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## Sending Messages of Support to Israel



*During the October Families Together event, students made artful cards to send to Israel to help bring a smile to those who are having a hard time. The students wrote very compassionate messages.*

*For more photos from Families Together and Hebrew School events, turn to page 16.*

## A Thriving Hebrew School

*A chance to discover Judaism and Jewish life*

— by Rabbi David Weiner

It's hard to believe that we have reached the halfway point of the Hebrew School year! After the changes we made to the funding and structure of the program this summer, it is important to share with the congregation some of what has been happening in our classrooms.

### Enrollment

Enrollment is up, and attendance is consistently high. When Knesset Israel changed its policies to incorporate Jewish education as a privilege of synagogue membership, rather than requiring a separate tuition payment, it opened the doors of the school and the synagogue.

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# From the Rabbi

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With the financial barriers removed, several families joined or rejoined KI and began sending their children to the program. Also a few students from Temple Anshe Amunim are participating in elements of the school program, especially our Shabbat morning Jewish Studies classes.

## A vibrant Saturday

A typical Shabbat morning at Knesset Israel's Hebrew School is quite vibrant. The morning often begins with inspiring, energetic singing for all students led by Mike Duffy, a new teacher who is a lay leader at Temple Anshe Amunim. Dana Siegel teaches a small group of kindergarten students about Hebrew letter recognition, Shabbat, holidays, and Jewish values. Amy Abramovich and Ellen Masters lead the Jewish Studies program for elementary school students; both of them are teaching selections from the prophets and, in an age-appropriate way, biographies of Jewish people of significance. Rebecca Cook-Dubin is facilitating an energetic Junior Congregation, where students learn the words, melodies and practice of prayer. Rebecca has initiated family-focused mornings, when parents join in the program, and intergenerational days that encourage conversation between the students and senior members of the synagogue. Occasionally our fifth grade students read Torah. Meanwhile, Jilly Lederman, Elisa Snowise, Jeff Cook, and Ari Weiner teach our bar/bat/brit mitzvah program, where four students are learning to lead services, read Torah and Haftarah, and prepare Divrei Torah, while also studying ancient Jewish history. New this year is Tot Shabbat, when the youngest congregants of KI and Temple Anshe Amunim gather with their parents for an adorable early childhood mini-service and program, led by Mike Duffy and Dana Siegel.

I am looking forward to our students' continued learning and discovery of Judaism, Jewish community, and Jewish life.

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## Learning Hebrew and more

Renewed programming on Wednesday afternoons has been drawing consistent participation. While bar/bat/brit mitzvah classes are taking place in the library, the classrooms downstairs are buzzing with activity. Students begin the afternoon with a one-hour Hebrew lesson, in very small groups led by Molly Souede, Rabbi Becca Walker, Amy Abramovich, Elisa Snowise, and Joe Weiner. Everyone is moving forward, and we are especially pleased with the brisk progress of the "Hebrew Reading from Scratch" class, which has already mastered half the alphabet! In the second hour of the program, students have been engaged in arts projects and experiential activities related to holiday themes, led by Rabbi Becca, often in partnership with Molly. Highlights have included tashlich, banana breads and gratitude jars for Thanksgiving, and hanukiyot for Hannuka; we are looking forward to a tallit-making project and dramatics in the winter and spring.

## A vibrant community

Add congregational programming — Shirei Shabbat, Community Shabbat Dinners, Families Together, Simchat Torah, Purim, our new Board Games Shabbat — and the Jewish education experience for children and families at Knesset Israel is embracing and energizing. I am looking forward to our students' continued learning and discovery of Judaism, Jewish community, and Jewish life.

Standing in Solidarity with Israel

Excerpts from Rabbi Weiner's email updates

Below are two brief excerpts from Rabbi Weiner's very informative December 1 email to the congregation: Standing In Solidarity with Israel.

Israeli Rabbinical Assembly solidarity mission

Rabbi Weiner signed up to travel to Israel with a group of about 20 North American Conservative rabbis for a 5-day mission of solidarity and pastoral care in mid-December. Invited by their colleagues in Israel, they traveled as rabbis, intending to provide much-needed support to our overwhelmed Israeli counterparts and to offer a listening ear to families displaced from their homes in northern and southern Israel.

