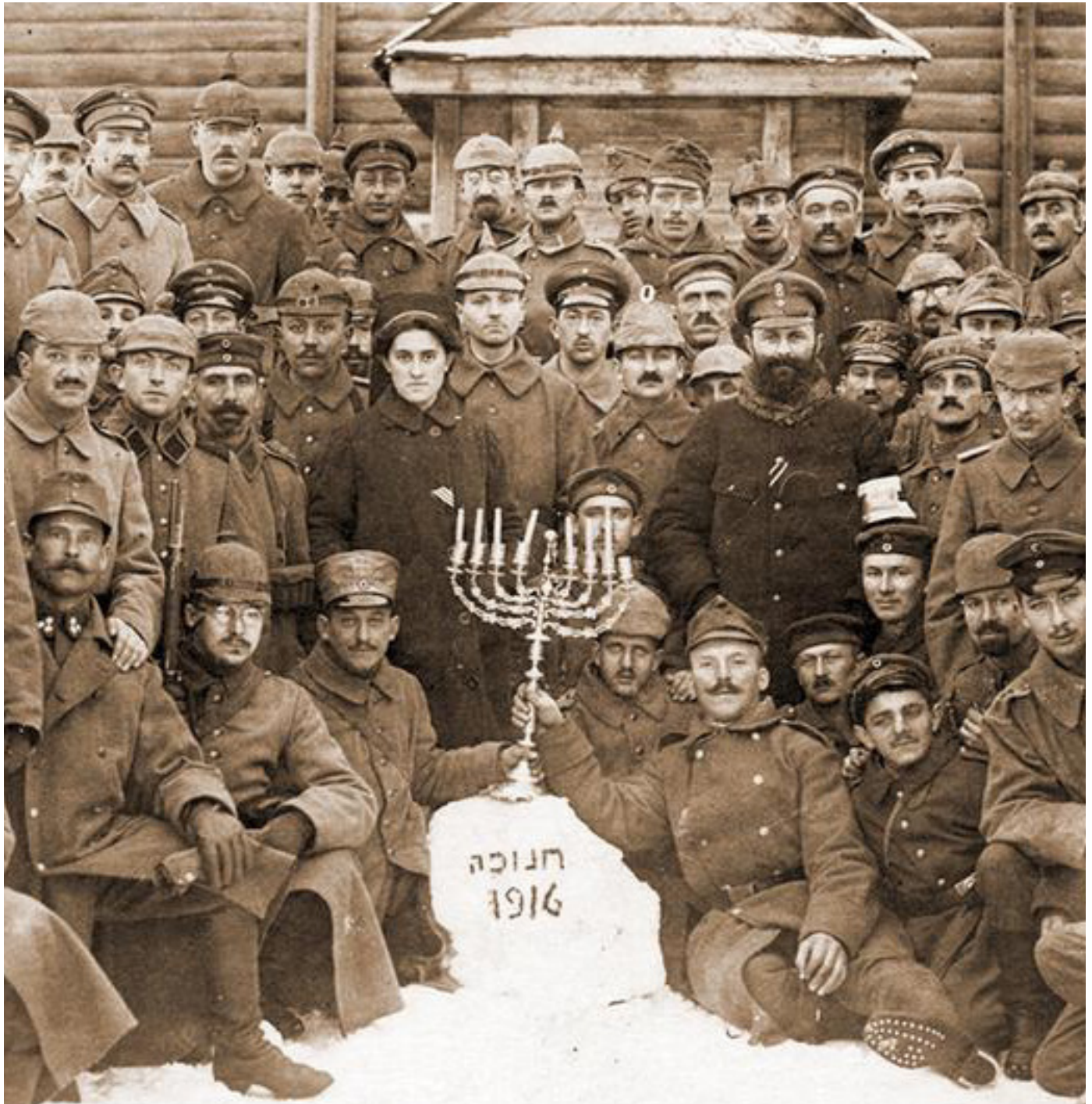


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# MILESTONES

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Father of Mark Solow, Stephanie McCullough, Julie Solow, and Melanie Johnson

### Irving A. Troob

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ON THE COVER

One of the most poignant photographs in Jewish history, this image shows us German Jewish soldiers celebrating the seventh night of Chanukah on the Russian front. Look carefully, and you will see the helmet spike that clearly identifies these soldiers as Germans. Many of them no doubt survived the war and lived until the lights went out for German Jews. Firsthand accounts of that period describe veterans displaying their medals and commendations to the authorities, only to be told that they weren't bona fide Germans and that they were, in fact, responsible for German defeat.

