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MILESTONES

BIRTHS

Olive Elizabeth Blankenship, born to Hannah Bernstein and Rob Blankenship. Maternal grandparents are Ruth Slocum and Mo Bernstein.

ENGAGEMENTS

Nick Abrahamson and Blair Kelley. Nick is the son of Mary and Craig Abrahamson. Nick is a research librarian at the Tulsa City-County Library. Blair is the daughter of Gerald and the late Ellen Kelley. She is a beloved teacher in our Preschool for infants and toddlers.

Arielle lola and Eric Spector. Arielle is the daughter of Darci and Randall lola of Dallas, Texas and the granddaughter of Rowena and Dave Galerston (Naples, Florida) and Donna and Pat Martens (Checotah, Oklahoma). Plans are under- way for a wedding this fall in Dallas, Texas.

IN MEMORIAM

Samuel Larry Whitely
Father of Tona Wilhoite

Eliot Glaser
Musical Director at Temple Israel

Donald Patrick
Father of Melvin Giles

MAZAL TOV

To Isabella Silberg, who recently assumed a new position at the Jewish Federation of Tulsa as Program Coordinator. After graduating from OU this spring, Isabella is excited to be back in Tulsa! We look forward to wonderful things!



PANIM EL PANIM
EVERY SHABBAT MORNING AT 10 A.M.

MASTHEAD

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ON THE COVER FOR JULY 4

Patriotic images by American Jews are as old as the country itself. This vintage greeting card features a generic immigrant family being met by Lady Liberty on their arrival from the Old Country. What distinguishes this as a Jewish image are the inscriptions at the top and the bottom. The headband on the spangled figure identifies her as “America,” spelled out according to Yiddish orthography. At the bottom are two lines that play with the language of Psalm 118 and Isaiah 24. On the right is the conventional quotation, “Open for me the gates of righteousness.” Both verses position America as a new Promised Land, part of God’s own plan, that fulfills the destiny of the Jewish people.

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THE JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TWO RABBIS AND... | EVERY FRIDAY

Every Friday at 11:00 a.m., Rabbis Fitzerman and Kaiman convene a weekly conversation to reflect on pertinent topics of the day, interview special guests, and talk about ideas relevant to Synagogue life. Check your weekly emails for the latest information on their guest and topic schedules. They hope you'll join them. This month, the sessions will take place on July 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31. 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 July 10, 24, and 31. 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, the dates are July 4, 11, 18, and 25. Zoom meeting ID: **918-583-7121**.

WORKSHOP | WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

This new program is intended for Synagogue eighth through twelfth graders who are invited to hang, learn, play, cook, listen, and move during our weekly summer workshop. Each Wednesday will bring a different theme and activity ranging from challenging brain games to cooking classes, yoga to karaoke, art classes and more. **Workshop** continues on July 1, 8, 15, and 22. Please be in touch with Morah Sara at slevitt@bnaiemunah.com for questions or to RSVP for your teen.

SHPILKES | WEEKLY

This summer program for ShulSchool students continues in July. This month we'll explore genealogy and storytelling, Jewish STEM and brain mapping, gardening, and stop motion animation films. Just before Shabbat, students will

reconvene to present their findings, projects, or dishes that they worked on throughout the week. Students can sign up for only the topics that interest them, or just dive into the whole experience. For more information and to register your child, please be in touch with Morah Sara at slevitt@bnaiemunah.com

BAKER'S DOZEN

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; just let us know what works for you, and we'll work you into the schedule as smoothly as we work our pastry dough! More information on page 8.

3 BIBI-DIBI

It's our monthly Shabbat experience for babies, toddlers, and their families. With songs, games, and community building activities, we introduce the youngest members of our congregation to the wonders of Shabbat and the pleasures of communal celebration. Through seven friendly steps, we'll navigate our way through a short set of rituals and prompts. This service will be held on Zoom. It all gets started at 6:00 p.m. Our Meeting ID is **918-583-7121**. All are welcome. No babies necessary.

6 MY | STORY - THE BOOMER EDITION

Here's a storytelling opportunity to build connections with others in our community through listening and sharing. If you're a Baby Boomer (or close by), we'd love to hear a five-minute story from your life that contains one of the following words: **Boat**, **Mountain**, or **Roar**. All are welcome to come and listen – we can't wait to see you soon. Zoom meeting ID: **918-583-7121**.

