

# TEMPLE B'NAI JESHURUN

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## Rabbi's Message

As I write this post, we are amid an outbreak of COVID cases, in the days after the Presidential election, and heading into a time of year when it is colder and darker. Many people are anxious and rightly so. Though today there is still much uncertainty about the election and days ahead, we look forward to a future full of hope. And so we pray:

We pray that the days ahead will ones full of health and security as we confront a new wave of COVID infections.

We pray that the darkness of the shorter days of winter will be full of light and gladness in our homes and in our hearts.

We pray for the well-being of our very divided nation. We pray for the wisdom and loving-kindness of its leaders, for their health and well-being, and for their success at bringing health, safety, and prosperity to its residents.

We pray that our nation will be blessed in coming years as Adonai promised Abraham that he and his descendants would be blessed:

*"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you. I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse. And all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."*



May our nation fulfill the greatness of its abundant possibilities. May it provide blessings for all of us and specifically for the most vulnerable among us. May those who bless our nation be blessed for having done so. And may all the peoples of the earth be blessed because of us.

May the next four years for our nation be filled with prosperity and hope, health and safety, love and kindness, and above all, Shalom, the blessing of a sense of peace, contentment, and well-being. And let us say, "Amen!"

**Rabbi David Kaufman**



Love. Light. Latkes!

# Worship Schedule

ONLINE WORSHIP STREAMING SCHEDULE: Email to be sent weekly with links, contact us  
(office@templebnaijeshurun.com) if you are not currently receiving Temple emails.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

1:00 p.m. Ongoing Study of the  
Historical Books

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:00 p.m. Rabbi's Online Adult Ed Class -  
A Taste of Judaism, "Connecting  
to Jewish Community"

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Singalong  
6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study  
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

1:30 p.m. Temple Gift Shop Open  
(In Person - Social Distancing  
& Masks Required)

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

1:00 p.m. Ongoing Study of the  
Historical Books

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

(Temple Office Closed)

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Singalong  
6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study  
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

1:30 p.m. Temple Gift Shop Open  
(In Person - Social Distancing  
& Masks Required)

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

1:00 p.m. Ongoing Study of the  
Historical Books

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:00 p.m. Rabbi's Online Adult Ed Class -  
A Taste of Judaism, "Connecting  
to Israel"

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:00 a.m. Hanukkah Gift Bag Pick up -  
Gift Shop Open  
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Singalong  
6:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study  
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

1:00 p.m. Ongoing Study of the  
Historical Books

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:00 p.m. Online Adult Ed Class -  
A Taste of Judaism, "Connecting  
to Chanukah"

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Singalong  
6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study  
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

1:00 p.m. Ongoing Study of the  
Historical Books

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Singalong  
6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study  
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

4:00 p.m. Zoom Adult Ed Discussion

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

1:00 p.m. Ongoing Study of the  
Historical Books

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

(Temple Office Closed)

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study  
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

1:00 p.m. Ongoing Study of the  
Historical Books

## Have a life cycle event you'd like to share?

If you are interested in sharing  
a life cycle event (graduation,  
birth or marriage) in our  
Bulletin, please let us know!  
Email office@templebnaijeshurun.  
com details and a photo and  
we'll publish your special event  
in the Temple Bulletin.

# President's Comments

Earlier this year the Temple Board of Trustees voted not to renew the Rabbi's contract. With the current contract expiring at the end of June 2021, it is time for us to begin our search for a new rabbi.

I have appointed a Rabbinic Search Committee that is composed of a cross-section of our Temple membership. The Committee will be chaired by Dick Kirsner and members of the committee are Wendy Beckerman, Laura Belin, Judy Deutch, Dana Dickson, Stacie Franklin, Jeff Greenberg, Rachele Hjelmaas, Josh Mandelbaum, Steve Schoenebaum and myself.

The committee will be committed to being open and transparent about the group's work, keeping Temple B'nai Jeshurun congregants up to date on search efforts and creating opportunities for congregants to share input and get involved.

The first step in the search process will be to conduct a Temple-wide survey so that our congregants can communicate their ideas about the characteristics they are looking for in a new Rabbi. In addition, we want your input as to where we are as a congregation...not only at this moment, but also in what direction we see ourselves moving in the future.

The responsibility of the Search Committee is to find candidates that speak to as many of our needs and preferences as possible and bring us closer to our goals.

