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MILESTONES

BIRTHS

Leo Levalor Basch, born to Mike and Romi Basch, on November 28, 2020.

Micah Oswin Kirzner, born to Sam Kirzner and Kaitlyn Newell, on November 7, 2020.

WEDDINGS

Kelly Fadem married Adam Setapen of San Francisco on October 10, 2020. Kelly is the daughter of Bruce and Jennifer Fadem.

IN MEMORIAM

Shiela Mudd

Wife of Vernon Mudd
Mother of Kevin Mudd, Debra Reiter, Michael Mudd, and David Mudd

Charles Kopp

Father of Norman, Stuart, and Valorie Kopp

Norman Levin

Husband of Shirley Levin
Father of Linda Dubois and Debbie Jardot

Kimberly Glass Stang

Mother of Gabby Stang

Beryl Farfel

Uncle of Randee Charney

NEW MEMBER AFFILIATIONS

We're delighted to note the new memberships of **Sam Kirzner and Kaitlyn Newell** and **Lisa Braverman**. We're confident that all will be a source of strength for the entire congregation and hope this membership brings pleasure to one and all. Welcome!

NEW CITIZENSHIP

Congratulations to Annabel Torianyky, who became a United States citizen last month. Annabel is the daughter of Alin Avitan and Eric Torianyky.

SYNAGOGUE MILLENNIALS
AN EVENING WITH OREN
JANUARY 31 AT 5:00 P.M. ON ZOOM

MASTHEAD

Marc B. Fitzerman and Daniel S. Kaiman* Rabbis
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Sara Levitt Director of Jewish Life and Learning
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Happie HoffmanArtist-in-Residence
Brigid Kelley & Cheryl Myers Co-Staff, Office Wing
Nancy Cohen..... Sisterhood Gift Shop Chair

***Both Rabbis are affiliated with the Rabbinical Assembly of the Conservative Movement.**

ON THE COVER

Taken in the summer of 2019, this picture features our own Jillian Lieberman (in the 3 o'clock position) with her friends and bunkmates at Camp Ramah in the Rockies. The photo is intended as a reminder that we will make it through the winter, and summer is on the way. We hope that parents are already thinking about camp, and know that the Synagogue is ready to help with scholarship support for those who need it. Please make contact with Morah Sara Levitt if you are interested in talking about the options. With new protocols now in development, we think that most camps will open in Summer 2021.

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THE JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TWO RABBIS AND... | EVERY FRIDAY

Every Friday at 11:00 a.m., our rabbis convene a weekly conversation to reflect on pertinent topics of the day, interview special guests, and talk about ideas relevant to Synagogue life. They hope you'll join them. This month, guests include Karen Kiely of Community Action Project Tulsa, and Greg Raskin of the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. Watch your e-blasts for details. Sessions take place on January 8, 15, 22, and 29. Zoom meeting ID: [918-583-7121](tel: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 January 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. Zoom meeting ID: [918-583-7121](tel: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. The dates for Panim el Panim services are January 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. Zoom meeting ID: [918-583-7121](tel:918-583-7121).

BAKER'S DOZEN | TUESDAY & THURSDAY

Building off our end-of-year Cookiebake 2020 strength, our cookie-baking program is in full swing, and we need bakers! We're collecting cookies, bars, and other single-serving baked goods every Tuesday and Thursday morning and delivering them right away to frontline workers around the city. Any donation of baked goods is deeply appreciated; reach out at info@bnaiemunah.com, and we'll work you into the schedule as smoothly as we work our pastry dough! All of our recipients have been deeply grateful.

PLEASE CALL MORAH SARA LEVITT TO
EXPLORE SUMMER JEWISH
OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR TEEN.

10 TU BE-SHEVAT CLIMATE CHANGE SERIES

If learning about climate change's causes and effects, its problems and its solutions, and what you can do to help today piques your interest, this is the series for you! Every January Sunday, starting on January 10, we'll be learning from experts in the field. Whether it's the energy transition, climate injustice in our food systems, or how to practice climate activism in your family circles, this series will inspire and inform everyone present. The sessions will be on January 10, 17, and 24, each at 4:00 p.m. Reach out at info@bnaiemunah.com to reserve your spot!

