

The Shofar



Temple Beth El Israel

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February 2026
SHEVAT / ADAR 5786

SAVE THE DATES...

February 1st
Four Chaplains Service

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February 7th
Tu B'Shevat Seder

~
February 12th
Dine to Donate

Please note all events are subject to cancellation
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From the Desk of Rabbi Bruce Benson

Sometimes it's really hard to be a Jew. The questions abound: Are you Jewish enough? Too much? Secular versus Religious. Can you legitimately call yourself a Jew if you're not Orthodox or, at least, Conservadox? When asked a question about your religion, do you bluff or do you actually know the answer?

And how do you feel if you bluff and get away with it? Have you helped support your faith community or have you confused the questioner?

The challenge for all faith communities is becoming daunting. By growing percentages, people are drifting away from organized religions and for differing reasons. My kids are grown and so it's not as important now - I've done my job, let them make up their own minds, what do I get from it and why do I have to pay dues to be a Jew? These are just some of the questions that are put on the table for those still committed to the idea of having a relationship to the synagogue world.

It's quite sad that synagogues are making choices that work against their longevity. Hiring undertrained clergy because it's cheaper is reducing the Cantor to a song leader, not someone versed in traditional Jewish music, but people who can sing "camp" songs. Around the country, temples look first at the cheapest option to keep dues down or risk losing people who make choices of trips over Torah, ships over Shabbat, lunches over learning.

Being Jewish is a lifelong experience, it doesn't disappear after Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Learning more about who you are and why that is requires a lifetime of learning even if it's not every day. We have ongoing classes for all of us to learn, grow and fulfill the Jewish paradigm of "informed choice". That was the vision of the founders of Reform Judaism: make choices as to what works for you based on information and knowledge, not convenience or lack of education and knowledge.

Interestingly, prayer is a learned skill, not a challenge to survive. Looking inward to become the best that you can be, requires some work, some review of self, and the willingness to grow. Each of those things can be found in the temple in some way: Sisterhood or Brotherhood, Adult Education, Services, Torah study, social events, and more.

Rabbi Mordechai Kaplan, the founder of Reconstructionist Judaism, suggests that Judaism falls into three categories: Religious (services), Education, and Social. He suggested that each Jew is 100% a Jew regardless of how the 3 parts are divided. Like a pizza, we are all 100% a full pie no matter what size the three pieces are. When put together, you still have a whole pie.



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The President's Communication Corner

ביחד

*Please join us when we welcome local Veterans Groups to a ceremony in recognition and in honor of the Four Chaplains on Sunday, **February 1st** at 5:30 p.m. Our congregation is invited to attend and to commemorate this historical event.*

*On **February 7th**, we will be celebrating Tu B'Shevat after the morning service and a Memorial tribute to Miriam Cassel.*

We have several events coming up in the next couple of months, let's all show our appreciation for the work that goes into the planning and preparing for these events by attending.

*Sisterhood's Dine & Donate dinner at Applebee's is on **February 12th**. The Sisterhood/Brotherhood joint meeting with guest speaker Ellis Bromberg presenting a program on "The Great American Songbook" on **February 17th**. The Sisterhood Card Party/Luncheon is on **March 17th**.*

*Plan on joining us for Shabbat across America on **March 13th**. Call the office to let us know what you will bring to this potluck dinner.*

Let's stay healthy and safe together.

Faith

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So: which are you and how big a percentage? Think about it and write down the numbers in the spaces I've left for you.

Be honest though. ___ Services. ___ Education ___ Social.

How's that working for you? **A small change can make a big difference.**

Remember that you are the representative of the Jewish people to someone asking a question of one of us. Perhaps your answer will keep someone from misunderstanding the Jews and their confusion and potential dislike of the Jews will disappear through knowledge. Will you be able to answer them for real? Perhaps Tuesday adult ed. classes or Thursday Torah study can help you defend the Jewish people in a way that puts us in a much better, more understood light. It's worth it to be a Jewish hero, ey?

Rabbi Bruce

Sisterhood News

Hello Everyone!

Sisterhood and Brotherhood are partnering to bring you a wonderful program for our Tuesday, February 17th General meeting.

Ellis Bromberg is bringing beautiful music from the Jewish writers Songbook. Bring your lunch at 11:30 and we will provide dessert.