From Rabbi Weiner: It doesn't matter which rabbis go, but some of us need to show up. I feel blessed to be in a position to say "Hineni" to this important mitzvah. The sense of isolation and abandonment among Israelis is palpable, even across the ocean, and I get the sense that a compassionate presence and listening ear will make a difference. On Shabbat morning, January 6, Rabbi Weiner hopes to offer a more organized message reflecting on what he heard, learned, and experienced in Israel. Watch K.I.'s E-news for any date change and details.

Jewish Perspectives on this Moment

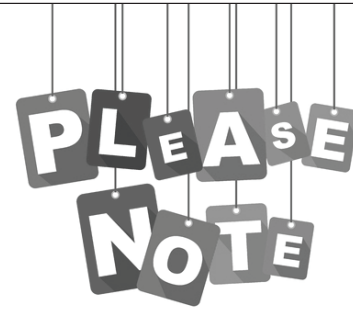
If you choose one thing to watch/listen to, Jewish Perspectives on this Moment, (hartman.org.il/jewish-perspectives-on-this-moment/) a Zoom webinar from the Hartman Institute was especially moving. Two gifted scholars of Judaism — both women of color, both peace activists, one a rabbi and poet/philosopher in Israel and the other a community leader in New York—pour out their hearts in pursuit of understanding and compassion.

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Submit weekly announcements to the K.I. E-News.

To submit, write a short paragraph with the what, where, and when and email it to Diana at office@knessetisrael.org. Include an image if you have one. Deadline: Tuesdays for Thursday E-News.

Prayers for Healing. Submit prayer requests to Diana by email at office@knessetisrael.org before 11:00 a.m. Friday mornings.

The Book of Life. K.I.'s guide to everything, including burial and lifecycle policies, is on the K.I. website: knessetisrael.org.

In compliance with United Synagogue standards, it is requested that you refrain from conducting synagogue business via email, text, and/or phone calls on Shabbat. Thank you.

Did you know that Knesset Israel has a Facebook page?

If you are on Facebook please "friend" our page and comment on, like, and share our posts.

A summary of the weekly parsha appears at the bottom of the weekly K.I. E-News.

K.I. Cares

If you or another K.I. member you know is experiencing serious illness requiring support, please contact the Care Committee by emailing Diana at office@knessetisrael.com. We will be in touch with you.

# K.I. Services, Classes & Events

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## Shabbat Candle Lighting

### JANUARY

Friday, January 5 .....	4:16 p.m.
Friday, January 12.....	4:23 p.m.
Friday, January 19.....	4:32 p.m.
Friday, January 26.....	4:40 p.m.

### FEBRUARY

Friday, February 2.....	4:50 p.m.
Friday, February 9.....	4:59 p.m.
Friday, February 16.....	5:08 p.m.
Friday, February 23.....	5:17 p.m.

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## Weekly Services

### ■ SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN

IN PERSON..... 8:45 a.m.

### ■ TUESDAY EVENING DAVENING

ON ZOOM..... 7:00 p.m.

### ■ THURSDAY EVENING DAVENING

ON ZOOM..... 7:00 p.m.

### ■ FRIDAY KABBALAT SHABBAT

IN PERSON AND LIVESTREAM..... 5:45 p.m.

• January 5 (snow date January 12) — Shirei Shabbat, followed by dinner at 6:45 p.m.

• January 19 — Musical Minyan (no dinner)

• February 2 — Musical Minyan (no dinner)

• February 9 (snow date February 16) — Shirei Shabbat, followed by dinner at 6:45 p.m.

### ■ SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICE

IN PERSON AND LIVESTREAM..... 9:30 a.m.

**LIVESTREAM:** [www.knessetisrael.org/livestream](http://www.knessetisrael.org/livestream)

**ZOOM:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/934910554>

**MEETING ID:** 934 910 554

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## Emergency Contacts

### PASTORAL CARE

If you need emergency pastoral care for any reason, please contact Rabbi Weiner, 413-445-4872, ext. 10.

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## Special Services

### ■ TOT SHABBAT

Saturdays, January 6 and February 3

10-10:45 a.m. in the K.I. Chapel

Mike Duffy, a song leader and a Jewish educator at Temple Anshe Amunim will lead the morning. Gather for singing and fun, and maybe stay for a snack after. This program is geared for children K-1 and younger who are accompanied by parents, grandparents, or guardians. All are welcome. We hope you will attend to celebrate Shabbat with us!