18 SONGS OF RACIAL JUSTICE

For many years now, the Synagogue has stood side by side with brothers and sisters across Tulsa in public action, participating and sponsoring Tulsa's MLK Day Parade. As we must mark this day in a new way this year, we hope members of the congregation, friends, and neighbors will join us for the next installment of the Cozy Couch Concert Series. Coordinated by our Artist-in-Residence, Happie Hoffman, the series invites talented singer-songwriters from across the country to write original pieces exploring the intersection of racial justice and Jewish identity. Our concert will begin at 7:00 p.m., and we'll meet on Zoom: [918-583-7121](tel:918-583-7121).

21 BLATT + BLUE: 51 BIRCH STREET

Our ongoing program on Jewish cinema and television will continue in January with a discussion of "51 Birch Street". The film details a suburban Jewish family's mystery as it wrestles with the age-old issues of love, fidelity, and marriage. Blatt + Blue spotlights film and television enthusiasts David Blatt and Alice Blue, who first summarize the featured material and then field questions and comments from the Zoom Room audience. Join the discussion on the film in our standard Zoom room: [918-583-7121](tel:918-583-7121). The starting time is 7:00 p.m. More information on page 8.

28 CLIMATE ACTIVISM AND TU BE-SHEVAT

In the depths of winter, with a glimmer of spring around the corner, Tu Be-Shevat asks that we give our attention to the environment and our religious role as responsible stewards. Guided by a panel of leaders engaged in specific project work addressing local and national climate issues, this evening invites us to consider how we can use our time, energy, and efforts to address one of the most pressing issues of our day. It all gets started at 7:00 p.m., and we'll meet in our regular Zoom space: [918-583-7121](tel:918-583-7121).

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31 TO+GATHER: BAUBIES AND ZAYDIES

A monthly gathering for families with young children, this month our youngest congregants are invited to bring their grandparents with them. Grandparents far and wide are asked to log-in to enjoy a story, singing, movement with their Tulsa grandkids. Are you a grandparent with grandkids out of town? Invite them to join us for To+Gather this month as well! To RSVP and for the link for this special edition of To+Gather, please contact Morah Sara at slevitt@bnaiemunah.com. See page 5 for more details.

31 MILLENNIALS: AN EVENING WITH OREN

Join our friends at Oren for an evening of cooking delight! We will celebrate Tu Be-Shevat together by cooking a seasonal, vegetable-forward dish with the team at Oren under the leadership of our friend and Synagogue member, Matt Amberg. We'll also learn about Oren's use of locally-sourced food. Participants will pick up and pay for ingredients from Oren's kitchen during the day and join us on Zoom at 5:00 p.m. from home. Please contact Sara at slevitt@bnaiemunah.com for more information and to hold your spot for this event.

FEBRUARY: LOOKING AHEAD

5-6 WOMEN'S RETREAT WITH HAPPIE & SARA

14 SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

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28 THE UNWALLED CITY: PURIM FESTIVITIES

BLATT + BLUE REVIEW 51 BIRCH STREET

JANUARY 21 AT 7:00 P.M.

FROM RABBI FITZGERMAN

■ THE ALTAMONT BAKERY

Among the generous donations that came in this year were four special gifts to the Altamont Bakery. On behalf of our bakery team, we are deeply grateful to the Guterman Family Foundation, The Koski Christian Silberg Group at Morgan Stanley, Dennis and Terry Johnson, and Jeremy and Mara Rabinowitz. All expressed their confidence in our bakery, and their concern for people who are among the most vulnerable we know.

These gifts will be helpful in many ways. From the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020, Nancy Cohen, our Altamont Project Director, has been meeting weekly on Zoom with all of our bakers to keep spirits up and maintain our connections. For intermitently homeless and mentally ill fellow citizens, this has been a vital source of consistency and support. It is also proof that our bakery is a whole-person, pro-social entity. We care about people, regardless of circumstance, and profitability is a secondary concern. As a token of that care, each baker has received an honorarium equal to what she or he would have gotten for hours worked. That's another way we have expressed our deepest values.