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# THE DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## TWO RABBIS AND... | EVERY FRIDAY

Every Friday at 11:00 a.m., Rabbis Fitzerman and Kaiman convene a conversation to reflect on pertinent topics of the day, interview special guests, and talk about ideas relevant to Synagogue life. This month, the sessions will take place on December 4, 11, and 18. On December 4, we'll ask Dr. Bob Donaldson to discuss Joe Biden's cabinet choices and what they say about the new administration. Join us on December 11, when we'll converse with representatives from the oil and renewable energy industries. On December 18, we'll turn to Drs. Kitty Cardwell and Sara-Anne Schumann to talk about the pandemic. Zoom meeting ID: **918 583 7121**.

## SHABBAT TOGETHER | FRIDAY EVENINGS

As days and weeks go by, our tradition asks that we take time to pause, reflect, and enjoy time together. Shabbat Together is a short, digital gathering where we take a few moments to pause with community as we enter Shabbat. The content is songs for the Shabbat table and it always starts at 6:00 p.m. We conclude in time for you to enjoy a Shabbat meal at home. The sessions this month are December 4, 11, and 25. Zoom meeting ID: **918-583-7121**.

## PANIM EL PANIM | SATURDAY MORNINGS

Our tradition speaks of a special power that exists when a group of people gathers together for prayer. **Panim el Panim** is a live broadcast service led by Rabbis Kaiman and Fitzerman. Rooted in our in-person Shabbat morning service, we spend time singing, reflecting, studying Torah, and connecting. Services begin at 10:00 a.m. This month, regular Saturday services will occur on December 5, 12, 19, and 26. Zoom meeting ID: **918-583-7121**.

## BAKER'S DOZEN DOES COOKIEBAKE

Our cookie-baking program is in full swing, and we need bakers! We're collecting cookies, bars, and other single-serving baked goods from Monday, December 21, until New Year's Eve, and delivering them to frontline workers around the city who will keep working even over the holidays. Any donation of baked goods is deeply appreciated; reach out to Simon Lowen at [slowen@bnaiemunah.com](mailto:slowen@bnaiemunah.com) if you have any questions at all. Please make contact if you can also deliver. We are going to stagger our deliveries this year to keep congestion in the Synagogue Lobby to an absolute minimum.

## LGBTQ EDUCATION | SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

We're thrilled to announce a four-part series for the month of December. We'll be learning from Ev Evnen (they/them/theirs), a Jewish and LGBTQ+ educator with years of experience. We'll begin with LGBTQ+ 101 and then transition into analyzing the intersections of Judaism and LGBTQ+ experiences. For more information, see page 9. RSVP on our website for the course, which takes place at 4:00 p.m. on December 6, 13, and 20.

## 3 BLATT + BLUE

Our ongoing program on Jewish cinema and television will focus in December on **The Jewish Cardinal**. The film concerns the story of the Jewish-born Archbishop of Paris, Jean-Marie Lustiger. Blatt + Blue features film and television enthusiasts David Blatt and Alice Blue. Access **The Jewish Cardinal** on Amazon Prime and the discussion in our regular Zoom Room: **918 583 7121**. More information on page 11. The starting time is 7:00 p.m.

## 6 TO+GATHER AT HOME

Our monthly Sunday morning series for families with young families is coming to your home! Each month a To+Gather Toolbox will be delivered to your door and will include recipes, blessings, activity ideas, materials for a project with a link to a demo by our own Morah Tona, and Peninah the Peacock, and much more. We'll also offer To+Gather Live for families to come together live for singing and a story online, which begins at 3:00 p.m. Can't make it to the scheduled session? No problem! Sessions will be recorded and easily accessible for viewing at a time that is convenient for you. We hope that this program will give families the tools they need to "do Jewish" at home and connect to other families and their Synagogue community. Be in touch with Morah Sara at [slevitt@bnaiemunah.com](mailto:slevitt@bnaiemunah.com) to receive a ToGather Toolbox.

## 6 COFFEE AND CREATIVITY

Join the Sisterhood on Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. for a lovely morning of crafting. Whether you're knitting, puzzling, baking, or painting, we can't wait to spend time with you. Come and schmooze with your B'nai Emunah sisters; it's good for the creative soul! Zoom meeting ID: **918 583 7121**.

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# THE DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS [CONTINUED]

## 7 MINECRAFT MONDAY WITH SIMON

Join Simon Lowen on Zoom for our congregation's very first video game event! At 7:00 p.m., we'll walk through the basics of the game, and then all join in together—building, farming, exploring, and creating! This is a great place to start for those who've never played video games before—a wide-open world with few rules and little danger. Don't hesitate to reach out with technological questions to Simon at [slowen@bnaiemunah.com](mailto:slowen@bnaiemunah.com). Before the event, make sure to download Minecraft onto your device to save time.

## 10 WINTERLIGHT | JOANIE LEEDS IN CONCERT

One of the great talents on the current Jewish music scene will join us for an exclusive community concert sponsored by the Synagogue. The evening will begin with candles and blessings and then open up into a moving experience with Joanie, introduced to Tulsa by her friend, Synagogue Artist-in-Residence Happie Hoffman. Please join us in the Synagogue Zoom Room. The meeting ID is: **918-583-7121**.