### ■ SPECIAL JUNIOR CONGREGATION SERVICES

Saturday, January 6 — Shabbat with Parents

Saturday, February 3 — Intergenerational Shabbat  
In the K.I. Chapel

Junior Congregation extends an invitation to share these special Shabbat services with us. We hope you will attend.

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## Families Together

### ■ FAMILIES TOGETHER MUSIC & PAJAMAS HAVDALAH

Saturday, January 20

5:30 p.m. in the Social Hall

The end of Shabbat is a sweet opportunity for us all to connect and welcome the new week. Parents and children will gather for a musical Havdalah complete with hot chocolate. Feel free to wear your coziest PJs, too! There will be stories and activities related to Havdalah. Whether Havdalah is your regular practice — or this will be your first — you will enjoy this evening.

### ■ FAMILIES TOGETHER DINNER

Wednesday, February 7

5:15 p.m. in the Social Hall

Join Families together for a cooking event for all ages. We will learn about and cook some traditional Jewish foods (and maybe even one you haven't heard of!). Families Together is generously funded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation.

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### FUNERALS

Knesset Israel's arrangements are handled with Flynn-Dagnoli Funeral Home. Please call 413-663-6523 or 413-442-1733.

You can also email [flynndagnoli@albany.twbc.com](mailto:flynndagnoli@albany.twbc.com).

## Adult Education

### ■ NEW THURSDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION CLASS: DEATH PENALTY IN THE TALMUD

with Rabbi David Weiner

**Thursdays, January 4 through March 21  
10:45 a.m.-noon in the K.I. Library, with a Zoom option.**

KI's Thursday Morning Adult Education class continues with a new topic in 2024: The Death Penalty in the Talmud. This class, developed by Rabbi Miriam-Simma Walfish for Project Zug ([projectzug.org](http://projectzug.org)), will be facilitated by Rabbi David Weiner. Sessions will incorporate small group discussions and text study, and course participants will be able to watch Rabbi Walfish's lectures online.

Rabbi Walfish describes the course as follows: "At times, modern death penalty discourse can seem black and white and simplistic. Those who support it cite deterrence and retribution as the primary reasons for this punishment, while those against often cite the possibility of wrongful conviction and the sanctity of human life as reasons against.

"What often gets neglected, however, is any discussion of the intricacies of the death penalty process itself. As

Beth Berkowitz states in her book *Execution and Invention: Death Penalty Discourse in Early Rabbinic and Christian Cultures* (which inspired this course), we will examine rabbinic discussions of the death penalty, "...in order to better understand the nexus between violence and authority in the cultures of ancient Judaism and, ultimately, in our own."

"Together we will explore questions such as "is a 'good death' ever possible?" What is the role of retribution in the criminal justice system then and now? How do the rituals of death empower or remove agency from the various actors involved? We will pair rabbinic texts with more modern takes on the death penalty and allow both types of sources to draw out aspects in the other we may not have seen otherwise."

New participants are welcome, and advance registration is required. **Please email [office@knesetisrael.org](mailto:office@knesetisrael.org) to sign up.** Current participants in Rabbi Weiner's Psalms class will have their registration rolled over automatically.

There is no charge. Donations to support adult education at Kneset Israel are always welcome.

### ■ ANOTHER ANGLE: EXODUS

with Rabbi Becca Walker

**Wednesdays, January 3, 10, 17 and 24; February 7 and 14  
10:45-11:45 a.m. (new time!)**

This interactive class will study the Torah portion with a twist. Each week we will look at a text from rabbinic literature (like the Talmud or midrash) that relates back to the Torah portion from the book of Exodus. Each class we will do a deep dive into a few verses and appreciate the different viewpoints across texts and commentaries, and even add our own. The class is discussion-based and appropriate for all levels. This is a drop-in class, so come when your schedule allows. It will run for 6 sessions starting January 3. **Register at [knesetisrael.org/RSVP](http://knesetisrael.org/RSVP)**



*Shabbat Sha-basics will look into the origins of Shabbat customs and traditions, like the Challah cover.*

### ■ SHABBAT SHA-BASICS

with Rabbi Becca Walker

**Wednesdays, February 14 and 28;  
March 6  
7:30-8:45 p.m.  
in the K.I. Library and on Zoom**

This 3-session class is a great way to explore Shabbat practice, and to gain tools to deepen your Shabbat experience. We will cover the how(s) and why(s) of Shabbat. Together we will learn/refresh how to set the table, do the blessings (candles, kiddush, etc.), and discover what they mean. We will look into the origins of the different Shabbat customs and traditions, and

so much more! This is a judgment-free class—come with your questions. This class is great for those are Shabbat beginners, or others who would appreciate a refresher — all are welcome!

