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Rabbi's Corner - Becoming 'Naturalized' on Tu B'Shevat

By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

On a recent family Zoom meeting, I got another look at my great grandfather's certificate of naturalization. I hadn't seen it in quite a few years. Maybe you have a certificate like it of one of your forebears. The certificate bears witness to the fact that in 1944, at the age of seventy-one and after forty years living in the United States, Nachum Finkelstein of Molodycz, Galicia/Poland became an American citizen. To be "naturalized" means to be given the same rights and privileges as someone who was born in a country - the word comes from the Latin root *natus*, meaning "birth", as in nativity. *Natus* is also the root of the word "native," but that word has another meaning entirely. My great grandfather became a naturalized

American citizen, but he did not become a native American (obviously). No mere piece of paper can make someone native to a place. But, in *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Robin Wall Kimmerer - an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and the director of the Center for Native Peoples and the Environment - speaks of "feeling indigenous," "being naturalized to place," and "throwing off the mindset of the immigrant" as phenomena we need to see more of. What does it mean to be "naturalized to place" rather than to a country/nation?

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Mark's Remarks - We're All Synagogue Heroes

By: Mark Frydenberg

Synagogue Council of Massachusetts recently paid tribute to synagogue heroes at a December 4th online event recognized 60 heroes who made a difference in their congregations during the pandemic. Synagogue Council received 154 nominations expressing gratitude for heroes from 44 congregations of all denominations, in 31 towns and cities across Massachusetts. Heroes included rabbis, a cantor, ritual chairs, synagogue presidents, COVID committee chairs, ritual, tech wizards, cyberspace tefillah conveners, connectors, and mentsches. I was honored to be nominated and recognized among them. You can watch the tribute and event at <http://www.synagoguecouncil.org>

Mike Rosenberg was the emcee of the event. You may recognize him because he occasionally read Torah for us at services at Temple Beth Israel. He and Gretchen Marks Brandt, interim director of Synagogue Council of Massachusetts, read the names of the honorees.

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By: Mark Frydenberg

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Rabbi Neil Gold, president of the Massachusetts board of Rabbis spoke of how COVID caused us to rethink how we gather, study, and pray together, and how congregations need to continue doing the work of compassion and justice. "We had to learn to change the tires of the car of Jewish life", "this time while it was traveling at 65 miles per hour."

The evening began with a presentation by Rabbi Ron Wolfson, who spoke on the topic "It's All About Relationships." In March, he said that synagogues needed to pivot quickly in response to the pandemic. "We learned that we never did it this way before" as we quickly turned to gathering in new ways. Many congregations moved online, while others gathered in small groups outside in synagogue parking lots or members' backyards.

For many this was uncharted territory, as rabbis now officiated on camera; teachers with no experience in distance learning quickly learned a new skill set; administrators now worked from home to keep the synagogue running and members connected. And we all got a glimpse of each other's kitchens, living rooms, bedrooms, home offices, and we saw their kids, parents, and pets on Zoom.

We did it, but many wondered, would people show up online? And amazingly they did. Attendance is up at online services. People are tuning in, appreciative to gather in community. Some people had difficulty getting connected; we got zoom fatigue, and when it was clear that it would last longer than fall, we had to figure out what to do for the High Holy Days. Sanctuaries became TV studios as members came back and came anyway, and now they could join us from all over the world.

Rabbi Wolfson suggests that there is no going back – people will be hesitant to gathering in large groups, but we will have to continue offering live streaming. He asks "What are the lessons learned, what do we do AC (After Corona)? It's all about relationships."

What was true BC (Before Corona) is that we enjoy sacred relationships when we are engaged with each other, and this is especially true now. The greatest complement for a rabbi to receive is when a congregant refers to them as "my rabbi." Fostering relationships among members creates a group of friends who will be there for them in good time and bad, while those on the periphery may drop out. He spoke about transactional relationships between members and their synagogues, such as engaging a rabbi to officiate at a life cycle event. "When relationships are transactional, it's easy to quit an institution. It's much more difficult to quit your friends."

