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MILESTONES

DEATHS

Helen Abrahamson
Mother of Craig (Mary) Abrahamson

Dean Sanditen
Brother of Wilfred (Jean) Sanditen

John Florence
Father of Elana Dickson Grissom
Grandfather of Jake (Cynthia) Murdock

Sanford (Stan) Burnstein
Husband of Irene Burnstein
Father of Teri Burnstein,
Kim (Rob) Coretz, and Dan (Martin) Burnstein.

MAZAL TOVS

Mazel tov to Preston and Emily Smith on the celebration of their marriage on March 11, 2018, at the Synagogue. Co-officiants were Rabbis Dan Kaiman and Marc Fitzerman.

Mazel tov to Ricki Wimmer, who recently assumed the role of Chief Operating Officer of the YMCA of Greater Tulsa.

KUM ESSEN V
COPIES OF THIS CLASSIC VOLUME
ARE STILL AVAILABLE.
STOP BY THE GIFT SHOP SOON.

HOUSEKEEPING

CHILD CARE AT THE SYNAGOGUE

Child care is always available at the Synagogue. All you have to do is to let us know two days in advance of an event or a service and we will be glad to help. **We love having children in the Sanctuary and the Chapel**, but sometimes they are uncomfortable with their surroundings and make it difficult for others to hear.

Please let us help you strike the right balance between having your children at your side and making it possible for others to participate comfortably. Todah rabah!

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ON THE COVER

This table cover has been in the Mikveh Waiting Room for many years. Purchased in Providence, it's a length of cotton probably printed in India. In that sense, it's part of the long history of ritual objects produced by craftspeople in the larger world for Jewish communal use. The menorah you buy next year is more likely to come from China than Jerusalem or Tel Aviv.

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE SYNAGOGUE



We've had cranes at the Synagogue all month, replacing the roof and the HVAC units on top of it. The equipment lasted just under twenty years, a ripe old age for this kind of machinery.

The crane above is of a different sort. If you look closely, you can see the dome of our original building being lifted off for salvage and sale. The address is the corner of Ninth and Cheyenne, and the building to the right (south) was owned by the Teamsters at the time.

Just after this lift, the whole building was demolished, but not before we photographed it inside and out. A handful of artifacts made it out of this structure—the crystal chandelier, two stained glass windows, the arch over the front door, and our original memorial board. At the moment, the site is given over to a parking lot. As downtown Tulsa fills in, we can hope that there will be a better use for this site.

THE APRIL CALENDAR AT B'NAI EMUNAH

6-7 A SCHOLAR SPEAKS: DANNY KRAFT

The Synagogue is pleased to welcome home Danny Kraft as he visits Tulsa in the capacity of Community Scholar. A graduate student of Jewish Studies at Harvard University, Danny is part of the Center for the Study of World Religions, where he has focused his scholarship on day-to-day Jewish life in pre-war Poland and spiritual resistance in the Warsaw Ghetto. Before his graduate studies, Danny served as Direction of Education at the Synagogue. There will be two opportunities to hear Danny speak, a Table Talks Friday night dinner at 6:00 p.m., April 6, and during Shabbat morning services on Saturday, April 7. Call our offices or visit our website to make reservations for Friday night dinner.

9 COMMUNITY YOM HA-SHO'AH

The Tulsa Council for Holocaust Education and the Tulsa City-County Library will host the 21st Annual Yom Ha-Sho'ah Interfaith Holocaust Commemoration at 7:00 p.m. in the VanTrease Performing Arts Center at the Tulsa Community College Southeast Campus. The featured speaker will be Father Patrick Desbois, a Catholic priest and Vatican consultant, who is the founder and president of Yahad-In Unum, an international organization which has interviewed more than 5,300 eyewitnesses of Jewish and Romani executions by Nazi mobile units in Eastern Europe. In his 2008 National Jewish Book Award-winning **The Holocaust by Bullets: A Priest's Journey to Uncover the Truth Behind the Murder of 1.5 Million Jews**, Desbois documented for the first time every execution site in the Ukraine. Desbois has been featured in several **New York Times** articles and has appeared on **60 Minutes** for his work in Holocaust and genocide research.

14 BAR MITZVAH: BEN KAISER-BULMASH

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15 SEVENTEENTH STREET DELI

Great Jewish Food. Great Jewish people. Great experiences for community and connection. A monthly gathering point for friends and family, the Seventeenth Street Deli is a place for everyone. There's room at our table for authentic experiences, and we hope you join us for the tastes of tradition. It all gets started at 6:00 p.m. A new, reduced, price of \$18 secures you a robust meal for all to enjoy. Join us at the deli.