Thanks again to our donors and to the congregation at large. Sometime this year (June? August?) we will resume operations, and we hope that Synagogue volunteers will sign up in droves. Our bakery is primed to take a great step forward with new customers, new markets, and an expanded footprint. Onward and upward at the Altamont Bakery!

■ WONDERS OF THE DIGITAL AGE

Like many of you, I do a fair amount of late-night noodling. At the end of December, I needed to know how to dry cottage cheese for blintzes, but most often I'm in it for the ride.

That aimless "searching" recently brought me to an instance of aesthetic surprise. The form was a YouTube video titled **Echad Mi Yodea by Ohad Naharin**, performed by the Israeli modern dance company, Batsheva. In it, a large semi-circle of dancers in white shirts and black suits responds with both restraint and abandon to the traditional Passover table hymn.

I wish I knew what it all meant, but I can only guess. My heart tells me that it has to do with the dynamics of religious life, where the frameworks of ritual and pattern can only barely contain rapture and intensity. I leave the rest to you. What I did feel most strongly was a longing to experience Israeli cultural life more often than I do. No answers here, but take yourself to the video by punching in **YouTube Echad Mi Yodea by Ohad Naharin**. I think that you will be both moved and smitten.

CALL RABBI DAN KAIMAN TO TALK ABOUT SYNAGOGUE MEMBERSHIP.

SECURING THE FUTURE

■ GIVING IN THE NEW YEAR

Calendar year 2020 was difficult for many people who lost much of their security thanks to the pandemic. But others had a different experience because of fortunate investments that appreciated substantially. The Synagogue hopes that you might give generously in the coming months. Appreciated stock is one promising avenue of charitable investment. The full value of your gift is tax-deductible and there are no taxes on any realized gains.

Please consider other avenues as well: a grant from your donor-advised fund (DAF), all or part of your mandatory IRA distribution, or an above-the-line tax-deductible gift of up to \$300 (which requires no itemization). All will help offset the loss of normal income in 2020 and support the Synagogue in these difficult times.

SCHOOL EVENTS

■ TO+GATHER ADDS BAUBIES AND ZAYDIES

It's our monthly gathering for families with young children with a twist! This month our youngest congregants are invited to bring their grandparents with them to To+Gather. Grandparents far and wide are asked to log in to enjoy a story, singing, and movement with their Tulsa grandkids.

We can't wait to fill up the Zoom screen with our favorite Baubies and Zaydies, Nanas, Papas, Grammies, Pops, and everyone in between. Synagogue families will still receive their monthly To+Gather Toolbox delivered to your door. They will include recipes, activity ideas, materials for a project with a link to a demo by our own Morah Tona and Peninah the Peacock, and much more. Can't make it to the scheduled session? No problem! Sessions will be recorded on Facebook 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, connect to other families and their Synagogue community.

Are you a grandparent with grandkids out of town? Invite them to join us for To+Gather this month as well! If you are a local grandparent and would like to send a To+Gather Toolbox to your grandchildren out of town, please be in touch with Morah Sara for details. To RSVP and for the link for this edition of To+Gather, please be in touch with Morah Sara at slevitt@bnaiemunah.com. The date is Sunday, January 31.

YAHRTZEIT SERVICE EVERY FRIDAY AT 5:45 PM.

ZOOM ID: **918 583 7121**.

FROM RABBI KAIMAN

■ MAKING MY WAY BACK

As many of you know, in early November of last year, I tested positive for COVID-19. I spent the first few days of my diagnosis struggling to imagine where I may have become infected, carefully retracing my interactions and contacts from the prior two weeks, and reading way too many WebMD articles about the likelihood of hospitalization. In those early days, I comforted myself with the repeated reminder that only a small percentage of those who test positive end up in the hospital and that it was not a likely destination for me. Little did I know what was ahead.