12 SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB

These signature book discussions resume in July with author Julie Zuckerman speaking about her debut collection "The Book of Jeremiah: A Novel in Stories." The work was nominated for the 2018 Press 53 Award for Short Fiction. This Zoom session will begin at 11:00 a.m. and take place in the Synagogue Zoom Room: **918-583-7121**. See page 7 for more information.

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16 BLATT & BLUE

It's our new monthly foray with David Blatt and Alice Blue as they take a critical look at new Jewish cinema and television. This month's focus is **The Meyerowitz Stories**, easily available for viewing on Netflix. If you like what you hear, you can see the movie yourself. If you take time to view it in advance, you'll be ready to participate in the conversation. The dialogue starts at 7:00 p.m. and the Zoom Room ID number is **918-583-7121**. See the article on page 8.

17 SHABBAT FOR EVERYONE

This is an expanded version of Shabbat Together, with more opportunities for song and storytelling. We'll begin at 6:00 p.m. and close before 7:00 p.m. As always, you can take yourself from the link on our webpage to the Zoom Room, where we'll be gathered. Alternatively, you can go directly to Zoom and use our ID: **918-583-7121**. See you then!

19 TO+GATHER

Families with children four and under are invited to join us for this second summer installment of To+Gather, a values-based learning experience for the youngest amongst us. This month's theme is Kindness Rocks! We will read a story, sing and create a craft, and learn about our responsibility as Jews to be kind. The fun begins at 10:30 a.m. on Zoom. Questions? Connect with Morah Sara at slevitt@bnaiemunah.com and she will be glad to provide Zoom Room information.

21 MAKER JUDAISM: CANDLES

Fill your home with the cozy scent of beeswax candles and connect with the therapeutic practice of candle-making. After receiving the necessary components at our homes, we'll join together in the Synagogue's Zoom Room to make taper candles, container candles, and lasting memories. For more information, see the featured article on page 6.

23 MILLENNIALS MIXOLOGY

Synagogue Millennials are invited to gather for a Summer Soiree. We'll come together at 7:30 p.m. to schmooze, connect and learn to make cocktails (or mocktails) from a local mixologist. It's the perfect way to end a hot summer day. RSVP to Sara at slevitt@bnaiemunah.com by July 20. We're hoping for a three-dimensional outdoor event, but we're ready to go digital if required. Stay tuned!

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FROM RABBI FITZGERMAN

■ SETTLING IN

It can't be good news that I'm writing this note in late June and contagion rates in Riley County, Kansas are spiking by fifty percent. Not that I'm an epidemiologist, but I saw the factoid in the national press just before this edition of the Messenger went to the printer.

The article was silent on the historical irony, but many of you will recall that Ft. Riley, Kansas was the point of origin for the Great Influenza Epidemic of 1918. People assume that the natural migration path for an epidemic is from East to West. It's one of the racist tropes of our current experience. But it turns out that it isn't always the case. Ft. Riley was a kind of human petri dish where the virus incubated and then sprang forth. By the end of the explosion, at least twenty million were dead, including troops who made it through the First World War only to be laid into their graves by the flu.

A fifty percent rise in the number of cases in Kansas is bad news, and it says that we may not be nearing the end by a long shot. Somebody just said that this is the third inning at the latest. And that means that we'll all have to be patient awhile longer. Get on a plane if you absolutely have to. Venture forth into public if there's no alternative, but it may help to think of all of this as an exercise in deferred gratification. The one who can resist eating the marshmallow the longest is likely to make it through this crisis intact.

The Synagogue hopes that we can help just a bit by modeling patience and a level of resourcefulness. Lots of people are working behind the scenes, but we don't think that we are likely to open the building this summer. That doesn't mean, however, that we have gone silent for the duration. Digital platforms turn out to be remarkably effective. Social/physical distancing works if you start by committing yourself to safety. We don't want to invite people into close proximity, but we think a hike on Turkey Mountain is a reasonable risk if we convene in a big circle and keep a safe distance between us. And we think that it's possible to accomplish powerful work online. Many of you wrote to say that our memorial for George Floyd moved you in ways that felt powerfully motivating. That's good news for the movement toward justice and equity.

That's because the pandemic is a lesson in how to go confidently forward and acknowledge the necessity of doing things differently. It would be wrong to pretend that we are not in danger. But it would also be wrong to be immobilized by fear. We can do this as long as we think it through. The work of the world is too important to do otherwise.