15 BOOKSMART: CANNED

The American food supply has undergone a revolution, moving away from a system based on fresh, locally grown goods to one dominated by packaged foods. How did this come to be? How did we learn to trust that food preserved within an opaque can was safe and desirable to eat? Acclaimed author Anna Zeide reveals the answers through the story of the canning industry, taking us on a journey to understand how food industry leaders leveraged the powers of science, marketing, and politics to win over a reluctant public, even as consumers resisted at every turn. The event is free and open to the public. Copies of **Canned** will be for sale. The program begins at 7:00 p.m.

20 ISRELLA-FEST!

It's a musical evening for all to enjoy. Klay Kodesh, the Synagogue's vocal and instrumental ensemble, leads delightful songs and serious fun one Friday night a month. In April, we offer a fond salute to Isrella Taxon, a veteran member of Klay Kodesh, as she marks her retirement as a vocalist. Isrella will share a story and we'll share our appreciation for her commitment and leadership. We hope you join us for a lovely evening. The service begins at 7:00 p.m. Make a full evening of it and take part in the optional communal Shabbat dinner, which begins at 6:15 p.m. Call our offices or visit the website to make your reservations today. Please note that we will also be blessing Nicole Dubois (daughter of Linda and the late Lance Dubois) and Mitchell Hitchcock on the occasion of their recent marriage in Austin. All are invited to a celebratory Oneg Shabbat following the service.

22 BOOKSMART: FRANCES MAYES

Tulsa's celebration of literature concludes at the Synagogue! Enjoy an afternoon with bestselling author of **Under the Tuscan Sun**, Frances Mayes. Written with trademark warmth, heart, and delicious descriptions of place, food, and friendship, **Women in Sunlight** is the story of four American strangers who bond in Italy and change their lives over the course of an exceptional year. The event is free and open to the public. Copies of **Women in Sunlight** will be for sale. The program begins at 2:00 p.m.

27 BIBI-DIBI: SHABBAT FOR THE BITZIES

During this Shabbat experience for our very youngest members, we sit on the floor, sing songs, play games and dance our way into the weekend. Everything starts at 6:00 p.m. Want dinner? Call for reservations or check our website.

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28 BAT MITZVAH: KENDALL PHILLIPS

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29 DOING JEWISH: CIRCUMCISION

With legal conversations in Iceland proposing a ban on circumcision, this ancient practice has become the center of a modern conversation. As a Jewish community, the value of such rituals are rooted and established. But how and why do we practice in the particular way we do? Join Rabbi Kaiman for a candid conversation about circumcision, identity, and the changing nature of ritual life at 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Doing Jewish is part of the Synagogue's series of workshops focusing on fundamental areas of Jewish living and learnings. These classes are free and open to all.

MITZVOT

ART FROM THE HEART

Please share framed artwork for the residents of community-supported housing in the Tulsa area. The Synagogue has now become the conduit for a significant flow of contributions. All you have to do is drop your gift off at the Synagogue. For information about pickup of your artwork at your home, please call Dr. Melissa Weiss at (918) 260-2294.

BIBI-DIBI AT THE SYNAGOGUE

APRIL 27, 2018, AT 6:00 P.M. PLEASE JOIN US!

NEW MEMBERS

WE'RE STRONGER

Thanks so much to these good people for joining the Synagogue family and taking the next part of their Jewish journey with us. We appreciate their willingness to strengthen our efforts at learning, celebration, and community!

Bob and Gloria Estlin

5230 East 88th Place
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74137-2961

Tobi and Mark Rubin

415 Buena Vista Ave
Mill Valley, California 94941

TODAH RABAH

THANKS SO MUCH

Many programs and activities at the Synagogue would not be possible without dedicated and talented volunteers. Over the past month many people have contributed to our work as a community. To all our volunteers, we say "thank you."

A big todah rabah to Molly Berger, who helped us launch the B'nai Emunah Cooking School with a delightful workshop demystifying one of the most complex Jewish holiday meals. We're all looking forward to many more cooking school workshops in the near future.

Thank you to Tim Wood, who continues to lead our kitchen efforts in the Seventeenth Street Deli. Thank you to Matt Levitt, Allen Brookey, Colby Craige, Matt Katz, Lily Raskin, Sophie Raskin and Lily Adcock for their hard work producing the greatest Jewish food in Oklahoma. We're competing way above our weight class!