We invite you to take every opportunity to share your questions, suggestions, and advice with the committee:



- A dedicated and confidential email address has been established to which you can email a statement. That address is: rabbisearch@templebnaijeshurun.com. Your comments will be shared within the committee. If you ask for anonymity, your request will be respected.
- Written statements can also be sent to or dropped off at the Temple Office; Please place "Rabbi Search" on the outside of the envelope and it will be given to the Chair.

***B'Shalom,  
Bill Grund, Board President***



## **Pick up your Chanukah Gift Bag on December 4 from 9:00am - 12:00pm!**

Due to the amount of fun and support for the High Holiday Gift Bags, we just could not help ourselves.

We decided to do it again, except this will be for Chanukah! Pick up this time will be at the Grand Avenue Circular Drive on December 4th from 9:00am - 12:00pm. You will find lots of wonderful treasures in the bag. We have cookies, candles for Chanukah, Dreidels with directions, gelt, jelly beans, Maccabee chocolate men, car mezuzah, Judaic key chain, Blessings for Chanukah, and a song sheet for the entire family to have fun with.

After you are done picking up your Gift Bag, please turn around, park in the Temple parking lot and come in the new entrance double doors (west side of parking lot) with your mask on and do a little shopping in our Temple Sisterhood Gift Shop, which will also be open on November 22 from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. and on November 29 from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

**For the Chanukah Gift Bags we will need an RSVP like we did for the New Year Holiday Gift Bags. You may RSVP to Wendy at [tropemaven@yahoo.com](mailto:tropemaven@yahoo.com) or Nancy Chavannes at [nchavannes@yahoo.com](mailto:nchavannes@yahoo.com).**

# Executive Director's Message

As many of you may know Christ Community Church who rents from the Temple has been meeting outside in the large field west of the Temple for their services this summer. With the weather beginning to turn colder they requested to move inside of our facility beginning November 1. Our Temple Board met on October 13 to discuss the matter and approved their use of the social hall and conference rooms.

At this time they plan to expect roughly 35 people in the building on Sunday mornings. They plan to use the social hall and the Loeb conference room primarily, with the Swartz conference room use for any one on one meetings. They are asking that their congregants not participate in singing at the services and they will have one music leader on the stage with a plexiglass barrier in front of them. As they were for their outdoor services Christ Community Church will continue to follow CDC guidelines for mask use and social distancing when they meet inside our building.

In order to improve the air quality inside our building moving forward, Christ Community Church and the Temple have agreed to split the cost of some portable air purifiers that both our congregations will be able to use. In addition to the portable air purifiers, we have

upgraded the air filters in our air handler to MERV15 air filters to create the safest possible environment we can inside our building.

Our Board is not planning to begin indoor in person services for our congregation at this time. Making the decision to return to indoor in person services is not one either of our congregations is taking lightly. As soon as we feel it is safe to do so we will let you know our plan for indoor in person services. Until that time we ask that you continue to participate in our online programming and support the Temple as you so generously have these past months.



***Be Well,  
David Muenchrath, Executive Director***

\* Please note due to the increasing rate of COVID-19 cases in Iowa Christ Community Church and Temple leaders have spoken and everyone has agreed to suspend all in person services until the end of November. We will continue to communicate with each other and let you know if any in person services resume.

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## Adult Education Continues Online

**UPDATE:** We had a great discussion of the first episode of Simon Schama's series "The Story of the Jews" on October 18; however, people seemed to be having trouble with the links. I am republishing the original post with the best links to use. I hope to "see" you on Zoom to discuss this important series!

This year, because of the restrictions on in-person gatherings, we are planning virtual Adult Education programming. If conditions change, we will joyfully pivot to face-to-face discussions. For now, our first series will be a combined home video and Zoom event—think of it as a video book club. First, on your own, watch episodes of the five-part series "The Story of the Jews" with Simon Schama. Each video runs about an hour. Then we will meet together on Zoom the third Sunday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

for discussion. Sit in comfort in your favorite chair, with your favorite beverage, and your quiet pup or kitty at your feet while we discuss the month's episode.

### **Schedule and best links to the videos:**

- **Dec. 20 Part 3 A Leap of Faith**  
<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x663z23>
- **Jan. 17 Part 4 Over the Rainbow**  
<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x668n88>
- **Feb. 21 Part 5 Return**  
<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x66af9f>

Zoom links will be sent out by the Temple office the week of the discussion.