### ■ WANT TO VISIT THE YIDDISH BOOK CENTER?

#### Gauging interest for a winter excursion

The Adult Education Committee is planning a trip to see the new permanent exhibit at the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst this winter. We are trying to get an idea of how many people would be interested in going. We would aim for a Sunday visit, and depending on cost, may either secure a small bus and driver or organize a carpool — all weather-permitting. If you are interested please let Sheila Goldlust know at the email below. This is not a commitment on your part, we are simply trying to determine the level of interest from K.I. Contact [sjgoldlust@gmail.com](mailto:sjgoldlust@gmail.com).

# Member Mitzvahs & Mazel Tovs

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■ **Nathan Asher Promisel**, grandson of **Myra and Larry Promisel**, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on September 30, 2023, at Temple B'nai Jeshurun in Short Hills, New Jersey. Nathan is the son of **Seth and Amy Promisel**. Mazel Tov!

■ **Joseph Weiner**, son of **Rabbi David and Judith Weiner**, was honored with the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents' Certificate of Academic Excellence. The annual award is given to students who excel in both academic achievement and community involvement. "One of his teachers describes him as a 'driven and passionate young man who rises up to the challenge each time with a positive attitude.'"<sup>1</sup>

Joe was nominated by school counselor Ann Marie Mutz, who commented: "One personal asset that Joe exhibits is helping others. This is seen most often in math class but does continue into his

*Sharing joy is one way to build the bonds of community. KOL K.I. is here to print any good news you have — babies born, special birthdays, anniversaries, awards, teen accomplishments, anything that uplifts us.*

*If you hear or know of any nachas, just email the "Mitzvah Maven" at [chama2194@gmail.com](mailto:chama2194@gmail.com). Anything retroactive is welcome — photos too. Wishing you joy to send so that all can share.*

musical experiences with others as well as his Synagogue."<sup>1</sup>

You make us all proud, Joe.

<sup>1</sup> *iBerkshires, October 15: "Two Pittsfield Upperclassmen Given Academic Excellence Award."*

■ A little late, but we wanted to acknowledge that this past November, our talented member **Steve Miller** performed in the Oldies but Goodies show at Wahconah Regional High School in Dalton. Applause, applause!

■ Todah Rabah to all the members of K.I. who participated in the "Stand with Israel" rally in Washington, D.C. Demonstrators gathered at the National Mall on November 14 in support of Israel and against the antisemitic incidents that have resulted in the U.S. since the start of the Hamas war. Thank you for representing us among the tens of thousands of Jewish people and supporters. Am Yisrael Chai.

■ We would like to recognize **Fred Landes**, who recently volunteered at a branch of Wolfson Hospital in Tel Aviv, Israel, and offered some reflections on his experience as a guest d'var torah at K.I.'s December 30 Shabbat services.

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## Want to Make Some Hamantashen?

*Volunteers needed for all steps of process*

— by *Cindy Helitzer*

This year we are continuing the K.I. tradition of baking hamantashen for the Purim holiday. Of course, we need volunteers to help with rolling the dough, filling, pinching the shapes, watching the ovens and packing the cookies.

Baking happens on Sunday mornings, 9 a.m. to noon, starting January 14 through February 25. Two baking Sundays will be added if needed due to weather conditions. If you would like to volunteer to help with this fun project, contact Cindy Helitzer at [chelitzer2012@gmail.com](mailto:chelitzer2012@gmail.com). Then rollup your sleeves, tie back your hair, put on your gloves ... and bake!

This winter's Purim fundraiser will raise money to support Knesset Israel. The form to order your hamantashen is on the next page.