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26 SHALOM FRESH

Say hello to becoming the Chef of Your Dreams! Chef Jeff Marlow, Executive Chef of the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma and a beloved Synagogue caterer, will walk us through the creation of our very own gourmet dinner. Participants will receive a box of fresh, pre-portioned ingredients, an intimate cooking class via Zoom, and a kitchen that smells divine. More information on page 8.

28 WELLNESS WITH RAMAH

Get ready to move! Whether it's Yoga, Zumba, Calisthenics, Israeli Dancing, or something else entirely, we'll be moving and grooving with the talented and wellness-oriented staff of Camp Ramah in the Rockies. They'll guide us through home-based health and wellness activities, energizing us to care for our bodies in new and exciting ways. For more information, see the featured article on page 8.

29 SONGS OF ANGER AND RECRIMINATION

Despite the tendencies of popular culture, there are very few happy-ending Holocaust stories rooted in reality. We crave the neat resolution of traditional story-telling, but the lives of European Jews in the forties rarely ended on an uplifting note. Our observance of Tisha B'Av, the fast of the Ninth of Av this evening, will focus on night and fog: poems and vignettes that allow us to connect with suffering, anger, and truth telling in dark times. Our purpose is not to discover brightly lit exceptions, but the impossible realities of terror and betrayal. We will begin with a chanted excerpt from the Scroll of Lamentations and then move to the poetry and story-telling of the Holocaust. Starting time is 7:00 p.m. and the Zoom Room ID number is [918-583-7121](tel:918-583-7121).

WISE WORDS

"We know all too well the odious alibi invariably offered for some cruel remark:

'I'm just being honest.'"

Kwame Anthony Appiah

The New York Times | February 2020

RABBI KAIMAN

GETTING IT RIGHT

Here's one of the significant challenges of our current moment. Whether addressing the realities of a pandemic or confronting complicity in systemic racism, it feels tough to "get it right." There are endless competing values. When it comes to pandemic, we find ourselves balancing the extreme human need for connection alongside the desire to protect lives to the very best of our ability. The perfect answer feels fleeting, and we are left to confront a series of imperfect solutions.

When innocent people are murdered at the hands of authorities charged to protect and serve, we find ourselves stuck in another sort of puzzle. If racism is ingrained in the very systems built to bring order to the chaos that surrounds, how do we now bring order, when trust has eroded, and safety for all does not feel guaranteed? Here again, it feels like there are no magical solutions—just a set of uncomfortable realities that we have to face both as individuals and as a community.

In Viktor Frankl's "Man Search for Meaning," the chronicle of his time as a prisoner in Nazi concentration camps, he writes the following. "We must never forget that we may also find meaning in life even when confronted with a hopeless situation, when facing a fate that cannot be changed. For what then matters is to bear witness to the uniquely human potential at its best, which is to transform a personal tragedy into a triumph, to turn one's predicament into a human achievement. When we are no longer able to change a situation—just think of incurable diseases such as inoperable cancer—we are challenged to change ourselves."

Frankl holds that even in those situations where we feel stuck and powerless, there is something we can do. We can change ourselves. No matter how stuck we feel, we never lose that agency. It may feel hard to "get it right," but we do have the power to do so. And so, as we navigate these moments of complexity, I encourage us all to return to ourselves. In doing so, we can acknowledge what we can control and be okay with the complexities that surround it. We may not find perfect solutions to the problems we face, but we can most certainly keep trying.

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MORAH SARA LEVITT

■ WANDERING WITH A PURPOSE

It's usually this time of year when the brainstorming and dreaming for the next school year begin to turn into long to-do lists to prepare for August's arrival. But this year is different. As we start to grapple with the realities of opening school and programming to a world changed from the coronavirus and the revolutionary movements against racism and injustice of the summer, I know that we will never go back to the way it was. This shift, however, is not new for the Jewish people. We have been here before, at the doorstep of change and evolution, transformation, and growth.

This is the story we read every year of the Exodus from Egypt and the subsequent wandering in the desert for forty years. As the Israelites left Egypt, they embarked on a journey about which they knew little. In their time wandering through the desert, the Israelites encounter many hurdles, from questionable leadership, revolts, the creation of new law and order, and even sickness requiring them to quarantine from their community. Our time in the desert proved difficult, underscored by deep unknowns about the future and God's promise to bring us to the land flowing with milk and honey. The Israelites were transformed during their wandering, receiving and adopting new practices that are the foundation for Judaism today. It took a great deal of time to evolve and to leave the traditions of their life in Egypt behind, but they did it.