## 11 WINTERLIGHT | PEORIA PUPPET THEATER

Kids of all ages will love this reenactment of **The Bear Snores On: Chanukah Edition!** Soft animals abound in this cozy story of the warmth of community. The puppets will prance, the flames will flicker, and smiles will shine forth from face to face. The event begins with candlelighting and a brand-new Chanukah song at 7:00 p.m. Zoom meeting ID: **918 583 7121**.

## 12 WINTERLIGHT | RIBBONS AND BOWS

Nobody wraps packages like the Abersons. While there's still time to make a grand show of Chanukah, please tune in as the geniuses at Abersons show us how to handle the raw materials of great gift-giving. You'll be inspired to do much more than you have ever done before.

## 13 WINTERLIGHT | NEXT-LEVEL LATKES

Our very own Sara Levitt has travelled far and wide, searching for the best latke recipes. These latkes are special: no potatoes needed! Under Sara's expert guidance, we'll meet at 6:00 p.m. to fry up two different types of non-potato latkes, whip up some special dipping sauces, and indulge in our creations while enjoying our nightly candlelighting and song debut beginning at 7:00 p.m. RSVP to Sara Levitt at [slevitt@bnaiemunah.com](mailto:slevitt@bnaiemunah.com) to get the ingredients list. Don't worry, you'll recognize all of them! Zoom meeting ID: **918 583 7121**.

## 14 WINTERLIGHT | CHANUKAH HYGGE

Get ready to snuggle up with a hot beverage and a book next to a warm fireplace on a windy night. That's right: we'll spend the evening practicing coziness itself! We'll be learning from Jody Eddy, an expert on the subject, and we'll pass the time in bliss as we study how to cultivate comfort in our daily lives. The event begins with candlelighting and a brand-new Chanukah song at 7:00 p.m. Zoom meeting ID: **918 583 7121**.

## 15 WINTERLIGHT | UYGHURS IN CRISIS

It's our duty as citizens of the world, and especially as Jews, to educate ourselves on the suffering of others. Tonight we'll be joined by Omer Kanat, Executive Director of the Uyghur Human Rights Project. He has two decades of experience as a broadcast journalist, has interviewed the Dalai Lama, speaks eight languages fluently, and will donate his time and experience to us this evening. He'll walk us through the ongoing crisis of the Uyghur Muslims, who are currently in concentration camps, undergoing horrors at an unimaginable scale. Religious freedom is central to the holiday of Chanukah, and we are inspired by the season to buckle down and learn what we can do to support those in need. The event begins with candlelighting and a Chanukah song at 7:00 p.m. Zoom meeting ID: **918 583 7121**.

## 16 WINTERLIGHT | KILLER DREIDLE

Do you find the traditional dreidle game just the tiniest bit tedious? Admit it. It goes on and on. Time to hit the refresh button and explore new dreidle games. Rabbi Fitzerman has set himself the goal of developing five new games for Chanukah 2020. What do you need to bring to the Zoom Room? All the dreidles you've got and the largest sheet pan you own. We're going to turn that short-sided pan into Dreidle Stadium. What it may lack in looks, it has in its ability to contain the action. We'll start with candlelighting and a song at 7:00 p.m. Zoom meeting ID: **918 583 7121**.

## 17 WINTERLIGHT | TOURO CELEBRATION

It's our long-awaited night to honor Betty Lehman. Please make your contribution and sign in to the Synagogue Zoom Room at **918 583 7121**. We'll be celebrating Betty's achievements with speeches, songs, video tributes, and fine chocolates from Glacier. When your treats are delivered, please save the "Betty Box" for the night of the event. And remember that all our chocolates were made in Tulsa, and professionally boxed by the Glacier staff.

# DECEMBER [CONCLUDED]

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## 18 BIBI-DIBI | SHABBAT FOR THE LITTEST

It's our monthly Shabbat gathering for little ones designed to enhance your home-centered experience of Shabbat. The experience is particularly focused on our toddler cohort, but all are welcome; no toddler necessary! We'll begin at 6:00 p.m. and conclude in time for you to enjoy a Shabbat meal at home. Zoom meeting ID: **918 583 7121**.

## 20 PRAIRIE JEWS: REDBUD VALLEY

Join us as we move through this gorgeous and invigorating 1.5-mile loop, discussing mindfulness, Earth-Based Judaism, and conservation throughout. We're capping this experience at nine participants for safety purposes, so please RSVP to Simon Lowen at [slowen@bnaiemunah.com](mailto:slowen@bnaiemunah.com) to reserve your spot. We'll meet at the parking lot at 2:00 p.m. If you want to check out the nature center, arrive a bit early!