NEXT SEVENTEENTH STREET DELI ON APRIL 15

JOIN US FOR THE BEST \$18 DINNER YOU'VE EVER HAD!

FROM RABBI FITZGERMAN

■ DISRUPTION

By the time this reaches you, Passover will be underway, with all of its disruptions and overturned routines. Many of us will have already jettisoned **chamaytz** (leavened foodstuffs) and, in one form or another, altered our diets. These changes are perhaps less radical than before, given the embrace of **kitniyot** by Askenazic Jews. That means legumes and grains that used to be forbidden—corn products, rice, lentils, beans, etc.—but are now part of the way observant Jews eat on Passover. I haven't even mentioned the miracle of quinoa, and the way it cooks up beautifully with a handful of wild rice, and a fold of pistachios and dried cherries at the end. It is proof of heaven for confirmed vegetarians and a very nice dish for the center of the seder table.

This is actually the right moment in our culture for disruption. I'm a fan of a different kind of change—slower, incremental, quietly persistent. But I understand the allure of sudden shifts in culture. All of us have swung toward valorizing disrupters who freshen society with new patterns and practices. The trouble is that it is fast on its way to becoming a cliché, especially in the worlds of tech and business. The idea that we should all be thinking outside the box make me want to do nothing more than crawl into the box and die. Slight exaggeration, but you get the idea.

Yet Passover strikes me as the right kind of disruption. The foods I eat and the way I eat them constitute some of the most rigid patterns I know, mostly to the detriment of my health and well being. Too much pizza and too many sandwiches, loaded with the carbs that keep me round and sluggish. I need to do something, yet something is always defeating me. I could use a little help from an outside force.

Once a year Passover is that force for me. It reminds me that I am not a slave to my routines, that I can lift myself into the next lane over. I do not have to gather straw forever. I can be a free man in a world of my own making. Now we are slaves, but next year will be free, and I have the tools of text and ritual to both inspire and instruct. I can actually live without toast and butter (and all the defeats they represent). The eight days of Passover reinforce this shift of consciousness.

What is your equivalent of bread and butter? I hope that your Passover moves you forward, away from Egypt toward promise and renewal.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION?

PLEASE CALL RABBI KAIMAN AT (918) 583-7121.

BAR MITZVAH IN APRIL

■ BENJAMIN KAISER-BULMASH

Benjamin Jared Kaiser-Bulmash, son of Emily Kaiser and Gene Bulmash, will celebrate his bar mitzvah on Saturday, April 14, 2018, at B'nai Emunah Synagogue. This date corresponds to the 29 day of Nisan.

Ben is a seventh grader at Hardy Middle School in Washington, DC. His interests include Olympic recurve archery, running track and cross country, and playing basketball. You can generally find him engaged in some sort of physical activity.

For his mitzvah project, Ben is building a table to donate to **A Wider Circle**, which is a Washington-area charity that works to lift families out of poverty. He is also collecting donations to support the dog and cat kennels at **DVIS Tulsa**, so that people who are fleeing violence don't have to worry about leaving a beloved pet behind.

Ben is the grandson of George Kaiser of Tulsa, and Fran and Paul Bulmash, who live in Illinois. He is the nephew of Phil and Miranda Kaiser of Tulsa, Leah Kaiser, and Mindy and Fred Lucas and Jodi Holman, who live in Illinois.

Preparations for this celebration have been led by Rebecca Ungerman and Sara Levitt. Please join the Kaiser-Bulmash family for an oneg lunch following services on April 14.



SISTERS | JANET DUNDEE

■ SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

All congregants are invited to Sisterhood Shabbat, Saturday morning, May 5, at 9:00 a.m. Jennifer Joels and Jackie Lasky are leading the preparations for the service, and they are seeking women who would like to participate. Jennifer and Jackie are teaching trope to anyone who wants to learn to chant Torah or Haftorah.

Guest speaker for Sisterhood Shabbat is Sara Lenet-Rotenberg, Chair of the **Oklahoma Moms Demand Action**. This group is organized to advocate common-sense gun laws. Sara is a member of B'nai Emunah, and Sisterhood is pleased to present her to our congregation.

During the Shabbat morning, Sisterhood will honor long-time Sisterhood member and former Treasurer, Frieda Grossbard. A light lunch, prepared by Alin Avitan, will follow the service, and Sisterhood invites all congregants to stay for lunch.