Rabbi Wolfson encourages us to stay connected in relationship. "People don't care how

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much you know until they know how much you care," he said. During this time of COVID maintaining connections are the most important. We have moved people online, kept services going, and found new ways to connect. Attendance goes up because at crisis we turn to our synagogue community for spiritual strength. Some synagogues have organized holiday gift bags at Shavuot, Rosh Hashanah and Chanukah, delivered masks or groceries to those at home, organized phone calls, arranged rides, and sent handwritten cards and good wishes to their members.

He spoke about how synagogues can evolve to encourage maintaining relationships. In the old model, the idea was to get people on committees – but with that comes the fear that you'll be named the chair of that committee for the rest of your life. "The best way to find out about people is to ask them ... what keeps them up at night or gets them up in the morning? What are their passions, interests, hobbies, or talents?" And then create spaces in synagogues for people to gather by interest, life stage, or location. The core of a sacred community is our relationships with each other.

Thanks to all of you for your cooperation and support which resulted in my being recognized as a synagogue hero! Based on the things we've been doing at Temple Beth Israel lately - creating engaging high holy day services, exploring racial justice, attending weekday and Shabbat services, learning with the rabbi, caring for our building, reaching out to our members, bringing warmth to those who are unhoused, lighting Chanukah candles together, listening to each other, sharing our struggles and our successes we're all heroes.



Notice of Temple Beth Israel Annual Meeting and Elections

The Temple Beth Israel Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 13, 2021 at 10 am**. **Offices to be elected at this meeting are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Membership Secretary, as well as several at-large board positions. each for a two-year term.** To find out more about these roles, to express your interest in being considered for nomination to the board in any of them, or to express interest in serving on a nominating committee responsible for recommending individuals for these elected positions, please contact me. Thank You.

Mark Frydenberg, President

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By: Rabbi David Finkelstein

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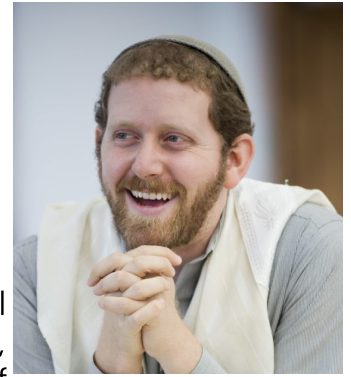
Tu B'Shevat - the Jewish New Year for Trees, which starts this year on Wednesday evening January 27th - is a time for thinking about our relationship with land. For Jews, our relationship with land can be complicated. The lands of our birth, our traceable ancestry, and our religious identification may all be different. Traditionally - that is, ever since the Tu B'Shevat seder was created by mystics four hundred years ago - we celebrate our relationship with the land of Israel on Tu B'Shevat by eating fruits from trees that are native to that land (fig, grape, pomegranate, olive, carob, etc...). But, with the exception of the Israelis among us, we have seldom encountered a fresh carob pod or a fresh fig. Israel may be the land of our soul, but we don't know it well. We have not lived with and learned from the plants of our soul land. For most of us, the United States is the only land we can ever know well - we can know apple trees, walnut, quince, oak, and sassafras. Fortunately, Tu B'Shevat has the potential to be about more than our relationship with the land of Israel. It can also be about our relationship with land more generally. In particular, it can also be about our relationship with the land on which we live.

There are hopeful signs that our national relationship with the land on which we live may soon improve. On December 17, 2020, President-elect Joe Biden nominated Congresswoman Deb Haaland of New Mexico - the first Native American to be nominated as a Cabinet secretary - to head the Department of the Interior. The Secretary of the Interior manages all public lands, including our 423 national parks. In *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Kimmerer says that the essence of being indigenous is "to grow the circle of healing to include all of Creation" (212). That is precisely the hope Haaland's nomination represents for me. The hope for healing of poor communities, communities of color and native communities like Haaland's own Laguna Pueblo tribe; the hope of healing for animal and plant communities that have kept our ecosystems in balance; the hope for healing of our soils, and a slowing of global climate change.

