

TEMPLE B'NAI JESHURUN

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Rabbi's Message

It's taken longer than I had planned, but the congregational survey I wrote about this summer is just about ready to go live. Sometime in the next few weeks, we will be sending out an email with a link to the survey, and the more of you who complete it, the more useful it will be as a tool for reaching new potential as a congregational community.

We crafted the survey with you in mind. We tried to make it as simple and straightforward as possible, while also including opportunities for you to share or ask whatever you like. There are some questions that might make you wonder why we're asking them, and rather than adding wordy explanations to the survey itself, I am using this forum to share some of the thinking behind the specifics.

The survey is for everyone – it is set up to be completed by a primary respondent, but rather than lumping everyone in a household together, we would like information about and from each family member. This includes spouses, children, and yes, even spouses who are not Jewish, because you are important to us too, and we want to know who you are.

Knowing who all the members of a household are will enable us to communicate more effectively and make sure we are reaching the right people at the right time. For example, if we know that a teenager is graduating from high school, it is an opportunity for us to connect with both student and parents at a powerfully transformative point in their lives.

And it's not just about kids and families. Knowing who is on their own, particularly those advanced in years, will enable us to reach out to help people stay connected, and, when needed, simply to help.

Some of you might wonder why we want to know where you work, what kind of work you do, and what special

skills or hobbies you have. It's not just because we're nosy.

If, after mapping work addresses, we discover that there are 30 congregants who work within a four-block area, that tells me that there is a great opportunity to connect with them in that area.

Whether it's hosting a lunch and learn in someone's conference room, or simply posting that I'll be at a particular coffee shop at a given time – I want to engage congregants where you are.

As for wanting to know what kind of work you do, as well as special skills and hobbies, you all hold a tremendous collective wealth of experience and expertise. If we know about your particular experience and expertise, then we can honor it by reaching out to you for input, advice, and, if you're willing, help on particular programs and projects. In creating this survey, for example, Jeff Greenberg, a congregant who works in the field of consumer experience analytics was incredibly helpful on both the technical ends and the formulation of questions (especially when it came to making them less wordy!). Because I knew who to turn to, Jeff had an opportunity for meaningful involvement that did not include a single committee meeting. Thank you, Jeff!

As I mentioned above, we also want to know about family members who are not Jewish. We know that there are a lot of you out there, and you are an important part of our community. Whatever role Judaism and the congregation play in your life, it is something, and by knowing who you are, we stand a better chance of making that role a positive and supportive one.



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Worship Schedule

Currently Friday evening and Saturday morning services are in person and live streamed on our website, www.templebnajeshurun.org.
Saturday morning Torah Study is in person and via Zoom. Emails are sent biweekly with streaming links and updates to the schedule if there are any.
Contact us if you are not currently receiving Temple emails, office@templebnajeshurun.com.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:00 p.m. Adult Jewish Learning
with Rabbi Neal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:00 p.m. All Iowa Chanukkah Lighting
via Zoom

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:00 p.m. Des Moines Jewish Community
Chanukkah Candle Lighting
at Maccabee's Deli

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Chanukkah

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:00 p.m. Adult Jewish Learning
with Rabbi Neal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

7:00 p.m. Adult Jewish Learning
with Rabbi Neal

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

6:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service
7:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

7:00 p.m. Adult Jewish Learning
with Rabbi Neal

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

7:00 p.m. Adult Jewish Learning
with Rabbi Neal

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service
7:00 p.m. New Member Oneg

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

7:00 p.m. Adult Jewish Learning
with Rabbi Neal

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

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

Rabbi's Message (continued)

Whenever someone is collecting data, I always want to know what do they plan to do with it? Sometimes, organizations are fixated on collecting data for the sake of collecting data. That's not what this is. The purpose of this survey is to help the Temple and me, the new rabbi, know who you are so that I can connect with you, and so we can connect you with each other. Who knows, we may have multiple woodworkers who don't know each other but would love to work on a project together (like repairing the loose veneer on the ark). Or maybe one of you would

jump at the chance to bring soup to a sick congregant who you didn't know lived less than a mile from you.

We are asking these questions because I want to connect with you, and I want to connect you with each other. After all, a congregation full of people who personally know their rabbi -that's something. But a congregation full of people who personally know and care about each other – that's a family. That seems like something I'd like to be a part of.

Rabbi Neal

NOTE: If you do not currently receive emails from Temple B'nai Jeshurun, please make sure to check your spam/junk folder or check with the office that you are subscribed to our email service. Our staff will be happy to assist in any way possible to get you a copy of the survey.