Hillary Rouben is chairing this annual Shabbat service. Please contact Hillary at hillaryrouben@gmail.com for further information.

■ SISTERHOOD PARTNERS WITH DVIS

Thanks to the initiative of Jolene Sanditen, Sisterhood is now partnering with **DVIS (Domestic Violence Intervention Service)** in Tulsa to provide some necessary personal care items for **DVIS** clients. Sisterhood is collecting shampoo/conditioner, tooth brushes/tooth paste, combs/brushes, cosmetic bags/tote bags, makeup, lotions, deodorant and disposable razors. All sizes are needed—your donations can be left in the collection box at the Synagogue.

DVIS has an 80-bed emergency shelter, housing adults and children who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. Most of the residents are women; however, **DVIS** is also the only shelter in Oklahoma which accepts men and transgender individuals.

DVIS is the first shelter in Oklahoma with kennels for dogs and cats. Leaving pets at home is often a barrier for victims seeking help.

How can you help **DVIS** clients? Take some time to purchase some of the personal items listed above and drop them off during April at the Synagogue. Sisterhood appreciates your commitment to repairing the world for people who need our help.

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FROM RABBI KAIMAN

■ FINDING YOUR ROOTS

A great “historical mistake” happened there. That’s the language the Spanish government used in 2015 when it enacted a law meant to correct one of the great historical tragedies of Jewish history—the expulsion of Jews from Spain in 1492. The measure provided that people who could trace their ancestry back to Jews who lived on the Iberian Peninsula until 1492 are now eligible for a “fast-tracked” Spanish citizenship. The program was set to expire this October, but in March the government extended the measure another year providing more people with the opportunity to take advantage of this opportunity.

Historians estimate that at least 200,000 Jews lived in Spain before expulsion. Today it is thought that nearly 3.5 million people around the world have Sephardic roots and are thus eligible for this benefit. However, as of February 2017, only 6,432 people have participated in the program. It’s a striking number, almost embarrassing in its paucity. A European nation seeks to provide restitution for a deplorable moment in its history, and those whose ancestors were wronged seem ephemeral and theoretical. Where are the droves of people lining up to take advantage of this generous benefit?

My thought is that people are unaware of their Sephardic ancestry. While we live in the “information age,” we are also scarily disconnected from ourselves and our history. Many of us live far from the places we grew up. Our ancestry can feel like a mystery impossible to uncover. In short periods of time, we can lose track of significant parts of our personal and collective history. And so as this great opportunity for restoration has arrived, it has remained obscure to many. But I don’t believe it should.

If you are someone with a link to Sephardic ancestry, I encourage you to claim your rightful citizenship status. If you are not sure of your ancestral heritage, it might be time to start doing family research. Even if the gesture of claiming Spanish citizenship is purely symbolic, by taking advantage of this moment of privilege you are creating a significant link to your history for generations to come. Roots help us appreciate who we are. By searching for understanding of ourselves, we can find richness and meaning—and along the way, perhaps even an E.U. passport.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STORY HOUR

MAY 31, 2018 AT 5:30 P.M.

FROM SARA LEVITT

■ TALKING ABOUT MILLENNIALS

The millennial generation—we're the generation that people seem to love to hate. We are tech savvy and independent, widely educated, and citizens of the world. Millennials are socially minded and career driven, starting families later and approaching things like religious institutions in a very different way from those before them. These of course are all generalizations. We all probably know young people who do not fit neatly into these boxes. These trends, however, are important to understand when thinking about how this generation and the one coming quickly behind it will interact with Jewish life.

I have learned through my work that what worked for my parents' and grandparents' generations is vastly different from the needs and expectations of today's young people. We are less likely to become members of institutions because it's "just what you do" and more likely to engage in things we feel strongly about and find worth our time. Millennials are drawn to efficient systems, things like online payment and perhaps most importantly personal communications and relationships. I strongly believe young people do care about Jewish community, perhaps through a different lens from those before them, and above all crave connections to others.

Our Tulsa Jewish community is a unique one that I believe is aptly situated to engage the millennial generation meaningfully. The size of our community makes personal communications and relationship building viable. Tulsa's spirit of entrepreneurship and easy access makes leadership and participation in planning events and efforts for young people a common practice. In the last year and half, we have begun to increase our programming efforts for this specific age group. We are pleased to have engaged many young folks, natives and newcomers, in a variety of events held both at the Synagogue, with rich Jewish content, and out of the building for hands-on service projects and purely social events.