Kimmerer says, "to become naturalized is to live as if your children's future matters, to take care of the land as if our lives and the lives of all our relatives depend on it. Because they do" (215). Last week, I took the kids to the synagogue to check on the tree nursery that Brad Baker had assembled on the southern side of Temple Beth Israel's dogwood tree, next to what we call the Children's Sanctuary Garden. On Brad's invitation, Rafi had chosen to adopt a bayberry shrub (*Myrica pennsylvanica*), and we were visiting the nursery to check on his tree. Before this visit, Brad asked Rafi to count all the baby trees, which Rafi did, and he encountered a maple tree, an oak tree, and many others. When we came home, Rafi said the following to Rabbi Sara: "I love my house, I love my city, I love my state, I love my country, and I love the world. I love every living thing in the world, too." Rabbi Sara and I felt a surge of joy and deep *nachas* (rest of spirit) when we heard this. Rafi's love of living things is a beautiful and solid foundation on which to teach him how to live sustainably, with respect for all life, human, animal, plant, bacterial. I want to teach Rafi -- and I know that I need to learn also -- to become "naturalized" to the land. Kimmerer says, "the plants are our oldest teachers" (213). I hope you'll join me for a Tu B'Shevat seder where we will learn from the trees, take a small step towards being naturalized to this land, and "grow the circle of healing to include all of Creation." Our Tu B'Shevat seder will be at the end of TBI's Zoom Shabbat service on January 30th, after Kiddush at about 12:15pm. Please see the info box on page 6 in this newsletter for a Tu B'Shevat seder shopping list.

Sincerely, Rabbi David

Rabbi David's Discussion Groups



EVENING TALMUD STUDY (monthly)

Time: 7:00-8:30pm on 4th Wednesdays, on Zoom

Dates: Wednesdays January 27, February 24, March 24

Description: Topics are chosen to illuminate current local or national events, to prepare for upcoming Jewish observances and holy times, and/or to present key discussions in Talmudic thought. In honor of TBI's nascent Warming Center for unhoused community members, the November 25th session will focus on three Talmudic stories about bringing the needy into our homes. Together we will discuss how these stories capture the spectrum of our feelings about doing this great mitzvah. No prior experience with Talmud required. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Zoom Meeting ID: 833 6502 6963 Password: 615895

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83365026963?pwd=SytiQ0tqK3hraGFRdzdlc1NJQVFhQT09>

LUNCHTIME TORAH STUDY (monthly)

Time: 12:00-1:30pm on 2nd Thursdays, on Zoom

Dates: Thursdays January 14, February 11, March 11

Description: We continue our study of the Abraham and Sarah story in *Sefer Bereishit* (the Book of Genesis), beginning with chapter 16, the first part of Hagar and Ishmael's story. We cover roughly one chapter per session. Discussion is largely driven by participant interest and observation. Rabbi David gently guides discussion back to the Biblical text as needed, peppers discussion with occasional rabbinic, Hasidic, or contemporary sources to aid in seeing the stories as Torah. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Zoom Meeting ID: 873 5344 3111 Password 922863

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87353443111?pwd=b0hQYXcvekVXWVBqMnpvRlISMSS2QT09>

MONTHLY KABBALAT SHABBAT with MAARIV

Time: 5:30-6:30pm on 1st Friday of the month on Zoom

Dates: Fridays January 1, February 5, March 5

Rabbi David (and/or a lay leader) will lead the evening service after Kabbalat Shabbat once a month. Sharing of *tov me'od* - a good thing from your week to sweeten the arrival of Shabbat - will occur after the evening service, at 6:25pm. Lay leaders are encouraged to lead portions or all of Kabbalat Shabbat and/or maariv, as they are able. Please be in touch with Rabbi David (rabbidavid@tbiwaltham.org) if you want to lead some part of Friday night.

Zoom Meeting ID: 860 9408 8277

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86094088277>

Tu B'Shevat Shopping List



Rabbi David will host a 45-minute Tu B'shevat seder, 12:15-1:00pm on Saturday, January 30th, starting just 5 minutes after the end of Shabbat morning services. Guided by Robin Wall Kimmerer's book *Braiding Sweetgrass*, we will learn from the trees and their fruits, and "grow the circle of healing to include all Creation." Participants are asked to assemble their own Tu B'Shevat seder plate with at least one fruit from each of the following 3 categories + other tree parts.