## 22 MAKER JUDAISM: STAINED GLASS HAMSA

The whole community is invited to a digital stained-glass class. We'll learn the ins and outs of this delicate craft, exchanging encouragement throughout. We'll finish the evening off with our very own gorgeous stained-glass hamsas, ready to hang in the window on a stylish leather lace. Register on the Synagogue website to claim your bag of materials! The class begins at 7:00 p.m. in our regular Zoom Room: **918 583 7121**.

## 24 TWENTY-FOUR FOR TWENTY-FOUR

We continue even in the midst of a pandemic. Volunteers will help deliver twenty-four complete Christmas Eve meals—turkey included—for families with loved ones in hospice care. We're concerned about people who may not have the ability to provide a festive holiday meal for themselves. As part of this project, we invite families and individuals within the Synagogue community to underwrite the cost of these Christmas meals. Don't hesitate to reach out if either of these forms of support feels exciting to you. Please note that meals this year will be made by the staff of the Food Bank of Northeastern Oklahoma. Volunteers are still needed for contact-free delivery.

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# FROM RABBI FITZGERMAN

## ■ THE KAIMAN-GOLDS

As many of you know, Rabbi Kaiman is now out of the hospital, and both he and Rachel Gold are on the mend. Rabbi Kaiman's case was especially severe, but a combination of expert medical care by Dr. Jan Finer and St. Francis Hospital, along with his own native resources, made for success. I am personally grateful for this outcome, and I know that you share that sense of relief.

One thing (among many) that emerged from this episode was the enormous empathy and resourcefulness of our community. At one point in Rabbi Kaiman's illness, we asked for help in locating decision makers at Regeneron, Eli Lilly, and the National Institutes of Health to gain access to experimental protocols and medications. As it turns out, Rabbi Kaiman's case was at the point where those preparations would likely have been useless. But one thing led to another, and a strategy that emerged in those conversations did prove to be useful after all. Especially touching was the number of people who called and wrote with suggestions, names of contacts, and promises of help. It felt like nothing so much as a highly mobilized moment of collective prayer.

Another practical gain was the establishment of a fund that will be used in our community for the benefit of patients in the process of recovering from COVID-19. Recovery is sometimes a difficult business in the case of this disease, and even a small gift may be useful to those struggling with lingering effects. If you'd like to contribute, please call Rick Gratch at the Synagogue. If you need help, please do the same. Eventually (especially if the vaccine proves successful), we may fold these funds into a more general effort to help care for those who are ill.

My personal thanks to those who have already come forward. There is no better way to recognize the image of God in all human beings than to step forward and offer help in an emergency.

## ■ THREE SIMPLE RULES

How do you handle the issue of holiday greetings in December? Three simple rules. If you know that the person you are addressing is a Christian who celebrates Christmas, say "Merry Christmas." That does nothing to compromise your Jewish commitments or identity. In fact, it's the right thing to do, like wishing someone "Happy Birthday" on **their** birthday.

If you encounter a group or individual whose religious commitments are hard to discern, just say "Happy Holidays." An uncharitable person may accuse you of joining the "war" against Christmas, but I will personally credit you with sensitivity and respect.

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# ENVIRONMENTAL ED.

## BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

We are so excited to share what's been happening on the climate change front at the Synagogue. Thanks to the leadership of our students, we've opened the first-ever chapter of the Jewish Youth Climate Movement (JYCM). On December 11, **Two Rabbis And...** will address the renewable energy industry. We're also planning a series about the health impacts of climate change and becoming a climate activist for life. We're continuing to improve as a sustainable organization, thanks to the guidance of Sustainable Tulsa's Scor3Card program.

Throughout all of this, the Eva Unterman Environmental Education Fund has been ready to support our efforts. Whether we're buying educational materials to spur deeper thinking by our students or engaging talented presenters, the fund has been a source of practical support.

As the programming of our JYCM takes off, we'll be needing more. That's why Eva, herself, has been crocheting up a storm! Each hat is a unique design in a beret style, on sale at Sweet Tooth Candy & Gift Co., at 36 and Harvard. Every cent of the \$40 hats sold by Janet and Jeff goes to the fund, and brings in even more energy to our work in environmental activism and education. We are so grateful for Eva's energy, and hope that you find her hats a perfect Chanukah gift; we've loved them! Please consider purchasing one of her hats or making a donation to the Unterman Fund directly. Let's treat our planet like it's the only one we have!

# FROM R. FITZGERMAN

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Finally, if somebody wishes you "Merry Christmas," because he or she assumes that everyone celebrates Christmas and that Christianity is universal, they probably **don't** intend it as a war against minority religious traditions. Say "Thank you! I'm actually a Chanukah person, but I take that as a blessing. Merry Christmas to **you**." If you slightly emphasize the word **you**, it will subtly underscore the fact that getting greetings right is a mark of respect, and people that should give the matter the thought it deserves.



# MAZAL TOVS

## OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Congratulations to our member, **Ken Lane**, who has achieved a national audience for his writings about Jewish identity, society, race, childrearing, and politics.