As we wander through our unknown desert, I take comfort in our ancestors' ability to adapt, change, and grow. We are on the verge of significant change and evolution in Jewish education and community as we reemerge from the solitude of quarantine and the aftermath of this moment of social change. This work of reimagining and evolving is already taking place in our Synagogue and our School programs. We are asking essential questions about education, community, access, equity, justice, and more. Though we are still wandering through the desert, I am confident that our land of milk and honey will be more durable and sweeter than ever before. I look forward to sharing with you our plans for the new year in the weeks and months ahead!

Please note that summertime contributions will appear, as always, in the August Messenger.

SISTERHOOD

■ BOOK CLUB RETURNS

Join Sisterhood in a Zoom conversation with Julie Zukerman, author of **The Book of Jeremiah: A Novel in Stories** on Sunday, July 12, at 11:00 a.m.

Julie Zukerman lives in Israel. With the help of Marci Cyter, who will facilitate this session, those Zooming will be able to speak directly to the author about her novel from the comfort of home. Sisterhood will not be undone by our inability at this time to sit down together! This book—all 186 pages—tells the story of Jeremiah Gerstler, spanning eight decades of his life. Unlike the Biblical book of Jeremiah, sometimes referred to as the “doom and gloom” book, Zukerman's novel-in-stories portrays a sweet, loyal man who overcomes his worst impulses to achieve humility.

Don't yet know how to navigate Zoom? Contact technology guru Simon Lowen at the Synagogue by e-mail slowen@bnaiemunah.com. The Zoom ID for this event is 918-583-7121.

■ GIFT SHOP WOULD BE GLAD TO HELP

Have you run out of Shabbat candles? Do you need a Judaica gift for a loved one? Do you want a new challah board for Shabbat? Fear not: the Sisterhood Gift Shop is still open! Feel free to email Nancy Cohen at nachac1256@gmail.com, or call her at (918) 633-1491 with orders and questions.

RABBI FITZGERMAN [CONT.]

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■ ELLIOT GLASER

Elliot Glaser had a gift. For two decades, he was the keyboard artist at our sister congregation, Temple Israel, and made beautiful music for the Temple community. He was versatile, generous, and highly adaptable, matching his style to both cantor and congregation. And he did the same in many other settings as a richly talented, hardworking musician-of-faith.

His unexpected death in June was a loss to all of us and I hope that you will join me in offering condolences to his family and the larger family of Temple Israel. May the memory of the righteous be for a blessing.



COMING UP SOON AT THE SYNAGOGUE

■ BLATT AND BLUE ON JULY 16

Our second monthly session will concentrate on **The Meyerowitz Stories**, the comedy-drama directed and written by Noah Baumbach, and starring Adam Sandler, Ben Stiller, Dustin Hoffman, Elizabeth Marvel, and Emma Thompson. The plot revolves around adult children trying to work out the kinks of a complicated relationship with their college professor/artist father. The film garnered a critics consensus of 92% on Rotten Tomatoes.

The film is easily available on Netflix 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 30-day trial subscription at www.netflix.com. Access **The Meyerowitz Stories**, the way you would any other program on Netflix.

The Zoom session will take place on Thursday, July 16 at 7:00 p.m. and the access code is the phone number of the Synagogue: 918 583 7121. If you have any trouble with the technology involved, please write Program Director, Simon Lowen at slowen@bnaiemunah.com.

■ MAKER JUDAISM ON JULY 21

Candles are central to many practices in Judaism. The warmth of the menorah, the pure beauty of Shabbat, and the somber power of Yahrzeit observances are all deeply connected to their dancing flames.

Join us in the Synagogue's Zoom Room as we craft our very own candles using organic, non-toxic beeswax and cotton wicks. We'll be making both container candles and taper candles in this lovely evening of the therapeutic smells and the calming, repetitive motions of candle-making. Register for the event on tulsagogue.com. The cost is \$10 to help cover the organic, non-toxic materials, which will appear at your doorstep as if by magic! Zoom meeting ID: **918-583-7121**.