Thank you to the Sisterhood Board and the models for making our Fashion Show and Luncheon a huge success!

Linda Chazin, President

Thank you to everyone that supports our events

Shabbat Across America

Let's celebrate Shabbat across America together
with a pot luck dinner

Friday night, March 13th at 6 pm



The Spirit of Shabbat:

"More than Jews have kept Shabbat,
Shabbat has kept the Jews."

**Please contact the Temple office by March 6th
to let us know what you can bring to this dinner
so that we don't all bring the same thing.**

BROTHERHOOD NEWS :

The next Brotherhood Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday February 3rd at 1:30 PM.

All Brotherhood Members are invited to attend. Please note the new time for Brotherhood Board Meetings, the 1st Tuesday of the month at 1:30 PM.

On February 17th our own Ellis Bromberg will present The Great American Songbook

Writers: (Mostly Jewish Americans) to a combined Brotherhood/Sisterhood meeting.

Meeting starts at 11:30 AM. Bring your own lunch. Desserts and Beverages will be provided.

On Wednesday March 4th at 1:10 PM the New York Mets will be playing Team Israel of the World Baseball Classic (WBC). Team Israel features Jewish Major League Baseball Players and Prospects.

On Wednesday March 18th, Brotherhood will be holding a Fundraiser at Miller's Ale House on St. Lucie West Blvd. Watch for a flyer and additional information.

Please let your friends and neighbors know about these events.

Please let us know of any event or topic of interest that you would like to have Brotherhood sponsor.

I look forward to seeing and working with all of you during the coming year.

Please note my email address for Brotherhood and TBEI matters:

brotherhood@tbei.org

My Best,

Irving (Ving) Kamsler,

Brotherhood President

brotherhood@tbei.org

(917) 992-5740

Brotherhood's Next Fundraiser



**Miller's Ale House
in St Lucie West**

Wednesday, March 18th

Flyer will be available soon

You're Invited!!!!



Join Rabbi Benson
on Thursday mornings at 10 AM
for our Torah Study Class on ZOOM
The link is in this issue on page 12.



The Four Chaplains Ceremony

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 1st at 5:30 p.m.



The Saga of the Four Chaplains tells an inspiring story of four military chaplains who sacrificed their lives during World War II to save others. On Feb. 3, 1943, the USAT Dorchester, carrying over 900 soldiers, was struck by a German torpedo in the icy waters of the North Atlantic.

As the ship began to sink, Army chaplains Lt. George Fox (Methodist), Lt. Alexander Goode (Jewish), Lt. John Washington (Catholic), and Lt. Clark Poling (Reformed Church in America) offered prayers and calm guidance, distributing life jackets and helping soldiers to safety.

When the supply of life jackets ran out, the chaplains gave up their own and linked arms, praying together as they went down with the ship. Their selfless actions embody unity, courage, and faith under unimaginable circumstances.

Remembering the Four Chaplains is vital because their story transcends faith and exemplifies service to others above self. They remind us of the power of unity, especially during times of crisis.

This year, the Korean War Veterans Chapter 106 will host the Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony on February 1st, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at Temple Beth El Israel, located at 551 SW Bethany Drive, Port St. Lucie.



Celebrate Tu B'Shevat on February 7th following the Saturday morning Service

What is Tu B'shevat?

Tu B'shevat gets its name from the date on which the holiday occurs, the 15th of the month of Shevat. A minor Jewish holiday, it is often referred to as the new year (or "birthday") of the trees. The holiday originated in the Talmud, and was based on the date chosen for calculating the agricultural cycle of taking tithes from the produce of the trees, which were brought as first-fruit offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem.

How is Tu B'shevat celebrated?

The holiday of Tu B'shevat fell out of practice after the destruction of the Second Temple, but was revived by kabbalists in the Middle Ages. They instituted the practice of the Tu B'shevat seder, a meal that partly mirrors the Passover seder and involves eating biblical foods native to the Holy Land and drinking four cups of wine.

Tu B'shevat has developed into an ecological holiday that reminds Jews of our connection to the earth and to our role as caretakers of the environment. Some modern practices include donating money to plant trees in Israel or planting trees locally. The kabbalistic Tu B'shevat seder has also been reclaimed.

What kinds of foods are eaten on Tu B'shevat?