If you have any questions, please contact me:  
Ryba Epstein, at [epsteinryba@gmail.com](mailto:epsteinryba@gmail.com).





## HIGH HOLIDAYS WITH CURB APPEAL

Temple curbside  
High Holiday bag  
deliveries, over 100  
served! A very special  
thank you to Rachele,  
Wendy, Sharon, David,  
Rabbi, Muriel, Charles,  
Jody, Gail, and Bill  
for your amazing help  
and support!!





## CONNECTING – A TASTE OF JUDAISM SIX SESSION COURSE

Connecting is a course taught by Rabbi Kaufman that will offer a basic understanding of each topic and address how to connect during this time of pandemic.

It is appropriate for those just beginning a study of Judaism and for those who have been longtime members of the community.

All sessions will take place on Zoom at 7 p.m. and can also be seen on Facebook Live on Rabbi Kaufman's page, David Jay Kaufman on Facebook.

Zoom links will be provided through the Temple office for those interested in being able to ask questions and interact directly. The schedule of classes follows:

- Oct. 15: Connecting to Prayer**
- Oct. 29: Connecting to Jewish Calendar**
- Nov. 12: Connecting to Reform Judaism**
- Nov. 19: Connecting to Jewish Community**
- Dec. 3: Connecting to Israel**
- Dec. 10: Connecting to Chanukah**



# Bat Mitzvah

Josette Barkley and Zachary Mescher are proud to announce **Alina Renae Barkley** will be Bat Mitzvah on Nov. 14 at 10:00am via Zoom. Alina has proven to be an independent spirit and has carried that into her studies. She loves to be active in gymnastics, is a talented artist and loves to embrace anything creative. Alina has been identified as gifted and has commenced studies in advanced classes through Central Academy this year. We are proud as to what she has accomplished thus far in her life and can't wait to see what she creates in the future.

## SISTERHOOD UPDATE

Our TBJ Sisterhood has finished a successful membership drive, adding 50% more members this year — so far! We encourage everyone in our congregation to consider supporting the Sisterhood. We created a new category, Friend of the Sisterhood, for members who do not identify as female. Joining is as easy as a call to David M. with your cc number (he takes checks as well)!

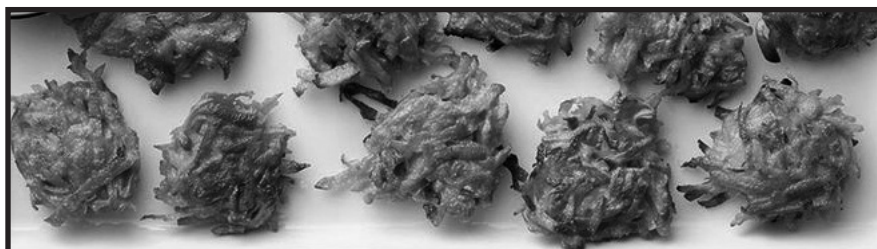
Our last program was offered as an interlude on Yom Kippur. "A Conversation on Ethical Wills" was a success. In real time and later by recording, we estimate 140 people watched an informative discussion led by Emily Cohen and Sally Frank, two of our resident lawyers.

We continue bookclub by zoom. The next discussion will be November 16, 6:30. The book is, "In the Garden of the Beast," by Eric Larson. Please watch for your zoom invitation.

Breakfast Club has joined the Craft Group meeting every Thursday at 10:00 by Zoom. Everyone is welcome.

Lastly, please watch for a new program we are developing along the theme of l'dor v'dor. If you are intrigued, join us in planning. Lehitraot!

**Rebecca Shaffer**



**A LATKE COOKING TIP FOR THE HOLIDAYS:**

**IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, FRY, FRY AGAIN!**

## HAPPY Anniversary

Thomas Press & Donna Paulsen  
November 2

Jeffrey & Elena Greenberg  
November 7

Nancy & Richard Chavannes  
November 8

Jake & Holly Shkolnick  
November 14

Ira & Susan Naiditch  
December 3

Stuart Oxer & Wendi Harris  
December 11

Herbert & Katherine Eckhouse  
December 17

William Jacobs & Gail Klearman  
December 23

Jerry & Gloria Leventhal  
December 25

Scott & Gail Stricker  
December 27

Adam & Rachel Andrews  
December 28

Linda Lewis & Milton Haas  
December 28

Brian & Evelyn Feingold  
December 29

Sharon & Dennis Goldford  
December 31

### KEEP IN TOUCH WITH TEMPLE:

Please contact the Temple office if you are not currently receiving our emails. Due to the pandemic, this is our most frequent method of Temple communication. Email [office@templebnaijeshurun.com](mailto:office@templebnaijeshurun.com) to be added to our mailing list!