Of course, I did end up in the hospital. And my stay brought about a host of experiences I never wished to have and would not wish on anyone else. I made it through, but it took some time and serious effort. On this side of recovery, I find myself immensely grateful to my care team and the doctors and nurses who cared for me with skill and sensitivity. In particular, I owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Jan Finer, who walked with me at every step of the journey.

And in the circle of care just beyond was a host of heroes who sent me messages of support, found ways to deliver essentials to my quarantined hospital room, and made sure our freezer at home was always at capacity. The generosity was beyond comprehension. Rachel, Shula, Millie, and I felt the deep bonds of community and overwhelming warmth. Please know, every gesture made in our direction was noticed and received with enormous gratitude.

As I now enter 2021 with my health and energy restored, I pray for renewal, strength, and good health for our entire community. May the weeks and months ahead, as we navigate towards the conclusion of this pandemic, continue to be filled with acts of lovingkindness and the humanity that makes each of us greater because we are connected with one another.



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MORAH SARA LEVITT

■ A YEAR OF REMEMBRANCE

As we rounded out the terrible year of 2020, I heard myself on loop sharing with others my longing for 2021. How could anything top this year of upheaval, illness, loss, and loneliness? It seems impossible to imagine. We enter this new year looking to a promising vaccine and a leadership turnover in the highest office.

The beginning of 2021 also brings us to the 100th anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre, an event in our city's history that requires deep consideration. It strikes me that in the year following the upheaval of 2020, we will reckon with yet another disease that tore through our city just 100 years ago and continues in many ways to exist in our community and country today.

Racism and hatred of the most dangerous kind still linger among us. We are being forced to remember Tulsa's historic atrocity head-on through our city's preparation for this year of centennial commemoration and our planned involvement in it. Of course, memory and reconciliation are a part of the ethos of our Jewish tradition too. Each year we follow a calendar that marks moments in our history of destruction, hate, and plague.

Last month, we lit candles and ate foods prepared in oil to recall a rebellion of Jews in Israel fighting their oppression. Chanukah, along with the recalling of destruction and hate, is a narrative of hope and resilience. The parallels between the Jewish imperative to remember history and strength, and the Race Massacre's anniversary in our city are too powerful to ignore. Judaism's message of resilience in the face of adversity gives me great inspiration as we enter 2021.

Our tradition teaches us to acknowledge, honor, and mourn with an eye toward the future, and commands an ethos of responsibility to do all we can to ensure that history does not repeat itself for us or others. As we enter into this critical year of rebuilding, remembering, and reunifying our community, may we look to our tradition as a guide for moving forward while respecting and honoring the past.

SECOND SEDER
 COMMEMORATING THE
 TULSA RACE MASSACRE OF 1921.
SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021
 DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

THANK YOU

■ 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 in need. Thanks to:

- Tobie Bresloff, M.D.
- Randee Charney
- Nancy and Harvey Cohen
- Roxanne Imeson-Friedland
- Jackie Lasky
- Terry Marcum
- Hillary Roubein

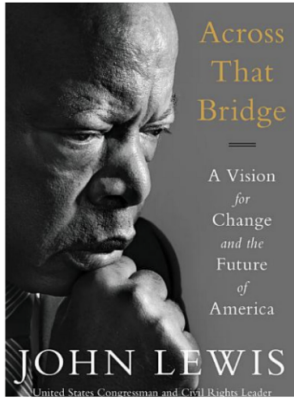
SMALL BIZ SPOTLIGHT

■ SWEET TOOTH CANDY & GIFT CO.

January's Small Business Note is about Sweet Tooth. Owned and operated by Synagogue members Jeff Darby and Janet Dundee, Sweet Tooth has been a staple for gifts and sweets in Tulsa for over 28 years. Check out their stock of delicious sweets and specialty candies, or find the perfect gift to show someone you care. Visit them on Facebook or Instagram, or call the store at (918) 712-8785. Janet and Jeff would love to help!

TEMPLE ISRAEL SISTERHOOD

B'NAI EMUNAH SISTERHOOD



JOHN LEWIS
United States Congressman and Civil Rights Leader

Please join B'nai Emunah and Temple Israel Sisterhoods as we **JOIN TOGETHER** for a virtual event to discuss John Lewis important book "Across That Bridge" and discuss ways that we can be involved in commemorating the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre Centennial Celebration.