These events bring young people together, deepen relationships with each other and Jewish leaders, and are the foundation for young people's entrance into Synagogue life. An emphasis on and understanding of this cohort is vital to the continued growth and sustainability of our community. The next Jewish millennial event in the period ahead will take place on Saturday, April 21, in celebration of Israel's Independence Day. Keep an eye out for more information on this program. And feel free to be in touch about any Jewish millennials on your radar who may be ready to connect to our incredible community.

SISTERS [CONT.]

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■ BOOK CLUB

Elana Newman will be leading the discussion of **Lilac Girls** on Sunday, April 29, at 1:00 p.m. in the Synagogue library. This novel, authored by Martha Hall Kelley and based on true events, tells the story of three women whose lives are joined by fate during World War II.

Lilac Girls is inspired by the lives of Caroline Ferriday, a New York socialite; Dr. Herta Oberhauser, an ambitious doctor trapped in a realm of Nazi secrets and power; and Kasia Kuzmerick, a Polish teenager acting as a courier for the underground resistance movement.

Their lives ultimately collide when Kasia is sent to Ravensbrück, a notorious concentration camp for women. The novel is a story of love, redemption and terrible secrets hidden for decades during the war.

No reservations are required. To date, the Book Club has been well received. Sisterhood hopes you will join the group for its spring meeting.

■ IRON GATE

Sisterhood, under the leadership of Sarah-Anne Schumann, is serving breakfast on the last Sunday of each month at Iron Gate. The three hours spent with Iron Gate guests is a rewarding mitzvah. Anyone over the age of 13 is welcome to volunteer. Contact Sarah-Anne at hennschu@gmail.com to reserve your volunteer date.

■ NEVER TOO LATE

Sisterhood's Gift Shop remains your one-stop shop for Passover ritual items, as well as just plain fun stuff for your seder. In addition to items for young children, the Gift Shop offers a myriad of possibilities for this year's Passover celebration, as well as your seders in years to come.

Look for other wonderful Judaica in the Gift Shop. How about a **Kum Essen V** cookbook with recipes from your friends at the Synagogue? How about a box of Shabbat candles and Shabbat candle sticks? How about a mezuzah for your front door? And there are always greeting cards, Menorahs, Mah Jongg accessories and more.

DID YOU SEE THE FABBO ARTICLE ON
JEWISH FOOD CULTURE AT THE SYNAGOGUE
IN THE MARCH ISSUE OF TULSA PEOPLE?

FEATURED EVENTS AT THE SYNAGOGUE

■ CANNED ON APRIL 15

A century and a half ago, when the food industry was first taking root, few consumers trusted packaged foods. Americans had just begun to shift away from eating foods that they grew themselves or purchased from neighbors. With the advent of canning, consumers were introduced to foods produced by unknown hands and packed in corrodible metal that seemed to defy the laws of nature by resisting decay.

Since that unpromising beginning, the American food supply has undergone a revolution, moving away from a system based on fresh, locally grown goods to one dominated by packaged foods. How did this come to be? How did we learn to trust that food preserved within an opaque can was safe and desirable to eat? In her new book **CANNED**, Anna Zeide reveals the answers through the story of the canning industry, taking us on a journey to understand how food industry leaders leveraged the powers of science, marketing, and politics to win over a reluctant public, even as consumers resisted at every turn.

Anna Zeide is Assistant Professor of Professional Practice at Oklahoma State University, where her research, teaching, and community activism focus on food and food systems. In partnership with Booksmart Tulsa, Anna will visit the Synagogue on the evening of April 15. The talk will begin at 7:00 p.m. and signing will follow afterward. Make it a complete “foodie” evening by making reservations to dine at the Seventeenth Street Deli at 6:00 p.m. as a prelude to the talk. Copies of the book will be available for purchase. Thanks to Booksmart Tulsa and Magic City Books for co-sponsoring this event. The book talk is free and open to the public.



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■ ISRELLA TAXON HONORED ON APRIL 20

A synagogue like ours relies on many volunteers who deploy their strengths and talents through various avenues. One such individual is Isrella Taxon. For many years, the musical program of the Synagogue has grown and developed as a result of committed engagement. Isrella has been an essential voice in our Klay Kodesh musical ensemble along the way. Recently, Isrella closed out her tenure as a featured vocalist in order to give her voice a rest. While she continues to be an active volunteer, we will all miss her presence and her voice.