Ken recently published a thought-provoking piece on **Kveller**, describing the impact of Kamala Harris' marriage to Doug Emhoff, her white Jewish husband. Follow this link to Ken's thoughtful article: [www.kveller.com/finally-a-second-family-that-looks-like-my-jewish-family](http://www.kveller.com/finally-a-second-family-that-looks-like-my-jewish-family). **Kudos and Mazal tovs** to Ken, pictured below with wife, Charria, and son, Amir.



# SISTERHOOD

## SISTERHOOD CHANUKAH CHAT

Grab your favorite bagel and breakfast coffee or tea and sit down on Zoom with your Sisterhood Sisters for a fun chat session on Sunday morning, December 13, at 11:00 a.m. Dial in at **918 583 7121** and be ready to talk about what is happening in your life at this time.

Hillary Roubein, our Sisterhood President, has some wonderful news about a Sisterhood project and wants to share that news with you. For further information, contact Hillary, Dr. Jan Finer, or Sharon Cash.

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# WINTERLIGHT

A Chanukah Event Every Night



**Thursday, December 10: Joanie Leeds in Concert**

**Friday, December 11: Shabbat + The Peoria Puppet Theater**

**Saturday, December 12: Nobody Wraps Packages Like Abersons**

**Sunday, December 13: Next-Level Latkes**

**Monday, December 14: Chanukah Hygge - Getting Cozy for the Holiday**

**Tuesday, December 15: Religious Freedom: The Uyghur Crisis**

**Wednesday, December 16: Killer Dreidle**

**Thursday, December 17: Touro Celebration Honoring Betty Lehman**



Candlelighting and a brand new Chanukah song every night.

Look for us on Zoom [918 583 7121] at 7:00 p.m.

# MORAH SARA LEVITT

## ■ ZOOM OUT

We have finally reached the end of our secular year, and what a year it has been. We've spent more time in our pajamas than ever before and perhaps more than our share of time with our families. In our school program and all over the Synagogue, we've worked hard to perfect the art of digital learning, online programs, and virtual services. You might say, we've become masters of the Zoom world.

Alongside you, we have spent countless hours in front of our screens working to stay connected and to ensure that our children continue to learn and engage with their teachers and one another. Before COVID, the excitement on Sunday morning at 8:45 as students started to walk through our Synagogue's doors was palpable. It was my favorite part of the morning. Though it is no replacement, the rush as I click "admit all" on my zoom screen is real and thrilling. I love seeing our students' faces zoom in from all over Tulsa, and it brings me great joy to watch them clap and sing along as we begin our Tefillah together.

But as the darkness of winter settles in, so too has my Zoom fatigue. As we enter this season of Chanukah, I am inspired to reach deep within our tradition for inspiration and guidance. On Chanukah, we bring light—literally to our windows and figuratively to our families and our communities. In a year that felt unbelievably dark, I encourage us all to think about kindling light inside our homes and hearts this Chanukah season.

I look forward to the opportunity afforded to us during the quiet of the end of the year to turn inwards, kindling my light, and to re-charge. I plan to steep myself in the more traditional holiday instructions to unplug from the screen and use the Chanukah candles' light as my inspiration to pause and reflect on the year of 2020 and the hope I have for 2021. As the year ends with our Synagogue Chanukah celebration, I encourage you to join me in a respite from the screens. Let's zoom out together and return in 2021 illuminated by the light and warmth of our Chanukah candles!

## INTERFAITH SEDER

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SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021  
DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

# BIKUR CHOLIM

## ■ MEALS FOR EVERYONE IN NEED

We are deeply grateful to those who have become part of our renewed effort to provide home-cooked meals to those members of our congregation who are experiencing illness, grief, or a moment of need. Thanks to:

Shelly Aberson  
Brian Brouse  
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Debby Raskin  
Hillary Roubein  
Dr. Jack and Kristi Tarabolous

## Rabbi Dan Kaiman and Rachel Gold

offer their thanks for your  
prayers and good wishes  
during their recent illness.  
Both are returning to health  
and hope to assume their  
normal routines soon. While  
it may not be possible to  
acknowledge each gesture of  
kindness, both appreciate every  
call, delivery, or note of support.

**THANK YOU!**

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# LIFELONG LEARNING

## JUDAISM AND SEXUALITY

We're thrilled to announce a three-part series for the month of December. We'll be learning from **Ev Evnen** (they/them/theirs), a Jewish and LGBTQ+ educator, with years of experience in the field. Along with serving as an educator, Ev is the spiritual leader for their hometown congregation in Nebraska.

During these workshops, we'll learn the differences between gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, and biological sex. We will delve into the diverse experiences within the LGBTQ+ community, with special focus paid to under-represented groups. Throughout the entire process, we'll be asking and answering questions that people are oftentimes afraid to ask, all from a place of mutual respect.