BOOK DISCUSSION

SUN, FEB. 14, 2021
1 PM, ZOOM

RSVP to mindyrg@gmail.com or roxanneimeson@gmail.com for Zoom link + book discount info from Fulton Street Books

HONORS AT THE SYNAGOGUE

LOOKING BACK AT TOURO

Betty Lehman spoke a beautiful response to those who offered accolades at the event honoring her on the last night of Chanukah. We offer it here as a permanent reminder of her achievements.

I wish to thank the Board of Directors, President Dr. Elana Newman, and the amazing and creative Touro Committee: Nancy Cohen, Sally Donaldson, Terry Marcum, and Jolene Sanditen, for the honor of the 2020 Touro Award.

I am humbled, and I applaud the accomplishments of the past seven years of Touro honorees and their philanthropic work in the community. This is the eighth Touro event and tonight we are celebrating the eighth night of Chanukah. That feels like a blessing to me.

Thank you to my precious family: Keith; Kate, Jordan, and Rosie; Abby, Greg, and Miller for their love, support, joy, laughter, and for making our lives delightful and the world better.

The COVID pandemic continues to present challenges for everyone, but being together tonight, I am reminded of the importance of being in contact with those we love and love being with. This is what we strive to do at the Synagogue: to bring people together, to be involved in the community, and to build relationships. Whether in-person or digitally, we need each other!

During these times, there have been so many changes in the ways we live our lives, but the one constant I am fully aware of is all of **you**, and the support from my family and friends.

My gratitude to Rabbi Fitzerman. You may not know what an influence you are to the people in our community. You are my teacher and my friend, a constant driver of progress, and an inspiration to make the world a better place.

Rabbi Kaiman, you have brought energy, youth, and interesting and refreshing ideas to us all. You know we are all here for you and grateful for your and Rachel's recovery from COVID.

Many thanks to my co-workers: Simon, Sara, Shelli, Cheryl, and Brigid, and all our teachers, who have enriched my life. Gwenn, Nicki, and Cherish have been home since March. I miss you! Blessings as you continue to do the good work of the Synagogue.

Preceding me in the transition to retirement—a short list—are my friends Nancy Wilk and Didi Ralph. I love Greg Raskin and Jon Glazer and their music that enriches our souls. Recently, the voice of Happie Hoffman, our artist-in-residence, has been a delightful addition. The success of the work of B'nai Emunah would be impossible without the partnership of Keith Palmer, Melvin Giles, Karra Beck, and Will Quillman. All of you work so hard and have been behind the scenes for over fourteen years of service to B'nai Emunah. You continue to insure that everything is just right. I appreciate the security team and the officers from Owl Nite Security who keep us safe. And to Rick Gratch, my best wishes for a rewarding and meaningful life as the next Synagogue Administrator.

Through the past 20 years, I have had the pleasure to work with outstanding volunteers and dear friends: Brian Brouse, Ritual Chair and the first Touro honoree; Alin Avitan, chef of unbelievable Israeli meals; and Shahnaz Khalil, baker of beautiful and scrumptious treats for holidays. There are many more I could name, but we would be here for hours.

I also cannot name all the programs that I have had the pleasure of assisting in, but I want to mention how impressed I am with the women who are and have been a part of Sisterhood as well as the programs they provide. Sisterhood connects women, encourages involvement, and supports spirituality. It is a strong and powerful organization.

Before coming to B'nai Emunah, I served as Director at both the YWCA and the YMCA; assisted Bob Harbison with Tulsa Children's Coalition; and had the opportunity to serve children, women, and the underserved populations in Tulsa and surrounding communities. With my background, it's been a pleasure to be involved in several of the Synagogue's social service projects dear to my heart. In partnership with Metropolitan Baptist Church, we collected houseware items and painted and furnished units at the Altamont Apartments, which gradually developed into the Altamont Bakery, under the excellent direction of my dear friend, Nancy Cohen (with Harvey's expertise in accounting). In past years, Sally Donaldson directed a mentoring program at McClure Elementary School. More recently, the Synagogue, with Sara Levitt's leadership and partnership with Catholic Charities, has provided English-as-a-Second-Language and citizenship classes. I am inspired by the Jewish beliefs that focus on community development, social responsibility, and **tikkun olam**.