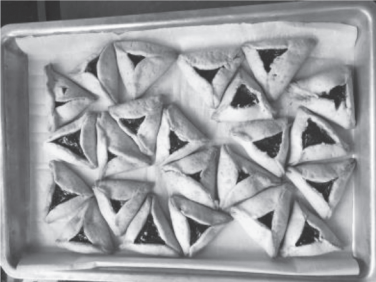
*Cindy Helitzer and Susan Gorden heading up the hamantashen baking crew in 2022.*

# Hamantashen

**Share the Joy of Purim** by giving Mishloach Manot gift bags filled with delicious hamantashen made by Knesset Israel volunteers! Mishloach Manot describes the mitzvah of exchanging gifts of food during the holiday of Purim.

You may also purchase **Hamantashen by the Dozens** – see below.

### Mishloach Manot Gift Bags



On the included list of KI congregants/staff, please check off to whom you wish to give a gift of hamantashen. Please send this list back with your order.


\_\_\_ \$300 to give Mishloach Manot to every KI member/staff

\_\_\_ \$200 to reciprocate to those who give to you (choose up to 13 names)

\_\_\_ Choose 1-12 names - each bag of hamantashen is \$16.  
 Number of bags \_\_\_ X \$16 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Mishloach Manot Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### Hamantashen by the Dozens!



How many **dozen** of each flavor:

\_\_\_ Apricot \_\_\_ Raspberry \_\_\_ Mixed (6 apricot/6 raspberry)

# of dozens \_\_\_ x \$16 per dozen = \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Your email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like your name to be signed on Mishloach Manot letter?

Please print clearly

**Make check payable to Knesset Israel with "hamantashen" in the memo**  
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Arnold Lobovits  
Morton Safran

**21 TEVET - JAN. 2**

Ronnie Schlichter  
Bacall  
Regina Becker  
Stanley Kaufman  
Robert S. Braun  
Harry Weltman

**22 TEVET - JAN. 3**

Aranka Molnar  
Harry Aranove  
William Weltman  
William Waller  
Siegfried Servos

**23 TEVET - JAN. 4**

Elissa Landes  
Joyce Schiller  
William Taubin  
Abraham Arthur  
Geller  
Leonard Bleetstein  
Hilda Buckheim  
Jacob Klein  
Zipporah Buckheim  
Herman Garbowit  
Louis Shainblum  
Bessie Samek

**24 TEVET - JAN. 5**

Doris Sobin  
Zelda Karlin  
Maurice Solomon  
Lipschitz  
Lena Skoletsky  
Sylvia Lippman  
Zuckerman

**25 TEVET - JAN. 6**

Benjamin Cohen  
Harriette Wax  
Esther Leah Starkman  
Howard Samel  
Magda Winter  
Isadore Starkman  
Leonard Hazen  
Matthew Zachary  
Lipman  
Sidney Novick  
Abraham Green

**26 TEVET - JAN. 7**

Sheldon Rothberg  
Max Mostofsky  
Pauline Greenapple  
Barry Siegel  
Mildred Azer  
Mollie Heller

**27 TEVET - JAN. 8**

Hy Radin  
Mary Spellman  
Sidney Rosenthal  
Alice Kravetz  
Deutch  
Alexander Kurk  
Rose Raser  
Benjamin Zlotnick  
Janette A. T.  
Berkwitz

**28 TEVET - JAN. 9**

Jerome Silverman  
Sophie Apkin Katz  
Charles Skolnick  
Arthur I. Samel  
Shirley Metzger

**29 TEVET - JAN. 10**

Ellen Simon  
Max Gruberg  
Elizabeth Cohen  
Elizabeth Cohen  
Chainman

*Ner Adonai Nishmat Adam*  
God's light is the soul  
of every person.