	Native to the Land of Israel	Native to Eastern North America
1. Fruit w/inedible shell	Almond, orange, pomegranate	Walnut, chestnut
2. Fruit w/inedible pit	Olive, date, carob	Peach, plum, cherry
3. Completely edible fruit	Fig, grape	Apple, pear, quince
4. Other tree parts	Bay leaf, cinnamon	Maple syrup

Say "Thank You" by Sponsoring a Lunch at the TBI Warming Center



The TBI Warming Center has had a successful opening and is providing our unhoused neighbors with a place to receive warmth and sustenance each Sunday afternoon.

While it's safer now, during the pandemic, for our members to stay out of the building, it's also safest for the unhoused in our community to find warmth and nourishment within TBI's walls.

Remember, before the pandemic moved us to virtual gatherings, when you sponsored a kiddush lunch? Maybe it was to honor a special occasion or a loved one, or to express your appreciation for the community. You can return to this tradition, sponsoring lunches that will be served in the TBI social hall this winter.

Please give to honor someone special to you, express your thanks for the warmth and food you have, or simply to help welcome our neighbors. Every gift increases the potential to keep the Warming Center operating through the winter.

As with kiddush lunch, while our requested sponsorship is \$150, we encourage you to give at whatever level you can.

How to Contribute:

Link here to the TBI online donation page. Select "in honor of," and on the next page add a note that includes "Warming Center." If you have other tribute information, you can add it here too.

Or, send a check—with "Warming Center" notation—to:

**Temple Beth Israel
25 Harvard Street
Waltham, MA 02453**



Social Justice Committee

TBI's Warming Center

For the Unhoused in Waltham



The TBI Warming Center is a success! The grateful community members are well fed by the kitchen volunteers led by Food Not Bombs, who are very appreciative of having a place to cook indoors. Our Program Director, Chris Gamble, and volunteers have been able to spend some time with each community member.

Volunteers needed and have very minimal contact with other people who are also wearing masks and social distancing. At 12:00, you would help unfold the tarp in the social hall with another person and simple directions, then move tables and chairs into position. Then at 1:00, welcome community members at the outside check in table by asking for their name and the COVID screening questions. Or at the inside check in table, take the temperature (noncontact) of each entering person. If criteria is met, they move into the social hall. Hand sanitizing is strictly enforced. About 2:00, one volunteer can do the responsibilities of both tables as more community members will be arriving. The other volunteer can help in other safe spaces.

Contact Brad at brad@white-oaks-consulting.com to sign up for a Sunday or with any questions.

The Community Day Center is also hosting a Nightly Warming Center, as well as one on Saturday.

Their current needs include:

- ♦ **Individual bottled water**
- ♦ **Juice/drink boxes**
- ♦ **Lightly worn boots for both men and women**

TBI will continue to have a donation box in the lobby or you are welcome to drop off at 16 Felton Street, Waltham. A few buildings away at 56 Felton Street is our other community partner, More Than Words, who is currently collecting used books and textiles. Donation boxes are outside near the entrance.

The Social Justice Committee will meet in early January. We will consider next steps after the three Community Conversations focused on racial justice as one of the agenda items.

Linda Ungerleider
Chair



Zoom with Us!

January 2021

We are now meeting by computer and by phone, instead of in person.

To join by phone--no computer needed: Dial (301)-715-8592. You will hear a prompt to enter a meeting ID. Enter the meeting ID, followed by #. In the listing of events below, we show the meeting ID for each event.

To join by computer or mobile device, visit zoom.us in a web browser, click *Join a Meeting*, and enter the meeting ID and password for the event (or click the direct link to the event posted on our website or in our weekly email update). **The current list of events appears below.**

For the latest schedule of online events, visit <http://www.tbiwaltham.org/virtual-tbi/>.