President's Comments

As 2022 comes to an end, we reflect on all we have endured, overcome, celebrated, mourned and gained over the past twelve months. Individually and as a community. As I've said before, it's been a full year with much to process.

Take a moment to read the following quote from Michael Josephson, founder of the Joseph & Edna Josephson Institute of Ethics and Character Counts, and decide what it means to you. *"Approach the New Year with the resolve to find the opportunities hidden in each new day."*

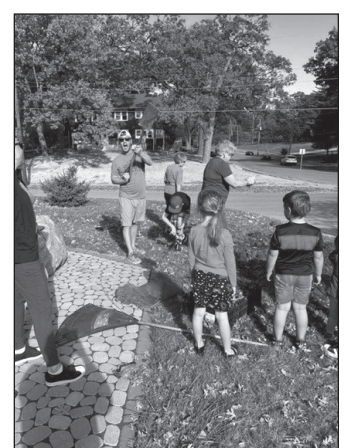
Every single day is a gift and a privilege, not to be taken for granted. So here is my unsolicited list of suggestions and thoughts, based on life experience, self-help books, instagram memes and personal intuition, on how to find the hidden opportunities, in each new day.

Call your parents every day, simply to check in. Tell your children you love them. Make sure your children know you are proud of them and encourage them to be proud of themselves for all their small and large achievements. Touch your

aging loved ones, often. Do the hard things first. Smile and laugh. Offer to help and actually follow through. Donate your time, talent and treasure — as much as you can. Come to "family" shabbat even if you don't have children (because it's highly entertaining). Take deep cleansing breaths — everyone has forgotten how to breathe. Remember the importance of sleep and exercise. Meditate and pray. Find gratitude. Let anger go; it only affects you. Surround yourself with friends, family and people who build you up. Wash your hands.

Wishing you all a Happy Chanukkah, Hanukkah, Chanukah (take your pick), and a delightful, healthy and safe new year. Be well and thank you for being part of our Temple B'nai Jeshurun family.

Love, light and latkes,
Dana Dickson
danafortbj@gmail.com



The Daffodil Project Takes Root at TBJ

These individuals and their families supported our October 23 pop-up bulb planting effort in support of The Daffodil Project honoring children lost in the Holocaust: Josh Masterson, Miriam Van Heukelem, Lynn Kuba, Andrew Galinsky, Dick Kirsner, Marilyn Musser, and David Muenchrath. The bulbs are planted at the north end of the new wing, near the ISU track team memorial. Thank you all!

Executive Director's Message

Even though winter hasn't official begun, we have had our first bout of winter weather, and if you are like me, once the sun starts setting around 5:00 pm I start longing for the warmer weather of spring and summer. The winter months here at the Temple tend to be a little quiet, which is why I am going to focus on some of the projects and programs that will take place this spring and summer.

I'm grateful for all the volunteers who recently came out to help plant daffodils around the Temple. The last two years the Temple has participated in the Daffodil Project. The Daffodil Project is a worldwide Living Holocaust Memorial, which strives to annually plant 1.5 million yellow Daffodils in memory of the children who perished in the Holocaust and in support for children suffering in humanitarian crises in the world today. Hopefully as you come by the Temple this spring you will see our daffodils, and please visit www.daffodilproject.net if you would like to learn more about the Daffodil Project.

The daffodils are not the only new growth we hope to see this spring. As you may remember we lost two saplings during the derecho that hit our state two years ago. (A little side note, derecho, is sadly word that I have had to teach Rabbi Neal. I'm hopeful that we will all have better things to teach him about our great state in the coming months and years.) This spring we are

hoping to plant two new trees to replace the ones we lost. If anyone would like to sponsor one or both of those trees, we will happily add a leaf to our Tree of Life in honor of that donation. If you are interested in donating a tree, please contact me directly.



Lastly, it is not too early to start thinking about the summer. Especially if you are a parent or young person now is the time that you need to start thinking about summer camp. As always, if you have a young person going to a URJ run summer camp the Temple will provide a \$1,000 scholarship for each young person going. If you have any questions about the scholarship program, please feel free to reach out to me, but if you would like to know more about the Camps themselves, I suggest you reach out some of the many people from the Temple that have gone in years past.

So yes, we are entering the dark and cold days of winter, but as we light our Menorahs in just a few weeks, I hope their light will remind us of all the good things we have to look forward to.

***Shalom,
David Muenchrath***

Changes Announced for Temple Domain

Over 20 years ago the Temple established its digital presence and created a website. The first step in doing so was choosing what's called a domain name that was available. Ultimately templebnaijeshurun.org was chosen as the domain names tbj.org, bj.org, and bnaijeshurun.org had already been taken by other congregations.