And so, on April 20 we will offer our salute and thanks to Isrella Taxon for her significant contributions to our music program. Klay Kodesh will lead our service and Isrella will share a special story with the kids of the community. Finally, we will all be able to offer personal thanks and appreciation for the role Isrella plays in our community. The evening begins with an optional Shabbat Dinner at 6:15 p.m. Reservations can be made by visiting the Synagogue website or calling our office. The service itself starts at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.



Yahrtzeit Plaques

We will be placing our next order for memorial plaques at the end of April. If you would like a plaque made for a loved one, please call Betty Lehman at (918) 583-7121. For an example of our plaques, please see the bronze boards in Memorial Hall to the east of the Schusterman Library.

UPCOMING BAT MITZVAH IN APRIL

■ KENDALL PHILLIPS

Kendall Alexandra Phillips, daughter of Scott Phillips and Dr. Diane Heaton-Phillips, will be happily celebrating her bat mitzvah at Congregation B'nai Emunah on April 28, 2018. Kendall will be joined by her grandparents, Diane Phillips, Mike and Nancy Phillips, and Doris Heaton, along with aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends from around the country.

Kendall is currently in the eighth-grade graduating class at University School and will be attending Booker T. Washington High School next year. She is innately curious, loves learning and has a profound sense of equity and fairness.

Kendall's special interests include sewing, drawing, and research, and she is a voracious reader. She is also an accomplished cattlemaster, having shown her Hereford cattle on a national stage. For her mitzvah project, Kendall is working to improve the B'nai Emunah school garden, with a vision of connecting students and congregants to Jewish culture and heritage through gardening.

Kendall's family is proud of her work to reach this milestone. She has truly embodied what it is to become a bat mitzvah by leading the charge not only to prepare for, but actually to plan and organize this very special day. So many teachers, leaders and staff at B'nai Emunah helped to encourage and inspire her along this journey.



The Phillips family sincerely thanks all of them, along with their extended family and friends, for all of their support.

Preparations for her bat mitzvah have been led by Nina Fitzerman-Blue. Please join the Phillips family for services at 9:00 a.m. and a kiddush luncheon to follow.

REMEMBERING

■ SANDY BLUMENTHAL

Excerpted from a forthcoming volume by Harvey Blumenthal.

On Friday night, February 16, 2018, I attended Shabbat Services at Temple Israel, for it was the first anniversary of Sandy's death. Her name was included for the reading of the Mourner's Kaddish prayer. This ritual is called **Yahrzeit** (a spiritual connection between each of us and our departed loved one, on the anniversary of a death).

After the service, I thanked Jenny Labow, Temple's Cantorial Soloist, for her lovely chanting of the prayer, and I became tearful when she related the following story.

Four months before Sandy's death, Jenny stopped in the Temple gift shop to purchase a kippah (skull cap), and Sandy was a volunteer, working in the shop. When Jenny mentioned that she was about to leave for Boston to chant the prayers for the first time ever at a High Holiday service, Sandy insisted that she herself would purchase the kippah to honor her. Thereupon, Jenny showed me the red kippah, and told me how Sandy's gift and kindness gave her confidence for what she was about to embark on and for what was meant to be.

Evermore, my thoughtful and gracious Sandy...

■ HELEN ABRAHAMSON

Helen Abrahamson, mother of Craig Abrahamson, passed away in Minneapolis in March. She will be remembered at a special Afternoon/Evening Service on Wednesday, April 11. Craig will speak about his mother and her life between Mincha and Ma'ariv, and we hope you can join us.

The service will begin at 5:30 p.m. May the memory of the righteous be for a blessing.

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8 9:00 AM ShulSchool 5:30 PM Service	9 5:30 PM Service 7:00 PM Community Yom Ha-Sho'ah Program	10 1:00 PM Altamont Baking 5:30 PM Service 7:00 PM Board of Directors	11 9:00 AM Altamont Packing 10:00 AM ESL Class 12:30 PM ESL Class 3:30 PM Hebrew Lab 5:30 Helen Abrahamson Memorial 7:00 PM Midrasha	12 5:30 PM Service Yom Ha-Shoah	13 10:00 AM ESL Class 12:00 PM ESL Class 5:30 PM Service 7:36 PM Candles 7:56 PM Sunset	14 8:30 AM Siddur Study 9:00 AM Bar Mitzvah of Ben Kaiser-Bulmash 8:05 PM Closing Service 8:20 PM Havdalah Torah: Sh'mini
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