■ SHALOM FRESH DEBUT ON JULY 26

Welcome to our first edition of Shalom Fresh, the Synagogue's newest culinary care package. We've figured out a pretty great way to share food, and we hope this project helps us all experience the critical connections of our moment. Along the way, we'll delight our stomachs and ignite our gustatorial imaginations!

All participants will receive a box of fresh, pre-portioned ingredients to make our very own gourmet dinner at the direction of Chef Jeff Marlow, Executive Chef of the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma and beloved Syna-

gogue caterer. Flavorful and tender salmon covered in fresh feta, mushrooms, and spinach will fill a roll of flaky puff pastry to bursting, and that's just the main course!

Through our Zoom platform, our guest chef will guide us through the recipes, answering our questions along the way. We'll cap the evening off with a blessing over the food and a tasty first bite. The full menu and allergy information can be found at tulsagogue.com. The cost for the 90-minute class and the ingredients is \$18 for one serving, \$35 for two, and \$50 for four. You can pick up your box of ingredients at the Synagogue between noon and 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 19 or we'll deliver it to your door directly. Your choice! RSVP at tulsagogue.com by July 17.

■ GET FIT AT HOME ON JULY 28

Our bodies are holy! Whether you're new to the practice of physical fitness or a regular, spending intentional time with our bodies is crucial to the functioning of our minds and hearts. In these sessions, we'll receive patience and care from the fitness staff of Ramah in the Rockies as they guide us through various activities.

This month, you're invited to join us for a centering yoga flow suitable for all levels. In the coming months, look for high-energy dance parties, tailor-made calisthenic stations, and more! If there's a form of caring for our bodies you'd like to see in these sessions in the future, reach out to Simon Lowen at slowen@bnaiemunah.com. We'll be in our accustomed Zoom Room: 918-583-7121. See you there!

■ BAKE, PACKAGE, DELIVER, REPEAT

Looking for a way to help people feel cared for, keep your home smelling heavenly, and connect with our Synagogue community? We're sending beautiful baked goods out to frontline workers city-wide every Tuesday and Thursday.

Whether you want to bake twice a week or once every blue moon, we'd be appreciative of your creations. The idea is to drop off 36-48 pieces of cookies, bars, etc. between 10:00 a.m. and noon on the day you choose, and we'll do the rest! We'll pack them up and send them out to essential workers, and together, we'll have made Tulsa that much sweeter.

If you'd like to get involved, let Simon Lowen know at slowen@bnaiemunah.com or give him a call at (615) 630-4866. Thanks to Nancy Cohen and the Altamont Bakery, we also have baking staples available so that you don't have to shop for the necessities. Nancy will pack you up and drop these items on your doorstep. White-glove service? Yes!

BLATT & BLUE

A NEW SERIES ON JEWISH CINEMA AND TELEVISION

THE JULY SELECTION

THE MEYEROWITZ STORIES

ZOOM CONVERSATION ON
THURSDAY, JULY 16 AT 7:00 P.M.

HOSTED BY DAVID BLATT AND ALICE BLUE

SEE PAGE 8 IN THIS ISSUE FOR DETAILS.

IN MEMORIAM—DAVID FINER

■ DAVE SYLVAN

Our thanks to David Finer, who spoke beautifully at the funeral of Dave Sylvan. We include his eulogy here because of the adjustments we have made in our funeral practices during the period of the pandemic. May the memory of the righteous be for a blessing.

Dave Sylvan was an extraordinary man. Extraordinary men experience extraordinary moments in their lives, which Dave deserved and celebrated more than once. It is at this extraordinary moment—the moment of Covid-19’s deprivation of us all being together to honor Dave’s incredible life and to mourn together his passing—that I have been honored with being the voice of Dave’s family and friends. I will do my best, as Dave was one of my life heroes, and he deserves all that I have in me.