**1 SHEVAT - JAN. 11**

Julius Silverman  
Stanley Halperin  
Samuel Rivlin  
Shirley Evans  
Sam Samel  
Jeffrey A. Goldberg  
Gabriel Rosenthal  
Selma Sussman  
Leonard Lerner  
Rose Weiss  
Morris Rispler

**2 SHEVAT - JAN. 12**

Seymour Yanofski  
Solomon Brochin  
Hyman Cohn  
Charles Goldstein  
Sidney Temple  
Betty Jo "Tina"  
Schreiber

**3 SHEVAT - JAN. 13**

Max Bookless  
Ann L. Klein  
Morris Weiss  
Seymour Bernstein  
Anna Brand  
Phila Kriger

**4 SHEVAT - JAN. 14**

Idele R. Huff  
Ida Golda Badanes  
Morris Metropole  
Gracia Negrin  
Ludwig Sussman  
Frank Tigges  
Moses Tobias

**5 SHEVAT - JAN. 15**

Abraham Goldstein  
Marilyn Katz  
Samuel Schwartz  
George Secunda  
Herbert Goldberg  
Dr. Harry Selig  
Richard I. Grossman  
William Martin  
Albert Nekrutman  
Helene S. Abkowitz Bell  
Ida Akresh

**6 SHEVAT - JAN. 16**

Sarah Udel  
Max J. Solomon  
Jeffrey W. Samek  
Robert Shindler  
Bella Alimansky  
Edgar Feldman  
Edwin E. Reder  
Lea Kowler

**7 SHEVAT - JAN. 17**

Zachary Lebwohl  
Rachel Schwartz  
Mort Cohen  
Sarah Deutch  
Rose Levine

**8 SHEVAT - JAN. 18**

Nathan Schwartz  
Mary S. Hurewitz  
Esther Levy  
Louis Sumberg  
David Jacob Oransky

**9 SHEVAT - JAN. 19**

Bert Smokler  
Bernard Snyder  
Philip Steinman  
Murray Felds

**10 SHEVAT - JAN. 20**

Phyllis Rossomando  
Julius G. Leavitt  
Barnet Lightman

**11 SHEVAT - JAN. 21**

Abraham Novick  
Patrick Leonard  
Anna Novick  
Morris Goldner  
Ethel Sukel  
Simon Lipton  
Gordon Adelson  
Ida Rosenthal  
Abraham Schwartz  
Minnie Cohen  
June Rosenbaum

**12 SHEVAT - JAN. 22**

Esther Schuman  
Khinka Kogan  
Lillian Frost  
Stephen Franklin  
Weltman  
Isidore Lerner  
Lillian Sacks  
Max Chesney  
Louis Esterman

**13 SHEVAT - JAN. 23**

Bessie Katz  
Sadie Secunda  
Harold Gitelson  
Rebecca Hirsch  
Phillip Gibson  
Bayla Mack

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Sidney J. Buckheim  
Samuel Ganter  
David Jaffee  
Iza Ritz  
Irving Moskowitz

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Abraham Michelman  
Harry Skoletsky  
Alan Bildner  
Teresa Stern Bressler

## 16 SHEVAT - JAN. 26

Paul Rosenthal  
Rebecca Wolfe  
Emily Greenapple  
Cohen Dinah  
Katzman  
Leizer Tryster  
Philip Cohen  
Rebekah Susser  
Dubin

## 17 SHEVAT - JAN. 27

Leslie May Osterman  
Nancy Bernice Raser  
Helene Coleman  
Jerome Geller  
Lynn Stark  
Evelyn Azer  
Helen Seaman  
Edith Glodt  
Weisbuch

## 18 SHEVAT - JAN. 28

Ella Blankstein  
Keve Grunin  
Bruce Leavitt

## 19 SHEVAT - JAN. 29

Selma Black Levine  
Henry Katz  
David Ferber  
Sylvia Gottlieb  
Dr. Peter Cukor  
Harry D. Marks  
Pearl Brown  
Harry Cohen

## 20 SHEVAT - JAN. 30

Jacob Smicker  
Manuel Weisbuch

## ► Need to Say Kaddish?

We encourage people who want to say Kaddish to:

- (a) attend services in person.
- (b) watch a livestream service and say Kaddish along with the assembled minyan that can be seen and heard on screen.
- (c) participate in our Zoom services — Tuesday or Thursday evenings on a day close to the Yahrzeit — and say Kaddish.

Please keep in mind that if there is no minyan in the sanctuary for a livestream service, Mourner's Kaddish will not be recited.