Lastly we'll transition into analyzing the intersections of Judaism and LGBTQ+ experiences. Text study will play a part, as well as looking into the rich experiences of LGBTQ+ Jews themselves.

RSVP on our website for the course, which takes place at 4:00 p.m. on December 6, 13, and 20. After registering, you'll receive the Zoom link to this experience. We look forward to welcoming adult learners from a full range of background and experience.

**TOURO CELEBRATION**  
**HONORING BETTY LEHMAN**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
**AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION?**  
PLEASE CALL RABBI KAIMAN AT (918) 583-7121.

# HONORS

## TOURO CELEBRATION: BETTY LEHMAN

As Betty Lehman rounds out her career at B'nai Emunah, we honor her irreplaceable contributions. Treats will begin to arrive at the homes of our contributors over the next several days.

The Touro Celebration itself will take place on Thursday, December 17 with Chanukah candlelighting and a digital tribute. Official invitations have been sent to every member of the congregation and the Jewish community.

There is still time for you to participate and make your contribution. Either use the response card in your invitation, or find your way to the Synagogue website ([www.tulsagogue.com](http://www.tulsagogue.com)) to make your contribution there. We will also continue to collect video messages to Betty all the way to the event, when we will put them in final form for our official presentation.

The Touro Celebration stands as a tribute to the life and works of Judah Touro, who modeled a commitment to the Jewish community and the world at large.

# BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

## SMALL BUSINESS REALLY MATTERS

Help us get the word out about your favorite small businesses in our Synagogue community! Each month we will showcase a different small business owned or operated by our members and friends. If you would like to highlight your small business or tell us about one you love, please be in touch with Sara Levitt at [slevitt@bnaiemunah.com](mailto:slevitt@bnaiemunah.com)

December's focus is Oren Restaurant. Oren's "progressive American cuisine" brings fruit and vegetable dishes with an focus on locally sourced, high quality products. Chef and owner, Matt Amberg and his family are beloved members of our Synagogue community and have brought a delicious dining experience to Brookside! You can delight in Oren's food on Door Dash, curbside, or safely on their heated patio and well spaced indoor dining. Check out [orenrestaurant.com](http://orenrestaurant.com) for menu and more, or visit them on Instagram [@orenrestaurant](https://www.instagram.com/orenrestaurant).

**BIBI DIBI ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 6:00 P.M.**  
**YOU DON'T NEED A TODDLER TO ATTEND!**

# ***GOODNIGHT SYNAGOGUE***



**Congregation B'nai Emunah | Tulsa**

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# SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE SYNAGOGUE

## ■ WINTERLIGHTS: DECEMBER 10 - 17

Next Level Latkes, Killer Dreidle, Chanukah Hygge and more await! Winterlight 2020 has evolved from one event to an every-night celebration of Chanukah!

On each night of Chanukah this year we will gather as a community at 7:00 p.m. in our Zoom Room (918 583 7121). We will start off with a short concert featuring a different Jewish musician every evening. After the mini concerts, we'll move on to lighting the menorah and singing together. Next up, we'll enjoy the events themselves! We think we've put together a selection that will interest everyone. Young families will love the Peoria Puppet Theatre's telling of **The Bear Snores On: Chanukah Edition**. Foodies will groove on latkes with new ingredients. Many will learn about the Uyghur Muslims and their ongoing struggles for religious freedom, at a time when we remember similar struggles in our own history. And everyone will love snuggling up with our Chanukah Hygge workshop, as we get cozy under the warm guidance of an expert in comfort. Check out page 7 for the order of programs, and page 4 for more detailed descriptions on each program. We can't wait to see your shining faces and your flickering menorahs!

## ■ BLATT + BLUE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

Our ongoing program on Jewish cinema and television continues with **The Jewish Cardinal**. The 2013 film, directed by Ilan Duran Cohen, focuses on the story of the Jewish-born Archbishop of Paris, Jean-Marie Lustiger. Born the son of Polish-Jewish immigrants, Lustiger and his sister were sent to live with a Catholic woman in Orleans during the German occupation of France in 1940. Against his parents' wishes, he decided to convert when he was just 13 and was baptized. By the time the war ended, his mother had been murdered in Auschwitz, while his father survived.

The film picks up the story well into Lustiger's distinguished career, around the time he was made the Archbishop of Paris in 1981. Cohen's screenplay sensitively explores the complexities of Lustiger's position in such deeply moving scenes as when he refuses to say Kaddish for his father, reducing his cousin to anguished tears. The story, by turns serious and humorous, comes to a climax around a dispute concerning the controversial installation of a convent by Carmelite nuns on the Auschwitz grounds, prompting Lustiger to question his religious allegiances. Lustiger emerges as a vitally human figure, prone to bouts of anger, self-justification and self-doubt that enable deep empathy for many viewers.