	January Shabbat Services Online	Meeting ID
Jan. 1 Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29	Kabbalat Shabbat with Maariv 5:30pm—6:30 pm Shabbat Shalom - 5:30pm—6:00 pm	860 9408 8277
Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Shabbat Morning Together - 10:30 am	898 2996 2372
	Thursday Morning Minyan	
Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28	Morning Minyan 8:00am	860 6404 5288
	Rabbi's Discussion Groups	
Tuesdays	1:00pm - 2:00pm Rabbi David's Open Zoom Hour	811 0356 9244 pw: 157389
Thurs. Jan. 14	12:00pm—1:30pm Lunchtime Torah Study	873 5344 3111 pw: 922863
Weds. Jan. 27	7:00pm—8:30pm Evening Talmud Study	833 6502 6963 pw: 615895

Thursday Morning Minyan 8:00am

The minyan will begin promptly at 8 am, and will end by 9 a.m. The Zoom link is below. We will include the Torah reading. We will use Siddur Sim Shalom for Weekdays. (Note, this is a different edition of the siddur than what we have used at the synagogue.) You can pick up a copy at TBI (contact Andrea to make arrangements), or follow along in the PDF version which you can download at <http://www.tbiwaltham.org/pray/morning-minyan/> or [click here](#).

[Click Here to Zoom in to the Minyan](#)

Zoom id: 860 6404 5288

Mental Health Resources

by Howard D. Trachtman, BS, CPS, CPRP, COAPS

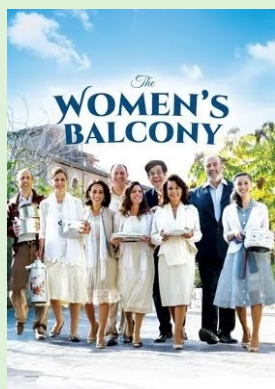
I recently did a presentation at Limmud Boston over zoom on mental health resources and especially Jewish resources. See the websites I frequently share at: <https://tinyurl.com/howardjewish>

I am active with a number of mental health organizations which are able to serve anyone who is interested. I co-founded the Metro Boston Recovery Learning Community a peer-run organization that has four recovery centers in the Boston area and a peer support line. Our website is www.mbrlc.org The peer support line can be reached at 877 PEER LNE (877 733-7563) and is open 4pm-7:45pm 7 days a week. For more peer support lines, see www.warmline.org

NAMI Massachusetts offers a resource helpline called COMPASS which can be reached at compass@namimass.org or 617 704 6264 & 800 370 9085.

I also co-founded the NAMI Greater Boston Peer Support And Advocacy Network which is now part of NAMI Greater Boston. We mentor people to work in human services, have a robust email distribution list and assist with NAMI peer programs: Connection Support Groups, In Our Own Voice public speaking and PEER to PEER education classes. See <https://namiboston.org/people-living-mental-illness> or email me at hdt@mit.edu or call me at 781 642 0368.

I also administer Opening Doors to the Arts where get complimentary tickets to concerts and theatre for people with mental health issues, their friends and families, tickets permitting. For details email info@OpeningDoorsToTheArts.org. This is going on during COVID as many shows are online.



TBI Bookshelf

by Marilyn Racette

The days are slowly growing longer, but we still have winter to get through. It's a good time for something to make you laugh. ***The Women's Balcony*** is a 2016 Israeli comedy film, directed by Emil Ben-Shimon. In an Orthodox synagogue, the tight knit congregation is celebrating a Bar Mitzvah when suddenly the women's section collapses. Rebuilding is expensive—how can they manage? This wry comedy takes on some hot topics, and makes its points about faith, friendship, and men and women with affectionate humor. It's available from the temple on dvd.