As part of the Tu B'shevat seder it is customary to eat from **shiv'at ha'minim** (seven species endemic to the Land of Israel): wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, dates. Beyond that, there are many possible variations for preparing a Tu B'shevat meal, usually incorporating dried fruit and nuts, and one can be creative in deciding how to plan the menu.





*The Sisterhood
'Fashion Show
was very
Successful!!*



The background of the entire poster is a collage of various playing cards and Mahjong tiles. At the top, there's a row of tiles including a blue and red '伍萬' (50,000), a green and red circular tile, a red diamond tile with '10', and two green tiles with '5' and a bird. On the left side, there's a vertical strip with a red '中' (middle), a green and red circular tile, and a blue and red '中' (middle). On the right side, there's a vertical strip with a green and red circular tile, a blue and red '中' (middle), and a red diamond tile with '7'. At the bottom, there's a row of tiles including a green and red circular tile, a blue and red '三萬' (30,000), a blue and red '六萬' (60,000), a blue and red '九萬' (90,000), and two blue and red tiles with '見' (see) and '我' (I).

Sisterhood of Temple Beth El Israel

Presents

Our Annual MahJong / Card Party

**Tuesday, March 17th
11:30 a.m.**

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\$22 per person

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In Loving Memory...

Miriam Cassel was an invaluable member of our Temple for many, many years. Her knowledge and dedication to our congregation was tremendously appreciated.

Thanks to Miriam and her contributions we had special Kiddush lunches every Saturday for so many years. And Miriam's High Holiday reading of Jonah year after year was amazing. She has been a hard act to follow in all ways! Miriam helped prepare our members to read a Haftorah portion each week for years; it was always a highlight of our Saturday morning services.

Miriam devoted herself and her time to helping to prepare so many of our students both in the Temple and in her home with their Haftorah portions for their Bar & Bat Mitzvahs.

It all adds up to a very grateful appreciation for all she had done here and for her friendship. She has been sorely missed.



We celebrated Len & Eve's Birthdays with their family.

February Birthdays

- 1 Deborah Brateman
- 2 Charles Brofman
- 12 Joseph Greenwald
- 13 Jacqueline Ward
- 17 Kathrin Davis
- 18 Jason Grant
- 23 Liana Rosichan-Nader
- 24 Albert Bindman
- 24 Sherry Frank
- 27 Francine Tama



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February Anniversaries

- 8 Richard & Karol Levine



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If you don't see your birthday or anniversary listed in the Shofar contact the Temple office and ask to have your special day included on our list.

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Linda & Bernie Chazin



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Life Cycle Events

Our sympathy and condolences are extended to:

Deborah Brateman on the loss of her brother Jeffrey Farenback Brateman

The family of Miriam Cassel on her recent passing

Linda & Bernie Chazin on the passing of his brother Albert Arthur Chazin

May the source of peace send peace to all who mourn and comfort to all who are bereaved

THE STAMP CORNER ~ ~

ISRAEL'S OLDEST UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES 101st ANNIVERSARY THIS MONTH

By Ellis Bromberg

On February 9, the Technion in Haifa, Israel's oldest university, will mark the 101st anniversary of its official opening in 1925. The school's first class consisted of 17 students -- 16 men and one woman -- whose studies mainly focused on architecture and construction engineering. Notably the school chose Hebrew as its language of instruction, even though most of the lecturers were Jewish professors who had recently emigrated from Europe and hardly knew Hebrew. Although its original educational offerings were limited, the Technion would evolve into one of the world's top 10 technological research universities.

The school and its alumni have consistently led the development of Israel's infrastructure. In addition to aspiring towards excellence in research and education, the Technion has been closely tied to Israel's security and economic planning. Four Nobel Prize winners have emerged from the school: distinguished professors Avram Hershko, Aaron Ciechanover, Dan Shechtman, and Arie Warshel.



This month's featured 9.10 shekel multicolored stamp was issued last year to mark the Technion's 100th anniversary. The stamp's design encapsulates the past, present, and future of the school, showcasing the groundbreaking research for which it has become known in Israel and around the world. Scientific and technological innovation is depicted in the upper part of the stamp through various symbols: a molecule (representing research in chemistry and Nobel prizes in the field); DNA (symbolizing advancements in biology, medicine, and life sciences); and the electron (representing pioneering technological research in engineering). The past is represented by the number 100.