## 21 SHEVAT - JAN. 31

Martin Perlmutter  
Harry Rich  
Joseph Feller  
Mildred Rubinger  
Sally Ann Sipser

## 22 SHEVAT - FEB. 1

Lucy Kronick  
Nathan Geller  
Jack Dunaieff  
Pearl Sherman  
Florence Udel  
Herman Zuckerman  
Miriam Kende

## 23 SHEVAT - FEB. 2

Muriel Medney  
Ruth Cohen  
George Horn  
Dora Mendis  
Martha Blumsack  
Mindlin  
Gertrude Blank  
Benjamin Kriger

## 24 SHEVAT - FEB. 3

Sara Bass Lazerus  
Florence Speyer  
Joan S. Kass  
Samuel C. Azer

## 25 SHEVAT - FEB. 4

Morris Leibowitz  
Irving Rosenfeld

## 26 SHEVAT - FEB. 5

Gita Roback  
Estelle A. Landes  
Arline Levine  
Roger Goldin  
Sylvia Klarik Kahn Hillson  
Ruth Cushing Fishman  
William Lipton

## 27 SHEVAT - FEB. 6

Lawrence Berke  
Ronald Haft  
Louis Lebowitz  
Helen Weiss  
Ruth Schwartz  
Fanny Berkowitz  
Robert Meirowitz  
Martin Friedland  
Delia Capriles Levi  
Maduro

## 28 SHEVAT - FEB. 7

Bernard J. Korman  
Bessie Silver  
Harry Lefkowitz  
Dina Minsky  
Dr. Harry Minsky  
Margaret Fleet

## 29 SHEVAT - FEB. 8

Harry Palefsky  
Abram J. Berkowitz  
Morris Reder  
William Bashevkin

## 30 SHEVAT - FEB. 9

Augusta Leibowitz  
Isidor Rabinovitz  
Martin Gelber  
David Sacks  
Ben Zion Cohen  
Herman B. Perlman  
Sidney Solomon

## 1 ADAR I - FEB. 10

Isodore Goodman  
Zelda Toler  
Nellie Hiller  
Geneveive Goldblum  
Barnett  
Solomon Genn  
Sarah Wildman

## 2 ADAR I - FEB. 11

Iris Cohen  
Ida Adelson  
Rebecca Chesney  
Sara Cohen  
Rabbi Morris Fuhrman  
Joseph Yurfest  
Morduch Kirshteyn

## 3 ADAR I - FEB. 12

Shlomo Meirson  
Rebecca Borke  
Leavitt  
William Levin  
Etta Cusick  
Joel Ziegler  
Sofie Servos  
Abraham Goodman  
Alex M. Kolodkin

## 4 ADAR I - FEB. 13

Joel Mintz  
Harriet Rivlin  
Schwartz

## 5 ADAR I - FEB. 14

Norman Rosenthal  
Jeff Kahn  
Ruth Brenner  
Sally Moskowitz  
Moysey Kirshteyn  
Sally Galler  
Alfred Davidson

## 6 ADAR I - FEB. 15

David Rosenthal  
Hyman Silver  
Pauline Brecher  
Ada Klein  
Reba Geller  
Melvin Schwartz  
Stanley R. Weiss  
Rebekka Kirshteyn

## 7 ADAR I - FEB. 16

Eric Lezberg  
Myron Marvin  
Dora Ptashkin  
Frances Eizenstat  
Frank Skolnick  
Emma Mainker  
Graubard

**8 ADAR I - FEB. 17**

Matthew Rich  
Jack Mahran  
Judith Nishman  
Sheila Greenfield  
Sidney Greenberg  
Libby Nash

**9 ADAR I - FEB. 18**

Esther Markowitz  
Dora E. Gruberg  
Gertrude Budnick  
Sam Shusterman  
Manefa Shelomentseva  
Jennie Udel

**10 ADAR I - FEB. 19**

Rene Janofsky  
Itshak Berman  
Hinda Katz  
Hyman Reder

**11 ADAR I - FEB. 20**

Ernest Waller  
Sanford Bookless  
Robert Staskin  
Iris Katz

**12 ADAR I - FEB. 21**

Rose Freedman  
Reta Less

**13 ADAR I - FEB. 22**

Jane Widitor  
Erma Raflowitz  
Isaac Weiner  
Rachel Lena Cutler  
Semyon Zaslavsky

**14 ADAR I - FEB. 23**

Anna Lebowitz  
Leo Gilbert  
Leonard Kosberg  
Sydney Kopfstein  
Morris Goldstein

