Blumenthal  
 1/29 Cecile Lemle Childs  
 1/25 Josephine B. Cohen  
 1/27 Benjamin B. Eltis  
 1/24 Zelda Finkelstein  
 1/24 Shirley Freyer 33-17  
 1/29 Carol L Gamm 24-25  
 1/26 Paul Gardsbane  
 1/24 Isabel Goldman  
 1/24 Felice Flaxman Harris  
 1/27 Goldie Williams Heine  
 1/27 Millie Hyman  
 1/27 Joe Kahn  
 1/26 Esther A. Kaufman M15  
 1/30 Serretta Krom  
 1/28 Sadie L. Kuperman 15-02  
 1/30 Miriam Levine  
 1/27 H. Joe Levy  
 1/29 Lillian A. Mandel  
 1/27 Max Morris  
 1/27 Hyman Muslow 13-02  
 1/24 \*Marvin Muslow 32-08  
 1/24 Jacob Novek  
 1/29 Armand Roos, Jr. 31-24  
 1/26 Sophie Ruben  
 1/28 Morris Ruben  
 1/27 Dr. Melvin Steiner 22-11  
 1/26 Thelma Winkler

## January 31-February 6

2/05 Eugenie Marrus Abramson  
 2/02 Samuel Atkins  
 2/04 Steve Brainis 31-18  
 2/03 Jake Cullick  
 2/04 Dora Weis Diebner  
 2/01 Lewis Feinberg  
 2/06 Bennie Goldstein 22-05  
 2/02 Cerf Hirsch  
 2/02 Morris Hirsh  
 2/02 Sol Kaplan  
 2/06 \*Rabbi David Lefkowitz, Jr. 32-10  
 2/04 Betty Levy 11-18  
 2/05 Doris Katz Meltzer  
 2/02 Shirl S. Morris  
 1/31 Jack Ruben 23-05  
 2/06 Helen S. Wilhelm 11-04



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)*  
 Board M is the large Marble stone near the stairs.  
 \*An asterisk before a name indicates the deceased was a veteran

## How Your Purchases Have Helped

August 2020 through November 2020 there were 37 households that helped generate \$88.42 total donation from the Kroger Community Rewards Program.

Go to the B'nai Zion "Donate by Shopping" page online or contact the office so that your purchases can be a source of donations for B'nai Zion.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries in December

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



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

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

## Birthdays and Anniversaries in January

### January 2021 Birthdays

1/04 Michael Stahl  
1/05 Sharon Goldman  
1/05 Natalya Murov  
1/08 Perry Hyman  
1/10 Diane Dufilho  
1/15 Sheila Lawrence  
1/16 Dr. Glen Watkins  
1/19 Ardis Robison II



1/20 Dr. Carl Goodman  
1/23 Grant Nuckolls  
1/26 Donna Greengus  
1/27 Emily Brooks  
1/27 Max De Benedetti  
1/27 Ben Posner  
1/29 Joe Badt Jr.  
1/31 Rachel Robichaux  
1/31 Gabrielle Miller

## Condolences to the Family and Friends of:



Joseph G. Parris, father of Kyle Parris

May his memory be a blessing

B'nai Zion Congregation		January 2021/ Tevet ~ Sh'vat 5781				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1 (17 Tevet)</b> New Year's Day Office is Closed *Candle Lighting 5:03p Simcha Shabbat Online Service 6:00p Oneg Shabbat on Zoom after Shabbat Service 7:00p	<b>2 (18 Tevet) Va-y'chi</b> Zoom Torah Study & Shabbat Morning Service 9:45a Torah Study via Zoom 9:45a *Havdalah 6:03p
<b>3 (19 Tevet)</b>	<b>4 (20 Tevet)</b>	<b>5 (21 Tevet)</b> 6p Together Tuesday	<b>6 (22 Tevet)</b> Hebrew Class	<b>7 (23 Tevet)</b> Hebrew Class	<b>8 (24 Tevet)</b> *Candle Lighting 5:08p Friday Evening ONLINE Shabbat Service 6:00p	<b>9 (25 Tevet) Sh'mot</b> Torah Study via Zoom 9:45a Saturday Morning Shabbat Service via Zoom 11:00a *Havdalah 6:09p
<b>10 (26 Tevet)</b> Religious School Hebrew Class  Voices of the Generations Daughter of Holocaust Survivors 11-12 Zoom	<b>11 (27 Tevet)</b>	<b>12 (28 Tevet)</b>	<b>13 (29 Tevet)</b> Hebrew Class	<b>14 (1 Sh'vat)</b> Hebrew Class	<b>15 (2 Sh'vat)</b> *Candle Lighting 5:14p Friday Evening ONLINE Shabbat Service 6:00p	<b>16 (3 Sh'vat) Va-eira</b> Torah Study via Zoom 9:45a Saturday Morning Shabbat Service via Zoom 11:00a *Havdalah 6:15p
<b>17 (4 Sh'vat)</b>  NO Religious School	<b>18 (5 Sh'vat)</b>  MLK Day	<b>19 (6 Sh'vat)</b> BZ Board Mtg 6p  Learn Jewish Cooking Online with Celebrity Chefs 7:00p	<b>20 (7 Sh'vat)</b> Hebrew Class	<b>21 (8 Sh'vat)</b> Hebrew Class	<b>22 (9 Sh'vat)</b> *Candle Lighting 5:21p Friday Evening ONLINE Shabbat Service 6:00p	<b>23 (10 Sh'vat) Bo</b> Torah Study via Zoom 9:45a Saturday Morning Shabbat Service via Zoom 11:00a *Havdalah 6:22p
<b>24 (11 Sh'vat)</b> Religious School Hebrew Class	<b>25 (12 Sh'vat)</b>	<b>26 (13 Sh'vat)</b> Learn Jewish Cooking Online with Celebrity Chefs 7:00p	<b>27 (14 Sh'vat)</b> Hebrew Class	<b>28 (15 Sh'vat)</b> Tu B'Shvat Hebrew Class	<b>29 (16 Sh'vat)</b> *Candle Lighting 5:27p Shabbat Shirah - The Sabbath of Song Online Service 6:00p	<b>30 (17 Sh'vat) B'shalach</b> Torah Study via Zoom 9:45a Saturday Morning Shabbat Service via Zoom 11:00a *Havdalah 6:28p
<b>31 (18 Sh'vat)</b> Religious School Hebrew Class						<i>*These are for you to know traditional times for when Shabbat candles are to be lit, and when Shabbat ends. Unless otherwise shown, B'nai Zion does not have an event scheduled for these. If you have questions about how to observe these events, please contact Rabbi Jana.</i>



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

## **The Last Bulletin**

B'nai Zion continues to keep the congregation and friends and family informed of events and other information in a variety of ways.

A few years ago we began to have the bulletin online, with printed copies only sent to people who requested it. Only a few people have requested paper copies.

We have been working on making the B'nai Zion website, emails and phone calls more “robust” so that the information that has been in the bulletin can be found in these other media.

We will continue to try to send weekly updates via email and phone calls - and more frequently when appropriate (for example, to inform about a death).

Anyone who would like to receive copies of the emails via USPS, please let the office know.

Check out the new B'nai Zion NEWS page. It now includes the Calendar, Events, and will soon have a way to find an archive of the BZ BuzZ BitZ (the emails).

Since we will be celebrating Tu BiSh'vat - the Birthday of the Trees - this year on January 28, consider this a birthday present to the trees. We will be using less paper while still keeping everyone informed.