In 1923, two years before the school's opening, Albert Einstein visited the site and planted a now-famous palm tree there, symbolizing his support for the nascent institution. The tree still stands on the Technion's original campus in Haifa's Hadar neighborhood where the school was located in its early decades. That building, now the Madatech science museum, is shown on the tab, the label attached to the bottom of the stamp. The Technion currently has five campuses: three in Haifa; one in Shantou, China; and another in New York City, part of Cornell Tech.

Upon its 100th anniversary, Israeli President Isaac Herzog commented, "The Technion is a symbol of Israeli excellence. One hundred years of innovation, groundbreaking research, and the continuous pursuit of world-class achievements. A leading scientific and technological institute, the home of Nobel Prize winners, and a bridge for collaboration between Israel and the world."

A special thank you to Ellis Bromberg for his very interesting and informative articles on stamps every month .

Join Rabbi Benson for:

TORAH STUDY



We meet every THURSDAY beginning at 10:00 a.m.
to study and reflect on the weekly Torah portion.
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We look forward to seeing you on line.

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February:

6	5:50 pm
13	5:54 pm
20	5:59 pm
27	6:03 pm

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Baruch ata Adonay, Eloheynu melech ha-olam, asher kid-shanu b'mitz-votuv, v'tzivanu l'hadlik nayr shel Shabbat.

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Our Monthly TBEI Library Book Review.....by Sheilah Korinow

It's always nice to take a break - not only from what we do, but also from the many serious and more complicated ways of thinking required for my monthly book reviews. This comes at a time when I had heard positive remarks about our December 25th Temple get together to listen and laugh when two comedians performed for us. At the same time, I happened to notice a book on one of our shelves, **OLD JEWS TELLING JOKES**, written by Sam Hoffman, a man who had a website devoted to video portraits of elderly people telling jokes. The site was covered by many blogs and has been featured in **New York Magazine, The Huffington Post, and The Wall Street Journal.* *He joined with Eric Spiegelman, a man who produced Internet content for a production company. (He was also a lawyer). The book then caught on when Sam Hoffman decided to just videotape his dad and friends telling the same old jokes they've been telling for many years. No one under 60 was allowed to tell jokes (he needed people with lifetimes of experiences). Before you knew it, they were shooting rounds of jokes in New York City and in Los Angeles, with plans for Florida and London.

In this book, the jokes are categorized into chapters, which as the authors wrote, "trace the trajectory of the Jewish experience in America...and our goal is a portrait, both in photos and jokes, of an evolving culture." The topics covered are the following, and I am quite sure you can think of what some would be. They are: The Jewish Mother, Who are the Jews?, Coming to America, Moving to the Suburbs, The Rabbi, Food, Husbands and Wives, Sex, Illness and Doctors, Getting Old, and Illness and Death: The Last Laugh.

It's true, sometimes you will come across a joke that will cause you to roll your eyes - but this just makes us appreciate the really good ones. Let me show you a few of the jokes in the book:

- It's the year 2016, and a Jew has been elected president. He calls his mother and says, "Ma, I'm the president of the United States! Are you coming to the inauguration?"

She says, "Eh, well, I've got nothing to wear."

He says, "Ma, I'm gonna be president. I can get you a dressmaker."

She says, "Eh, well, I only eat kosher,"

"Ma, I'm gonna be president! I can get you a kosher meal."

She says, "Eh, well, how am I going to get there?"

"Ma, I can get you Air Force One. Come to the inaugural."

She ends up at the inaugural and they're on the reviewing stand..

On the left side of her are all of the Supreme Court justices; on the right side is the president's cabinet. She nudges the guy to her right and says, "You see that guy with his hand up? His brother's a doctor!"

- This guy tells his mother that he's finally going to get married. His mother is thrilled!

She says, "Am I gonna meet her?"

He says, "Well, Ma, I'd like to play a little game with you. You have such a good sense of what's going on. I'd like to bring in three women and have you guess which one's gonna be my wife."

His mother agrees. The next day, he brings in three beautiful ladies and he sits down on the couch next to his mom. His mom talks to them for two minutes and says, "The redhead in the middle."

He says, "Ma, that's amazing! How'd you do that so quickly?"

She says, "Cause I don't like her."