Peggy Dubansky	November 3
Steve Adelman	November 4
Joyce Swartz	November 4
Geoffrey Abelson	November 7
Deana Lerner	November 7
Ryan Mann	November 7
Caroline Levine	November 8
Lisa Copple	November 9
Timothy Guy	November 9
Carrie Remer	November 9
Colin Whittie	November 9
Nancy Chavannes	November 11
George Sparks	November 12
Edye Beckerman	November 13
Louis Balentine	November 14
Lynn Kuba	November 14
Tamarah Yentis	November 14
Dennis Goldford	November 15
Edith Steinberg	November 15
Gary Roseman	November 16
Andrew Galinsky	November 17
Jeremy Pins	November 17
Bertie Waltman	November 17
Benjamin Swartz	November 19
Laura Sparks	November 20

Louis Fingerman	November 21
Raynae Kitsis	November 21
Wendy Wall	November 25
Jackie Garnett	November 26
Milton Haas	November 26
Steven Shindler	November 26
Randi Stern	November 27
Rachel Dehner	November 28
Andrea Silverstein	November 28
Steven Wilke-Shapiro	December 1
Wendy Adato	December 2
Edward Loeb	December 2
Karen Rubin	December 2
Michael Davis	December 3
Anne Scherer	December 4
Rachele Hjelmaas	December 5
William Friedman Jr.	December 6
Sidney Hoffman	December 6

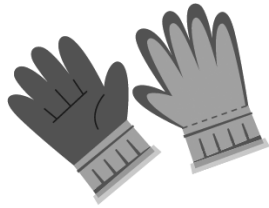
Alexis Manassa	December 6
Joshua Masters	December 6
Suzanne Pomerantz	December 6
Lorrie Jagiello	December 7
Rose Toubes	December 7
Thomas Carlstrom	December 9
Loretta Fingert	December 10
Mark Davis	December 11
Ken Baxter	December 12
David Hurkin	December 13
Jaime Gallick	December 14
Herbert Remer	December 15
Justin Mandelbaum	December 17
Lester Kavan	December 20
Mary Kay Kirsner	December 20
Jill Musin	December 21
Robert Pomerantz	December 25
Jessie Untrauer	December 25
Barbara Bobb	December 27
Abram Goldstien	December 28
Lorel Jeffries	December 28
Katherine Meeker	
Mandelbaum	December 28
Carrie Schoenebaum	December 28
Katy Muelhaupt	December 30
Arnie Waltman	December 31

## SHOP 'TIL YOU PLOTZ!

The Temple Sisterhood Gift Shop  
will be open on November 22  
from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. and on  
November 29 from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.  
If it has to do with Chanukah,  
you'll find it here!







# BUNDLE UP OUR CHILDREN

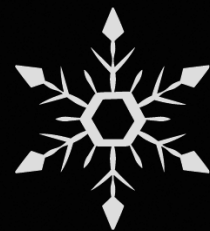
## WINTER HATS, SCARVES & GLOVES COLLECTION

Let's give the Gift of Warmth to  
children in the  
foster care system!

**November 16 - 25, 2020**

Drop off location:  
Temple B'nai Jeshrun

5101 Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50312



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Jackie Strom Sinykin • 8/24/20  
(Cousin of Gloria Leventhal)

Sanford Naiditch • 8/26/20  
(Father of Ira Naiditch)

Sally Luftman • 9/18/20

Elaine "Candy" Elsner • 10/10/20  
(Mother of Kathy Elsner)

Janice K. Paulsen • 10/13/20  
(Sister of Deb Ziemann)

Betty Troum • 10/28/20  
(Cousin of Gwenn Copple)

Mario Borchowsky • 10/31/20  
(Nephew of Gloria Leventhal)



# Yahrzeit Observances

**The following names will be read on Friday, November 6, and Saturday, November 7:**

Louis London  
Helen Ellis  
Albert Silverman  
Martha Glayston  
Annis Gross  
Fritz Jacoby  
Arnold R. Nides  
Seymour Shlaes  
Irl Brossman  
Renee Plotkin Handleman  
Donald Lipman  
Sylvain M. Block  
Lena F. Brody  
Katherine J. Cunningham  
Joseph Davidson  
Harry A. Friedman  
Ann Parks  
Edward Robinson  
Pauline Solomon  
Peter Joseph Spoden  
Leo Lorber  
Libby Druker  
Eleanor M. Friedman  
Arnold M. Goldman  
Madelyn Levitt