Friends! I hope you have people in your life that make life glorious. For me, it means friends from childhood into adulthood, and those friends who have come into my life since I

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came to B'nai Emunah! Through life's transitions and milestones, we continue to support each other and enjoy times together. I cherish the memories and look forward to more times together. I love you all.

How do you thank an entire congregation? Most everyone that has ever met me knows that my favorite part of my job was getting to know our members and welcoming them to B'nai Emunah for holidays, life cycle events, bar/bat mitzvahs, weddings...and funerals. One of my favorite Hebrew words is **hiddur**, meaning beautification—gladdening the eye as well as the spirit. That's CBE. I believe every life cycle event is an opportunity to create memories, and I love that! Thank you all for allowing me to be part of your celebrations as well as in times of sorrow. I miss those who have died—too many. May the memory of the righteous be for a blessing.

This Touro Celebration stands as tribute to the life and works of Judah Touro, who modeled a commitment to the Jewish community and the world at large. By connecting and getting involved at the Synagogue, we too learn of needs in the community, take action, and reach out to help others. It's our responsibility in serving the community to focus on social justice, sustainability, to protect and repair our world, and to be kind.

Here's to healing, connecting, caring, and of course dancing!

With all my love—L'chayim!



SPECIAL EVENTS

■ BLATT + BLUE ON JANUARY 21

Our ongoing program on Jewish cinema and television will focus in January on **51 Birch Street**, an extraordinary documentary by Doug Block. A few months after his mother's sudden death from pneumonia, Block's 83-year-old father, Mike, calls him to announce that he's moving to Florida to live with "Kitty," his secretary from 40 years before. Always close to his mother and equally distant from his father, Doug and his two older sisters were shocked and suspicious. The film is about the universal themes of love, marriage, fidelity, and a suburban Jewish family's mystery. Lauded by A.O. Scott of **The New York Times**, the film made his top ten list the year it was released.

Blatt + Blue spotlights film and television enthusiasts David Blatt and Alice Blue, who begin each session with a summary of the featured material. It means that you'll be able to follow the conversation even if you have to delay your viewing of the film itself. After that, it's questions and comments from the Zoom Room audience.

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. Access **51 Birch Street** for a token 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**. bnaiemunah.com

CONGRATULATIONS

Rick Gratch was recently acknowledged by the National Association for Temple Administration (NATA) as a Senior Member, and for progress toward becoming a Fellow in Temple Administration. Rick has completed a curriculum of seminars and workshops, as well as exams in areas of study related to the field.

Additionally, at the recent NATA Annual Conference, Rick received a five-year pin marking his tenure in the association. Rick served on the conference committee helping to re-imagine how professionals serving congregations all over the country could come together (virtually) and feel connected even during the turbulent times of 2020. Mazal tov Rick!