- During the commission of a bank robbery, one of the bank robbers' masks falls off. He puts it back on real fast. There are a couple of people standing off to his right, and he says to one of the guys, "When my mask fell down, did you get a look at my face?"

The guy says, "Yeah, I did."

He shoots him.

There's another guy standing next to the first guy, and he asks him, "When my mask fell down, did you get a look at my face?"

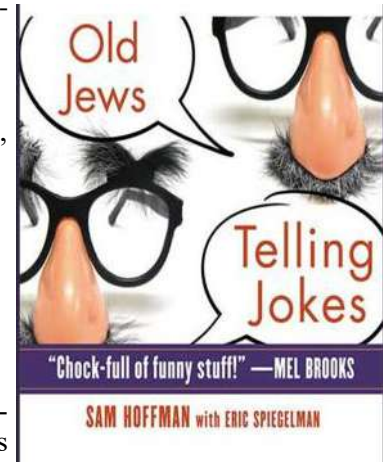
The second guy says, "Yeah, I did."

He shoots him.

There is a third guy standing there, and the bank robber asks him, "You know, when my mask fell down, did you get a look at my face?"

He says, "No, I didn't, but my wife did."

It sometimes helps to read the joke to other people, or at least out loud while by yourself. After all, laughter is contagious! You can actually go through the book and take pictures of those jokes you love (as long as you don't put them in a book and sell it)! This way, you are prepared to enjoy these jokes with others when the time is right. To enjoy more of this book, you can check it out of our library. To do that, contact me at skorinow@gmail.com or call me at 781 686 2299. We all need a good laugh once in a while!



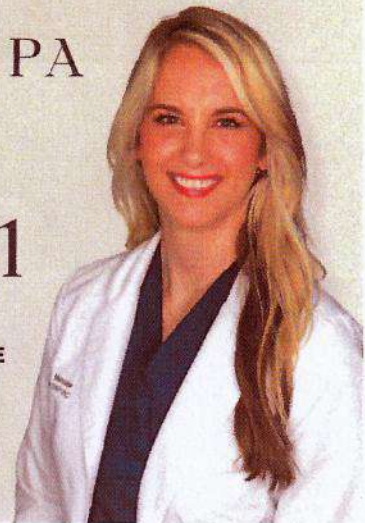
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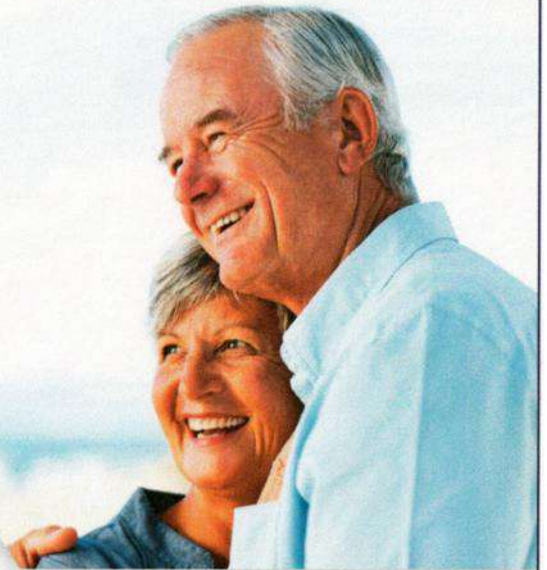
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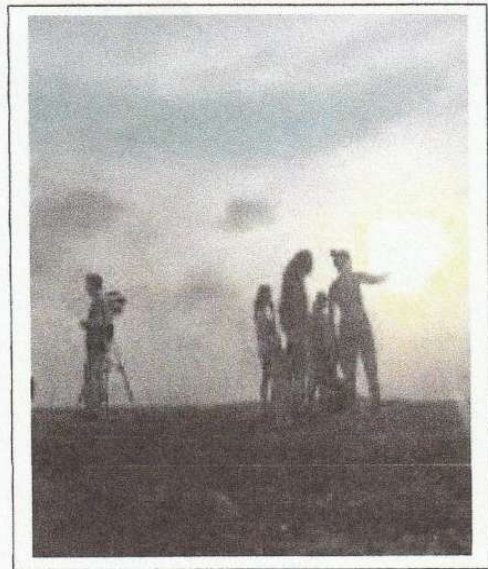
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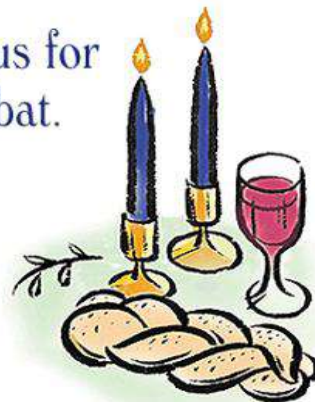
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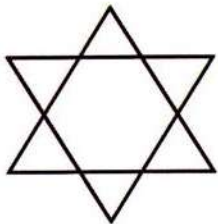
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Evelyn Slavin
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Asher Teich
Jacques Teich
Dorothy Werner *
Henry Moses Young *