December Yahrzeits

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Michael S. Laufer	Tevet 10	25-Dec
Sadie Cumenes	Tevet 10	25-Dec
James H. Seilers	Tevet 10	25-Dec
Daniel Wolk	Tevet 10	25-Dec
Rudy Seigler	Tevet 11	26-Dec
Jennie Sulkin	Tevet 11	26-Dec
Harry Rosenthal	Tevet 12	27-Dec
Ida Hollicker	Tevet 13	28-Dec
Nafthali Shapiro	Tevet 14	29-Dec
Joseph Sherman	Tevet 14	29-Dec
Jerry Resnikoff	Tevet 14	29-Dec
Harriet Lietzky	Tevet 14	29-Dec
Dolores Simon	Tevet 15	30-Dec
Archie Sudhalter	Tevet 16	31-Dec
Harry Kniznik	Tevet 17	1-Jan
Steven Cantrell	Tevet 18	2-Jan
Richard Cotton	Tevet 18	2-Jan
Bertha Creveshay	Tevet 18	2-Jan
Jacob Trachtman	Tevet 18	2-Jan
Dora Geller	Tevet 18	2-Jan
Abraham Alper	Tevet 19	3-Jan
Irving Etkind	Tevet 19	3-Jan
Eva Wolf	Tevet 19	3-Jan
Harris Posner	Tevet 19	3-Jan
Betty Ullman	Tevet 20	4-Jan
Harold Levison	Tevet 20	4-Jan
Joseph Pill	Tevet 22	6-Jan
Newell Goldberg	Tevet 22	6-Jan
Aaron Tushin	Tevet 22	6-Jan
Frank Rosenberg	Tevet 23	7-Jan
Samuel Gordon	Tevet 23	7-Jan
Sarah Rachel Greene	Tevet 24	8-Jan
Harry Levison	Tevet 24	8-Jan
Nathan Sudhalter	Tevet 24	8-Jan
Rae Sudhalter	Tevet 24	8-Jan
Abraham Kennen	Tevet 24	8-Jan
Samuel Cron	Tevet 24	8-Jan
Nathan Goldstein	Tevet 25	9-Jan
Rose Tatelman	Tevet 26	10-Jan
Caryl Goldstein	Tevet 27	11-Jan
Dr. H Myer Bloomenthal	Tevet 29	13-Jan
Lawrence Carni	Shvat 01	14-Jan
Sidney Tushin	Shvat 02	15-Jan
Esther Kniznik	Shvat 03	16-Jan
Pearl Portnov	Shvat 04	17-Jan
Sadie Shay	Shvat 04	17-Jan
Eleazer Weitzberg	Shvat 04	17-Jan
Anita Kaitz	Shvat 05	18-Jan
Clara Loewy Lustig	Shvat 05	18-Jan
Lillian Wigod Stroum	Shvat 05	18-Jan
Richard Lustig	Shvat 06	19-Jan
Esther Weiner	Shvat 06	19-Jan
Louis Perlmutter	Shvat 06	19-Jan
Julius Handel	Shvat 07	20-Jan
Sylvia Kurtzman	Shvat 08	21-Jan
Benjamin Freeman	Shvat 08	21-Jan
Samuel Seskin	Shvat 08	21-Jan
Sarah Kennen	Shvat 09	22-Jan
Rubin Elkins	Shvat 09	22-Jan
Sophie Koocher	Shvat 09	22-Jan

Joshua Mikels Webb	Shvat 10	23-Jan	Monroe M. Frankel	Shvat 21	3-Feb
Charles Silver	Shvat 10	23-Jan	Saul Cohen	Shvat 21	3-Feb
Joseph Benjamin	Shvat 10	23-Jan	Dora Dame	Shvat 22	4-Feb
Ira Zinkerman	Shvat 11	24-Jan	Morris Freedman	Shvat 22	4-Feb
Beril Novick	Shvat 12	25-Jan	Gussie Kniznik	Shvat 23	5-Feb
Max Chernoff	Shvat 12	25-Jan	Sam Bogan	Shvat 23	5-Feb
Morris Katz	Shvat 13	26-Jan	Samuel Wolk	Shvat 24	6-Feb
Molly Hauser	Shvat 13	26-Jan	Jacob Koocher	Shvat 24	6-Feb
Edythe Simon	Shvat 13	26-Jan	Renee Brown	Shvat 24	6-Feb
Bessie Goldberg	Shvat 13	26-Jan	Solomon Harris	Shvat 25	7-Feb
Louis Kniznik	Shvat 13	26-Jan	Ida Kulin	Shvat 25	7-Feb
Ilona Viltschek	Shvat 14	27-Jan	Maurry Furman	Shvat 26	8-Feb
David Rothman	Shvat 14	27-Jan	William Becker	Shvat 26	8-Feb
Rose Leavy	Shvat 14	27-Jan	Sadie Baron	Shvat 26	8-Feb
Eva Trachtman	Shvat 14	27-Jan	Sarah Mindel Freedman	Shvat 27	9-Feb
Samuel Cutler	Shvat 14	27-Jan	Sylvia Weinstein	Shvat 27	9-Feb
Dinzie Cutler	Shvat 15	28-Jan	Louis Nochemsohn	Shvat 27	9-Feb
David Ullman	Shvat 16	29-Jan	Irving Norman	Shvat 27	9-Feb
Sarah Fischer	Shvat 16	29-Jan	Florence Lipkin	Shvat 27	9-Feb
Ida Chansky	Shvat 16	29-Jan	Dorothy Ullian	Shvat 27	9-Feb
Harry Cohen	Shvat 17	30-Jan	Sarah Milesky	Shvat 27	9-Feb
Morton Ginsburg	Shvat 18	31-Jan	Regina Greenbaum	Shvat 29	11-Feb
Joseph Milesky	Shvat 19	1-Feb	Mildred Rothbart	Shvat 29	11-Feb
Jacob Rosenfield	Shvat 19	1-Feb	Helen Rose Justice	Shvat 30	11-Feb
Sadie Krinsky	Shvat 19	1-Feb			
Harry Kritzman	Shvat 19	1-Feb			
Eric Benjamins Mom	Shvat 21	3-Feb			