**The following names will be read on Friday, November 13, and Saturday, November 14:**

Ida Kiv  
Donald Masters  
Rhoda Neufeld  
Brady Pratt  
A. Joseph Schwied  
Celia Weinstock  
Dorothy Bloxam  
Percy Corran  
Bernard Mercer  
Moritz Riegelman  
Doloris Rosenberg  
Maurice Eckstat  
Adelaide Krum  
Reecie Levin-Becker  
Berenice Moss  
Marvin Cohen  
Claude Gruen  
Robert Powell  
Benjamin Stern  
Natalie Harvey  
Morris Joseph  
Simon Kahn  
Becky Cook

**The following names will be read on Friday, November 20, and Saturday, November 21:**

Jacob S. Grossman  
Shirley R. Numeroff  
Hilda Pearlman  
Raymond Rosenberg  
Harry Brody  
Arnold M. Gordon  
Edwin Sherman  
Joseph I. Weiner  
Martin Cotlar  
Oscar Fischer  
Yale Kramer  
Katherine Osherow  
Irving Shanbrom  
Lillian Barsky  
Louis Canar  
Daniel Carlin  
Orville "Gene" Heck  
Dora Kelner  
Al Lerner  
Edith Robinson  
Cornelia Madelon Ball  
Louis Bucksbaum  
Frances W. Cohen  
Phyllis Fingerman  
Martha Kipnis  
Sidney Mandelbaum  
Isabel Baron Davis  
Jack Freedman  
Barbara M. Kolmen  
Max Wittenstein

**The following names will be read on Friday, November 27, and Saturday, November 28:**

Lucille London  
Agnes Alcorn  
Abraham L. Seidler  
Donald R. Silverman  
Matthew Bucksbaum  
Julius Epstein  
Harold Goldman  
Herman Krause  
Harry Miller  
Ross Daniels  
Pearl A. Jacobs  
Bernard Kohn  
Shirley Yentis  
Fritz Herzog

**The following names will be read on Friday, December 4, and Saturday, December 5:**

Stanton A. Coleman  
A. Arthur Davis  
Edward Masters  
Marjorie Zerlin  
Steven Frederick  
Mabel Pomerantz  
Sam Abramson  
Elaine Davidson  
Esther Josephson  
Isidor Karp  
Serna Lerner  
Stella Hiller  
Sutton Loy Reese  
Claire B. Frank  
Marjorie Sheuerman Kahn  
Lillian Margolin  
Elizar Pinchas Musin  
Clair Patterson  
Henry Schein  
Harriet G. Zagel

**The following names will be read on Friday, December 11, and Saturday, December 12:**

Sophia Moohr Adler  
Harry Cohen  
Morris O. Kahn  
Manassa A. Sheuerman  
Louis Wolf  
Deena Davidson Friedman  
Max M. Friedman  
Lester G. Gitchell  
Mary Kay Schuler  
Jonathan D. Cohen  
Dr. Solomon Greenhill  
J Carrell Heller  
Jerry Karbeling  
Bill Z. Luftman  
Mamie K. Tolochko  
Harry Hoffman  
Allen Katz  
Fred Lorber  
Julius Samish  
Henry Corn  
Chaim Ziffren  
Edward I. Frankel  
Anne Glauberg  
Lillie Harris  
Martin "Marty" Robinson  
Jan Sudak

Sydney Tabach  
Leonard GoldensonInes Klein  
Max B. Loeb  
Alex Pomerantz

**The following names will be  
read on Friday, December 18  
and Saturday, December 19:**

Surella Corran  
John Joseph  
Shire Kipnis  
Isadore S. Lipsey  
Bernard Pearlman  
Sylvia Bergman  
Nancy Caplan  
Lucille Druker  
Alta Epstein  
Viola Leventhal  
George Morgenstern  
Lucille Robinson  
Etya Rosenblum  
Arianne Shrago  
Joan Walsh  
Sidney Myer Zeff  
Joan Ginsberg  
Bess Haase  
Sara Werblowsky  
Bernard Cowen  
John Lewis Jacobs  
Patricia Stuart  
Jodi Lynn Wittenstein  
Elaine Brooks  
Paul From  
Robert Gitchell  
Betty Jacobson  
Dorothy J. Kikoler