2/13 - 2/14

Phyllis Brofman
Rebecca Ruderman Cantor *
Renee Flower Cypress
Leonard Elster *
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2/20 - 2/21

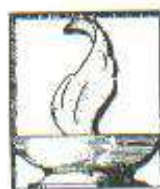
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2/27 - 2/28

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- *Kaddish at Synagogue*
- *Memorial candle at home*
- *Donation to Synagogue in
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loved one*



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\$ _____ Kiddush Fund (provides refreshments after Shabbat morning services)

\$ _____ Leaf on the Tree of Life:

Bronze \$100 Silver \$150 Gold \$200

In remembrance of a special person or event

Forms are available in the Temple office

\$ _____ Library Fund (for the purchase and upkeep of library books and equipment)

\$ _____ Memorial Plaques - \$200 - in memory of a loved one

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\$ _____ Religious School Scholarship Fund

(provides need-based scholarships for students attending our religious school)

\$ _____ Yahrzeit Fund (commemorates the anniversary of the death of a loved one)

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\$ _____ Oneg Shabbat Fund (provides refreshments after Friday night Services.

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February 2026

14 Shevat 5786 - 11 Adar 5786

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 14 SHEVAT Sanctuary Rental  The Four Chaplains Ceremony at 5:30	2 15 SHEVAT Tu B'Shvat Bingo Doors open at 5 p.m. 	3 16 SHEVAT Sisterhood Board Meeting 10 a.m. Brotherhood Board Meeting 1:30 p.m.	4 17 SHEVAT Weight Watchers 7:15 am and 9:15 am Rental 6 p.m. 	5 18 SHEVAT	6 19 SHEVAT  5:50 Friday Night Service 7:30 p.m. 	7 20 SHEVAT  Yitro  6:59 מוצאי שבת Saturday Morning Service 10 a.m. TU B'SHEVAT SEDER FOLLOWING THE SERVICE 
8 21 SHEVAT Sanctuary Rental  TCJFF FILM 2 P.M. "PARADISE SHATTERED"	9 22 SHEVAT Bingo Doors open at 5 p.m. 	10 23 SHEVAT	11 24 SHEVAT Weight Watchers 7:15 am and 9:15 am Rental 6 p.m. 	12 25 SHEVAT  Lincoln's Birthday	13 26 SHEVAT  5:54 Friday Night Service 7:30 p.m. 	14 27 SHEVAT  Mishpatim  Parashat Shekalim  7:03 מוצאי שבת
15 28 SHEVAT Sanctuary Rental	16 29 SHEVAT  Washington's Birthday (observed) Bingo Doors open at 5 p.m. 	17 30 SHEVAT  Rosh Chodesh Adar - Day 1 Sisterhood/Brotherhood Meeting 11:30 a.m. <i>Guest Speaker Ellis Bromberg</i>	18 1 ADAR  Rosh Chodesh Adar - Day 2 Weight Watchers 7:15 am and 9:15 am Rental 6 p.m. 	19 2 ADAR	20 3 ADAR  5:59 Friday Night Service 7:30 p.m. 	21 4 ADAR  Terumah  7:08 מוצאי שבת Saturday Morning Service 10 a.m.
22 5 ADAR Sanctuary Rental	23 6 ADAR Bingo Doors open at 5 p.m. 	24 7 ADAR	25 8 ADAR Weight Watchers 7:15 am and 9:15 am Rental 6 p.m. 	26 9 ADAR	27 10 ADAR  6:03 Friday Night Service 7:30 p.m. 	28 11 ADAR  Tetzaveh  Parashat Zachor  7:12 מוצאי שבת



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