We wish a long life to our members who are observing a Yahrzeit in the coming weeks.

If you would like assistance to arrange a *virtual minyan* so that you may say kaddish for your loved ones, please contact the Temple office at least one week in advance.

- ♦ Jan 2 - Catherine Cantrell, in memory of her son, Steven Cantrell
- ♦ Jan 2 - Carole Cotton, in memory of her husband, Richard Cotton
- ♦ Jan 2 - Howard Trachtman, in memory of his father, Jacob Trachtman
- ♦ Jan 3 - Lillian Etkind, in memory of her husband, Irving Etkind
- ♦ Jan 4 - Miriam Chernoff, in memory of her aunt, Betty Ullman
- ♦ Jan 8 - Alan Levine, in memory of his grandmother, Sarah Rachel Greene
- ♦ Jan 8 - Steven Kennen, in memory of his father, Abraham Kennen
- ♦ Jan 11 - Stan Goldstein, in memory of his mother, Caryl Goldstein
- ♦ Jan 14 - Jill Carni, in memory of her father, Lawrence Carni
- ♦ Jan 17 - Marilyn Racette, in memory of her grandfather, Eleazer Weitzberg
- ♦ Jan 18 - Robert Kaitz, in memory of his aunt, Anita Kaitz
- ♦ Jan 20 - Ellie Handel, in memory of her father, Julius Handel
- ♦ Jan 22 - Steven Kennen, in memory of his mother, Sarah Kennen
- ♦ Jan 23 - Eric Benjamin, in memory of his father, Joseph Benjamin
- ♦ Jan 24 - Jill Carni, in memory of her cousin, Ira Zinkerman
- ♦ Jan 25 - Miriam Chernoff, in memory of her grandfather, Max Chernoff
- ♦ Jan 27 - Erika Cohen, in memory of her mother, Ilona Viltschek
- ♦ Jan 27 - Amy Rothman, in memory of her uncle, David Rothman
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Purim!

It's not too early to start thinking about Purim! We will read the Megillah on Thursday evening February 25th. (Time TBA). Please contact Rabbi David if you would like to chant a chapter of the Megillah or take part in a virtual Purim Schpiel!



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Shabbat	Fri Jan 1 - Kabbalat Shabbat and Maariv (5:30 to 6:30 pm) Fri Jan 8, 15, 22, 29 - Shabbat Shalom (5:30 to 6:00 pm) Saturday Mornings at 10:30 am
Thursdays	Morning Minyan at 8 am
Tuesdays	Rabbis Office Hour 1:00-2:00pm
Thurs. Jan 14	12:00pm—1:30pm Lunchtime Torah Study
Wed. Jan 27	7:00pm—8:30pm Evening Talmud Study
January 30	Tu B'Shevat Seder 12:15-1:00pm - see page 6 for shopping list