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JANUARY | TEVET-SHEVAT

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<p>1</p> <p>5:00 PM Candles 5:20 PM Sunset 5:45 PM Yahrtzeit Service 6:00 PM Shabbat Together</p> <p>Preschool and Offices Closed</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 AM Panim el Panim Shabbat Service 5:40 PM Havdalah</p> <p>Torah: Vayechi</p>
<p>3</p> <p>10:00 AM ShulSchool 10:30 AM INTRO</p>	4	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 AM Baker's Dozen Dropoff</p>	<p>6</p> <p>4:00 PM Hebrew Lab</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 AM Baker's Dozen Dropoff</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11:00 AM Two Rabbis and... 5:06 PM Candles 5:26 PM Sunset 5:45 PM Yahrtzeit Service 6:00 PM Shabbat for Everyone</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 AM Panim el Panim Shabbat Service 5:50 PM Havdalah</p> <p>Torah: Shemot</p>
<p>10</p> <p>10:00 AM ShulSchool 10:30 AM INTRO 4:00 PM Climate Series</p>	11	<p>12</p> <p>10:00 AM Baker's Dozen Dropoff 7:00 PM Board of Directors</p>	<p>13</p> <p>4:00 PM Hebrew Lab 7:00 PM Midrasha</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00 AM Baker's Dozen Dropoff</p> <p>Rosh Chodesh Shevat</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11:00 AM Two Rabbis and... 5:13 PM Candles 5:33 PM Sunset 5:45 PM Yahrtzeit Service 6:00 PM Shabbat Together</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 AM Panim el Panim Shabbat Service 6:00 PM Havdalah</p> <p>Torah: Vaera</p>
<p>17</p> <p>10:00 AM ShulSchool 10:30 AM INTRO 4:00 PM Climate Series</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 PM Cozy Couch Concert Series Songs of Racial Justice</p> <p>Preschool and Offices Closed MLK Jr. Day</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00 AM Baker's Dozen Dropoff</p>	<p>20</p> <p>4:00 PM Hebrew Lab 7:00 PM Midrasha</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00 AM Baker's Dozen Dropoff 7:00 PM Blatt and Blue</p>	<p>22</p> <p>11:00 AM Two Rabbis and... 5:20 PM Candles 5:40 PM Sunset 5:45 PM Yahrtzeit Service 6:00 PM Shabbat Together Bibi-Dibi</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00 AM Panim el Panim Shabbat Service 6:05 PM Havdalah</p> <p>Torah: Bo</p>
<p>24</p> <p>10:00 AM ShulSchool 10:30 AM INTRO 4:00 PM Climate Series</p>	25	<p>26</p> <p>10:00 AM Baker's Dozen Dropoff</p>	<p>27</p> <p>4:00 PM Hebrew Lab</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00 AM Baker's Dozen Dropoff 7:00 PM Climate Activism and Tu Be-Shevat</p> <p>Tu Be-Shevat</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11:00 AM Two Rabbis and... 5:27 PM Candles 5:47 PM Sunset 5:45 PM Yahrtzeit Service 6:00 PM Shabbat Together</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 AM Panim el Panim Shabbat Service 6:10 PM Havdalah</p> <p>Torah: Beshalach</p>
<p>31</p> <p>10:00 AM ShulSchool 10:30 AM INTRO 3:00 PM To+Gather</p>						

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Saturday, January 2 - 18 Tevet

Elizabeth Frank
George Paru
Sam Epstein
Robert A. Jacobs
Bernie LeVine
Joseph Lewis
Adeline Sara Singer

Monday, January 4 - 20 Tevet

Ivonne Goldstein
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Tuesday, January 5 - 21 Tevet

Mandel Fischer
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Wednesday, January 6 - 22 Tevet

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Thursday, January 7 - 23 Tevet

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Friday, January 8 - 24 Tevet

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Saturday, January 9 - 25 Tevet

Martin Hersh
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Sunday, January 10 - 26 Tevet

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Monday, January 11 - 27 Tevet

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Tuesday, January 12 - 28 Tevet

David Trope Iola
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Wednesday, January 13 - 29 Tevet

Kay Oleinick
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Thursday, January 14 - 1 Shevat

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Friday, January 15 - 2 Shevat

Marion Brodsky
Sanford I. Brophy
Leona Adelaide Hurst
Rabbi Isaac Paru

Saturday, January 16 - 3 Shevat

Mathilda Lewis
John Mason Mings, V
Ethel Moran
Edward S. Zechman

Sunday, January 17 - 4 Shevat

Arthur Brimer
Lois Contente
Shirley Kahn Malkove
Nellie Mandel
Melvyn C. Resnick
Zel Rozin
Sadye Sanditen
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Monday, January 18 - 5 Shevat

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Florence Williams

Tuesday, January 19 - 6 Shevat

Jenny Brouse
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Wednesday, January 20 - 7 Shevat

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Thursday, January 21 - 8 Shevat

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Friday, January 22 - 9 Shevat

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Saturday, January 23 - 10 Shevat

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Sunday, January 31 - 18 Shevat

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