I spoke about Dave when he and Barbara were honored two years ago as the Tuoro award recipients at B’nai Emunah Synagogue. Dave was a living anthology and diary of Jewish life in Tulsa and around the world during his lifetime. Early in life, Dave lived Tulsa’s version of Jewish life in Russia and Latvia, inclusive of taking chickens to the local butcher for ritual slaughter, burying dishes for Passover, laying tefilin, and being subject to ignorant adolescent anti-Semitism. After he was shunned from various social clubs at school, he was proud to become a member of the Boy Scouts and was very active in the Jewish youth group AZA. As a young man, Dave was a standout American soldier, being picked for Officer Candidate School. He knew of the suffering of the Jews in Europe, and wanted to be assigned to go to Nazi-occupied Europe. Instead, he was assigned to the Pacific Theatre and the war ended soon after. He rejoiced at the declaration of the State of Israel, and was dedicated to its survival throughout his life. The foundation of Dave Sylvan was as solid and strong as his chiseled good looks: love of family, love of people, love of Jewish tradition, love of his American heritage, and love of hard work.

The ethic of hard work was not the only talent that made this self-made man. Dave had a bigger vision for himself, and he had lots of determination and smarts, and had enormous abilities when it came to people. With appreciable personality, warmth and humor, so many became convinced, and saw it the way Dave saw it, and loved him all along the way. Farmers Energy was not only important to the Sylvan family, but became the engine for the incredible generosity Dave and Barbara bestowed on so many. The Sylvans’ giving heart is legend, from Tulsa’s cultural scene, to Tulsa’s disadvantaged populations, to our entire Tulsa Jewish community and the Jewish world in America and Israel. Dave and Barbara listened to need and almost always responded positively with pure philanthropic instincts.

Dave’s talent for people made everyone feel they had a special relationship with him. I am no different. At first when

we met fifty years ago, he was Debbie’s father and protector. As time went on, he became more of a father figure to me as well as a mentor. Dave loved to kibitz.... always. He jokingly prodded me that the textile business was so much more lucrative than the oil business, and he always wanted to make sure that my pledge cards were to their max and in on time. When I would call sometimes, he would say, “Hello boychik, what’s this call gonna cost me?”

In our more serious discussions, we would share our respective health challenges and talk about meaningful projects that needed our support. He related his devotion and love for Barbara, and how she kept him grounded and safe; his unconditional love for Debbie, who doubled as a daughter and a trusted friend; and his respect for Robert, whose intellect was keen and whose devotion to Debbie was unmatched in her life.

For the first time in almost a century, we are in a world without Dave Sylvan. He passed away on Shabbat, a day he appreciated and celebrated in synagogue so often. We will miss everything about him, from his firm handshake, to his irresistible smile and laughter (often at his own jokes), and his impeccable sartorial splendor. Make no mistake: Dave was iconic. He was a member of the greatest generation of Americans who saw wrongs that needed to be made right, needs that were meant to be satisfied, and who were often dedicated to causes greater than themselves.

His legacy is enormous, not only for Barbara, Debbie, and Robert, but for all of us who knew him and loved him. I loved Dave, and told him that more than once. The greatest honor we can pay him is to take his spirit with us as we go forward in our lives, and in moments that matter, be like Dave.

Dave, rest in peace and your memory will inspire us always.



Dave Sylvan (z"l) with his wife, Barbara. May Dave’s memory be for a blessing.

JULY | TAMUZ-AV

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:30 PM Workshop	2	3 11:00 AM Two Rabbis and... 5:45 PM Yahrtzeit Service 6:00 PM Bibi-Dibi 8:24 PM Candles 8:44 PM Sunset	4 10:00 AM Panim el Panim Shabbat Service 9:05 PM Havdalah Torah: Hukat-Balak
5	6 9:30 AM Shpilkes Week 5: On the Kibbutz 7:00 PM My Story - Boomers	7	8 7:30 PM Workshop	9	10 11:00 AM Two Rabbis and... 5:45 PM Yahrtzeit Service 6:00 PM Shabbat Together 8:23 PM Candles 8:43 PM Sunset	11 10:00 AM Panim el Panim Shabbat Service 9:00 PM Havdalah Torah: Pinchas
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Wednesday, July 1 - 9 Tammuz
Mildred Flaxman

Thursday, July 2 - 10 Tammuz
Edward Philip Kirschner
George R. Travis
Joseph Weinstein
Samuel Winikoff

Friday, July 3 - 11 Tammuz
Eleanor Alexander
Dorothy Stiefel Falk
Martin Farfel
William Glazer
Jeff Levinson
Elizabeth Rosenberg
Nathan Zeff

Saturday, July 4 - 12 Tammuz
Curtis Green
Myer Myers
Sylvia Prescott
Celia Rosenthal
Ira E. Sanditen
Phillip H. Stekoll
Freda Weisman