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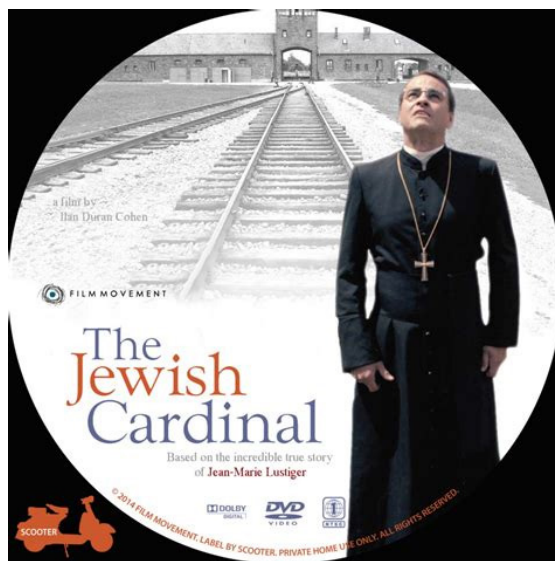
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The film is readily available on Amazon Prime for those who have already chosen that platform as their primary streaming service. If you haven't done so already, there is an option for a trial subscription at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). Access **The Jewish Cardinal** for a small fee the way you would any other program on Prime, and join the 7:00 p.m. Zoom event for a stimulating discussion on the film. The Zoom meeting ID is 918 583 7121.

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Everyone involved in providing a wonderful  
and successful Zoom High Holiday Service  
Rabbis Marc Fitzerman and Dan Kaiman  
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## BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR

Please consider a contribution to the Synagogue, the donation of appreciated assets (including stock and royalty interests), or the establishment of a philanthropic fund. You might also consider the purchase of a Yahrtzeit plaque or a leaf on our Tree of Life. Another possibility is the dedication of a seat in the Sanctuary in the memory of a loved one or to honor a relative or friend. We'd be happy to help you sort through the possibilities. Please call Rick Gratch at the Synagogue Office at (918) 583-7121 so that we can help connect you with good advice.





## **COOKIE BAKE 2020**

*Please drop off your contributions at the Synagogue between December 21 and 31. We'll make sure that they're delivered to frontline workers across the city. Thank you!*

# DECEMBER | KISLEV-TEVET

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 5:00 PM Hebrew Lab 7:00 PM Midrasha	3 7:00 PM Blatt and Blue	4 11:00 AM Two Rabbis and... 5:45 PM Yahrtzeit Service 6:00 PM Shabbat Together 4:49 PM Candles 5:09 PM Sunset	5 10:00 AM Panim el Panim Shabbat Service 5:25 PM Havdalah  Torah: Va-Yishlach
6 11:00AM Sisterhood Coffee and Creativity 3:00 PM To+Gather 4:00 PM Judaism and Sexuality	7 7:00 PM Minecraft Monday with Simon Lowen	8 7:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting	9 5:00 PM Hebrew Lab 7:00 PM Midrasha	10 7:00 PM Joanie Leeds in Concert  Winterlight First Candle of Chanukah	11 11:00 AM Two Rabbis and... 4:49 PM Candles 5:09 PM Sunset 5:45 PM Yahrtzeit Service 7:00 P.M Shabbat Together  Winterlight Second Candle of Chanukah	12 10:00 AM Panim el Panim Shabbat Service 5:25 PM Havdalah 7:00 PM Ribbons and Bows  Winterlight Third Candle of Chanukah Torah: Va-Yayshayv
13 10:00 AM ShulSchool 4:00 PM Judaism & Sexuality 6:00 PM Next-Level Latkes 7:00 p.m. Candlelighting  Winterlight Fourth Candle of Chanukah	14 7:00 PM Chanukah Hygge  Winterlight Fifth Candle of Chanukah	15 7:00 PM Uyghurs in Crisis  Winterlight Sixth Candle of Chanukah	16 5:00 PM Hebrew Lab 7:00 PM Killer Dreidle  Winterlight Seventh Candle of Chanukah	17 7:00 PM Touro Celebration Honoring Betty Lehman  Winterlight Eighth Candle of Chanukah	18 11:00 AM Two Rabbis and... 5:45 PM Yahrtzeit Service 6:00 PM Bibi-Dibi 4:52 PM Candles 5:12 PM Sunset	19 10:00 AM Panim el Panim Shabbat Service 5:30 PM Havdalah  Torah: Mikaytz
20 2:00 PM Prairie Jews at Redbud Valley 4:00 PM Judaism and Sexuality	21  Cookie Dropoff	22 7:00 PM Maker Judaism: Stained Glass Hamsa  Cookie Dropoff	23  Cookie Dropoff	24 Twenty Four for Twenty Four  Cookie Dropoff	25 5:45 PM Yahrtzeit Service 6:00 PM Shabbat Together 4:56 PM Candles 5:16 PM Sunset  Cookie Dropoff	26 10:00 AM Panim el Panim Shabbat Service 5:35 PM Havdalah  Torah: Va-Yigash
27  Cookie Dropoff	28  Cookie Dropoff	29  Cookie Dropoff	30  Cookie Dropoff	31  Cookie Dropoff		