**15 ADAR I - FEB. 24**

Rabbi Naftali Halpern  
Chava Halpern  
Harriet Leavitt  
Chana Malka Halpern  
Sol Gallant  
Iva Kaplan Ashner  
Lena Brunell Bass

**16 ADAR I - FEB. 25**

Jerome Goldman  
Bernard Helitzer  
Rose Zuckerman  
Jacob Aronstein  
Phyllis Gilner  
Alexander Lipman  
Samuel Tauber  
Beatrice Cohen Kobritz  
Shiman Weiss  
Sofiya Plotkina

**17 ADAR I - FEB. 26**

August Rossomando  
Ruth Nulman  
Lillian Cohen

**18 ADAR I - FEB. 27**

Dorothy Klein Harab  
Eva Metropole

**19 ADAR I - FEB. 28**

Paul Rich  
Max Goodman  
Zipora Bril  
Peter Marvin

**20 ADAR I - FEB. 29**

Esta Gallant Kornfield  
Bessie F. Lippman  
Benjamin Novick  
Samuel Teitelbaum  
Ruth Goldin

## Tikkun Olam • Heal the World

### *K.I. Cares*

Volunteer with the K.I. Cares Committee. Members rally around others in our congregation who are experiencing loneliness or illness and help when they can. If interested, contact Fran Wolk at fwolk@att.net.

### *Become a Shomer*

Shomrim, 'watchers,' fulfill an important Jewish burial tradition by sitting with a person's aron (coffin) until the funeral. Shomrim work in shifts. Please call Alexandra Warshaw at 413-443-1434.

### *Feed the Hungry*

Donate to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund for the South Community Food Pantry. You may donate online at knesetisrael.org or send a check to the K.I. office. Designate the church food pantry in the memo.

### *Make Food Deliveries / Pack Cartons*

Members of the K.I. Food Pantry Team are currently distributing food cartons to families in Pittsfield. Volunteer drivers and carton packers are needed. For information, email Nancy Cook at splynter100@gmail.com.

### *Drive People to Health Care Appointments*

One of the great injustices in our community is widely unequal access to transportation. Wheels for Wellness connects volunteer drivers with neighbors who need a ride to health-related activities, including vaccination. Please call Wheels for Wellness at 413-395-0109 to learn more or to sign up.

### *Donate to Knesset Israel*

Supporting our synagogue financially is an act of tzedakah. These donations are the foundation of all that K.I. can offer, including unforeseen expenses for security and service options. Donate to a Fund or Endowment in honor or memory of family, friends, and occasions. These donations sustain us all.

### *Create a Legacy Gift*

Consider including a legacy gift to K.I. in your estate plan. If you would like to know more about how you might make such a commitment, email Arlene Schiff at arleneschiff@icloud.com.

### *Adopt an "Orphan" Headstone*

Many of the older headstones in the K.I. cemetery need cleaning but have no descendants to arrange it. By donating to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund, you can have one cleaned. Contact Diana Macfarlane at office@knesetisrael.org.

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Robin Lieblein  
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Mildred Novick  
David Pill  
Joel and Beth Radsken  
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George Gitlitz  
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the birth of their grandson,  
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Rose Cook  
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Heidi Gold*

In memory of  
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## MURRAY AND CECILY LEVINE ENDOWMENT

In memory of  
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*Cecily Levine and Amy Levine*

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Welcome.

We are here to nourish mind, heart, and soul.

We are here to inspire through word and deed.

We are here to accompany each other on life's journey.

We are here to celebrate in community.

We are here to bring life to the wisdom and values of Torah.

We are here to transform our world.

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to this community  
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*Nancy Cook*

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## Gratitude and Hope at Student Activities

*Left: In preparation for Thanksgiving, students considered the connections of gratitude with Judaism's values. They then made gratitude jars.*

*Below right: At Wednesday Hebrew School, students made menorahs for Hanukkah.*



*Right: During the October Families Together event, students made artful cards to send to Israel to help bring a smile to those who are having a hard time. The students wrote very compassionate messages.*

*This message reads "Am Yisrael Chai!," then: "Shalom from the United States. We are wishing for Israel's peace. I'm so sorry this is happening right now. It will get better. Stay Strong!! From your friends at Knesset Israel Hebrew School."*