Sunday, July 5 - 13 Tammuz
Sarah Herman
Bernard Mandelbaum
Shirley Robin
Riva Leya Stekoll

Monday, July 6 - 14 Tammuz
Neil Magoon
Rebecca Mizel
Jessie Ann Rabkin
David M. Spector

Tuesday, July 7 - 15 Tammuz
Israel Brodsky
Geraldine Cohen
Samuel Futterman
Louis Guller
Manfred Katz
Walter Kessler
David Rich
Albert Tureck

Wednesday, July 8 - 16 Tammuz
Beverly Goldberg Axelrod
David J. Bloch

Pearl Borochoff Talley
Milton Cohen

Thursday, July 9 - 17 Tammuz
Freda Berry
Jack Schlanger
Toby Sternfield
Regina Vilmaire

Friday, July 10 - 18 Tammuz
Tom Gridley
Carol Saveth
Dora Schwartzberg

Saturday, July 11 - 19 Tammuz
Mitsu Cohen
Aaron J. Kahan
Marvin Eli Lebow
Nicole Abend Nenon
Ronald Philip Richmond
Celia B. Zeligson

Sunday, July 12 - 20 Tammuz
Mildred Bermack
Marvin F. Goldstein
Alda F. Haskell
Claude Rosenstein
Naomi Skuy

Monday, July 13 - 21 Tammuz
Pauline Beerman
Audrey Ginsberg
Louis Lasky
Ethel Miller
Robert Charles Morse
Madelyn Moskowitz
Mildred Hope Sokol
Erna Catherine Sommers

Tuesday, July 14 - 22 Tammuz
Sarah N. Arcader
Jacob Gralla
Bobbi Marks Saper
Zina Tarabolous
Irma Zimmerman

Wednesday, July 15 - 23 Tammuz
Felix Bessolo

Thursday, July 16 - 24 Tammuz
Shirley L. Geffen
Joan Jankowsky Dubin

Norman Levick
Carol Wolitarsky Zarrow

Friday, July 17 - 25 Tammuz
Evelyn Alexander
Bertha Hirsch
George D. Roberts
Hyman M. Rotman
Dr. Herschel Rubin
Cyrus Sokol
Eva Webber
Fannie Wittels

Saturday, July 18 - 26 Tammuz
Ruth Marcum

Sunday, July 19 - 27 Tammuz
Ida (Garber) Harkavy
Anna Dean Jones
Alex Karchmer
Joe Miller
Sadie Moran
Nathan Narotzky
Dora Miller Roberts
Helen Rosenstein

Monday, July 20 - 28 Tammuz
Irving Arbutal
William Berry
Donald Webber

Tuesday, July 21 - 29 Tammuz
Minnie Milner
Sam Sotonoff

Wednesday, July 22 - 1 Av
John Moskowitz
Lillian W. Roberts
David Rubin
Fred Skuy
Emily Smith
Ezzie Springer
Larry Zankel
Allen Zeff

Thursday, July 23 - 2 Av
Samuel M. Fadem
Sarah Frances Lhevine
Bertha Serlin
Max Silberg
Lillian Viner

Friday, July 24 - 3 Av
Harry Gershow
Hugo Herman Kaiser
Naomi Ruth Kravetz
Hanna Ungerman

Saturday, July 25 - 4 Av
Kris Cooper

Sunday, July 26 - 5 Av
James E. Ballew
Sam Dittman
Max Kriegsmann
Olga Miller
Jacob L. Sherman

Monday, July 27 - 6 Av
Dr. Louis Lipnick
Arthur N. Phillips
Lucille Sobel

Tuesday, July 28 - 7 Av
Betty Mizel
Sam Mizel
David Lee Murphy
Esther Prussack
Marcelino Rosas
Rose Schlanger

Wednesday, July 29 - 8 Av
Max Aberson
Justin Gendlin
Hedwig Jankowsky
Sam Schusterman
Tseitil Weisman

Thursday, July 30 - 9 Av
Diane Chariton
Judith I. Kleiner
Muriel Seidler
Betty Lamm Simon
Joseph Strauss
Alice Strauss
Sonia Warshaw Schwartz

Friday, July 31 - 10 Av
Phyllis Brodsky
Jan Degen
Sarah Dritch
Herman Eckstein
Sarah Frieden Gelfand
Charlotte Zoblotsky

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.