Yetta Toubes  
Elmer Cohen  
George Jagiello

**The following names will be  
read on Friday, December 25,  
and Saturday, December 26:**

Rebecca Robinson  
Florence Zaiman Binder  
Paula Katzmann  
James B. Oppenheimer  
Theresa Taylor  
Margit Wilson  
Esther Frank  
Jason Boyd Smith  
William Toran  
Ruth Barkley  
Besse Gottstein  
Estelle W. Mandelbaum  
Max Rosenberg  
Arlene Scheir  
Sidney Smuleson  
Ronnie Wolf  
Jeffrey Morey Krum  
Susan M. Wayne  
Janet Gellman Bailin  
Meyer Brody  
Mark Finkelstein  
Stanley Hiersteiner  
Ann Kneeter  
Benjamin Shedle  
Steven N. Blank  
Minnie G. Gordon  
Heymen B. Kahn  
Jacob H. Ladin  
Shifra Robin

Elaine Robinson  
Myron Rosenberg  
Philip Rubin  
Lillian Smith  
Stefany Weinberger  
Paula Weiss

**The following names will be  
read on Friday, January 1,  
and Saturday, January 2:**

Ben Biber  
Ruth Brenner  
Mandel Feingold  
Janet Grossman  
Aubrey Perrin  
Rose Goldenson Stein  
Rose Wieder  
Marian Bradlin-Stern  
Virginia Pratt  
Kenneth Robert Butler  
Jeanne Trinder  
Joseph "Chick" Barricks  
Ted Block  
Gertrude Davidson  
Merrill Grossman  
Sharon Beecher  
Bernice Corn  
Pearl Gorbaty  
Phyllis Jagiello  
Morris Handleman  
Harry H. Press  
Lena Rovner  
Mildred Ladin  
Ester Purisman  
Delores (Doie) Robinson  
Richard S. Wolf

*Happy Festival of Lights!*

Best wishes for a Chanukah full of beauty and light!



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November 2020

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1	2	3 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting 5:30pm Worship Committee	4 1:00pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	5 10:00am Sisterhood Crafts Online Scholar-in-Residence : Amy-Jill Levine	6 9:00am Online Scholar in Residence : Amy-Jill Levine 6:00pm Family Shabbat Service	7 9:00am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:00am Shabbat Service
8	9 6:30pm Sisterhood Meeting	10 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting 6:30pm Temple Board Meeting	11 1:00pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	12 10:00am Sisterhood Crafts Online Adult Ed Class - A Taste of Judaism, "Connecting to Reform Judaism"	13 10:00am Shabbat Morning Singalong 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service	14 9:00am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:00am Alina Barkley Bat Mitzvah
15 11:00am Joanne Brown's Short Story Book Club 4:00pm Zoom Adult Ed Discussion	16 6:30pm Book Club, "In the Garden of Beasts"	17 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting	18 1:00pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	19 10:00am Sisterhood Crafts Online Adult Ed Class - A Taste of Judaism, "Connecting to Jewish Community"	20 10:00am Shabbat Morning Singalong 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service	21 9:00am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:00am Shabbat Service
22 1:30pm Gift Shop Open	23	24 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting	25 1:00pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	26 Temple Office Closed	27 Temple Office Closed 10:00am Shabbat Morning Singalong 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Service	28 9:00am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:00am Shabbat Service
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<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting	<b>9</b> 1:00pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books	<b>10</b> 10:00am Sisterhood Crafts 7:00pm Online Adult Ed Class - A Taste of Judaism, "Connecting to Chanukah"	<b>11</b> 10:00am Shabbat Morning Singalong Erev Shabbat Service	<b>12</b> 9:00am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:00am Shabbat Service
<b>13</b> Hanukkah (Day 3)	<b>14</b> Hanukkah (Day 4)	<b>15</b> 10:00am Temple Staff Meeting	<b>16</b> 1:00pm Ongoing Study of the Historical Books 6:00pm All Iowa Chanukah Candle Lighting	<b>17</b> 10:00am Sisterhood Crafts	<b>18</b> 10:00am Shabbat Morning Singalong Erev Shabbat Service	<b>19</b> 9:00am Traditional Torah Study (TTS) 10:00am Shabbat Service
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