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### YAHRTZEIT CALENDAR — 15 KISLEV THROUGH 16 TEVET

**December 1 - 15 Kislev**

Mary Kiely  
Rose Blue  
Abe Mizel  
Max R. Moran  
Morris Freidlin

**December 2 - 16 Kislev**

Donna Brown  
Ezra Dritch  
Anna Goertz  
Albert Stekoll

**December 3 - 17 Kislev**

Chaim Shmuel Guterman  
Richard Stidham, Jr.  
Harry Robinowitz  
Charlotte Sanditen Richards

**December 4 - 18 Kislev**

Chris Young  
Lawrence Joseph Wolf  
Simon Moalan  
Rose Teller

**December 5 - 19 Kislev**

Dorothy Ana Coleman  
Raymond L. Campbell, Sr.

**December 6 - 20 Kislev**

Roseline Gussman  
Neil Sporn  
Fred Sokol  
Milton Gordon  
Sidney Wittels  
Dvoira Gornic

**December 7 - 21 Kislev**

Rose Saikin  
Esther G. Sanders  
Rose Fadem  
Lee "Lena" Solow

**December 8 - 22 Kislev**

Linda Brown  
Beatrice Abrams  
Moones Javaherian

**December 9 - 23 Kislev**

Darryl Edelman  
Morris Sitrin  
Hyman Furman  
Esther Glass  
Miriam Nacht  
Stanley Wiener

**December 10 - 24 Kislev**

Adolf Cohen  
David Plost  
Herman Sanditen  
Millie Guller  
Jullian "Jack" Appleton  
Jessie Blanc

**December 11 - 25 Kislev**

Shoshanni Seri  
Lillian Moskowitz  
Ronald Sokol  
Joseph Finer  
Lillian Moskowitz  
Sylvia Marder

**December 12 - 26 Kislev**

Samuel Wiseman  
V.S.D. Aaronson  
Philip Robinson  
Jane Margolis  
Norman Fabes  
Daniel Blue  
Norman Seidler  
Jay Cohen

**December 13 - 27 Kislev**

Betty Shalon  
Herbert J. Miller  
Dr. Eric Glichouse  
Dr. Sam S. Blanc

**December 14 - 28 Kislev**

Rochel R. Fell  
Jerald Miller

**December 15 - 29 Kislev**

Molly Dorothy Brickman  
Janis S. Bolusky  
Sheilah Freedman  
Lee Tublin

**December 16 - 1 Tevet**

Morris Singer  
Florence G. Storch  
Alex Taubman  
Morris Brown  
Anna Sarah Lasky  
Elmer Livingston

**December 17 - 2 Tevet**

Bella Jacobs  
William Stanley Haas  
Edna Marie Wolf  
Julius Zeligson

**December 18 - 3 Tevet**

Yetta Schlanger  
Fannie Plost  
Sarah Kirschner

**December 19 - 4 Tevet**

Charles Schusterman  
Mervin Bolusky  
Lillian Goff  
Fannie Gertner

**December 20 - 5 Tevet**

Marvin Hart

**December 21 - 6 Tevet**

Ceila Brodsky  
Ora Harris  
Samuel Gussman  
Julius Edward Edelman  
Leon Ginsberg  
Peggy Krigel  
Samuel Gussman  
Alan Utay  
Leon Ginsberg  
Frederick Gock

**December 22 - 7 Tevet**

Maureen Fedman Curlee

**December 23 - 8 Tevet**

Myron Rubinstein  
Arthur Joseph Frey  
Norman Axe  
Walter Kaiser  
Elizabeth Shapiro

**December 24 - 9 Tevet**

Elaine Witrogen  
Celia Brown  
Abraham Beerman

**December 25 - 10 Tevet**

Irwin Schreier  
Wally Heimlich

**December 26 - 11 Tevet**

Robert Joels  
Jerald Schuman  
Phillip Dunitz  
Jay Narotzky

**December 27 - 12 Tevet**

Anna Greenberg  
Frances Robinowitz  
Donna Kraft  
Celia Cohen  
Erma Penny Miller

**December 28 - 13 Tevet**

Esther Aron  
Louis Firestone  
Sylvia Polsky  
Christine Jackson

**December 29 - 14 Tevet**

Harry Cohen

**December 30 - 15 Tevet**

Al Morrison  
Howard Alexander  
Rosalind Bolusky  
Edward Weinstein  
Ben Moskowitz  
Shirley B'tesh  
Rose Steigman  
Ethel Ettie Sack

**December 31 - 16 Tevet**

Sam Sanditen  
Abraham J. Freed

May their souls be bound up in the bond of life everlasting. Please note that each yahrtzeit begins at sunset on the day before the date listed.