We recently registered the domain name tbjdsm.org and are planning on this becoming the address (URL) of our website. So why after 20 some years are we making this change? The current address is by now familiar and certainly descriptive. Sometimes it takes "new eyes" to point out that our web address is long, and when being typed into a browser is subject to misspelling and typos.

The plan is to transition to the new address sometime later this year. There is nothing you will need to do to accommodate this change. Eventually we will have the primary address for our website be <http://www.tbj.org> although if you use the old address of <http://www.templebnaijeshurun.org> it will route you to the new address. Similar changes will eventually be made for our Temple email addresses.

For now we have configured the new address of tbj.org to point or route you to the current web address of templebnaijeshurun.org. We will let you know when we transition to this new address. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at richard@kirsner.net.

***Dick Kirsner
Temple IT/Communication Vision Leader***



December 4 - Hanukkah Happenings, 4 - 6 p.m., at Temple

December 6 - Sisterhood board meeting, 6:30 p.m., at Temple

December 12 - Breakfast Club, 9:30 a.m., at IHOP, 50th Street, West Des Moines. Please respond to Wendy Beckerman at tropemaven@yahoo.com

December 18 - 26 - Hanukkah

December 22 - We Do Lunch, Noon, at Tavern, 50th Street, West Des Moines. Please respond to Wendy Beckerman at tropemaven@yahoo.com

Schmooze and Crafts every Thursday at 10 a.m. at Temple

The next picks for the Temple Book Club are:

For January 9 discussion, we will be reading "This Tender Land" by William Kent Krueger

For March 13 discussion, we will be reading "The Hero of This Book" by Elizabeth McCracken

Remember Temple Book Club meetings are at 6:30 p.m. via zoom; Links will be sent out when we get closer to each date.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS: YOUR CANS CAN TRANSFORM LIVES

When you think about a can or a bottle (which no one often does) you think about it holding something. We might see soda or juice or cranberries or pickles, ad infinitum. But what if I told you these recycled or nickel returns could also hold the happiness of a child? Does that seem far-fetched? Well, not to our temple youth group! Where we saw a nuisance, our youth saw a possibility to brighten the environment of another child. Let me introduce you to **MY HAPPY PLACE**.

Imagine a child whose life is filled with pain, doctors' visits and unpleasant treatments that garner hope for a better future. Imagine a child who spends countless hours in their room waiting and hoping for that healthy tomorrow. Now imagine that room has an amazing bed and is festooned with the characters and items and colors that make them happy. Our youth group wants to help turn these rooms into a space where kids will say that it is "My Happy Place."

My Happy Place is a community-based non-profit that is totally funded by donations. It is dedicated to making a real difference in the life of a sick child and his/her family. The good news is we can help by bringing our cans and plastic bottles to the temple and our youth group will do their magic and turn it into donation money for this effort.

By The way, this group also needs volunteers to assist with the actual work of transformation. Contact www.MyHappyPlaces.org/volunteer/

Our Condolences

Sally Fink • 10/4/22

Lawrence Bernard Engman • 11/2/22
(Father of Robert Engman)

Peggy Ann Isker • 11/3/22
(Mother of Lindsey Pletcher)

Lloyd Robinson • 11/3/22
(Cousin of Wendy Beckerman)

Susan Herman • 11/9/22
(Aunt of Dennis Goldford)

Ralph Kessel • 11/19/22

Norton Chayet • 11/28/22
(Husband of Elizabeth Chayet)

Happy Anniversary

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

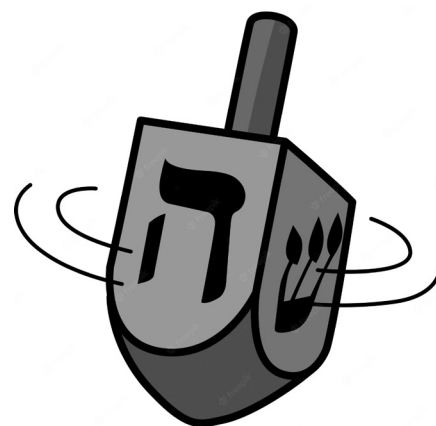
Adam & Rachel Andrews
December 28

Brian & Evelyn Feingold
December 29

Aaron & Laura Schwartz
December 30

Dennis & Sharon Goldford
December 31

Jack Stamp & Nancy Stone
January 28



SISTERHOOD UPDATE

Temple Sisterhood has been busy these past few months and are in the process of planning programs that hopefully everyone will enjoy for the next three months and into 2023.

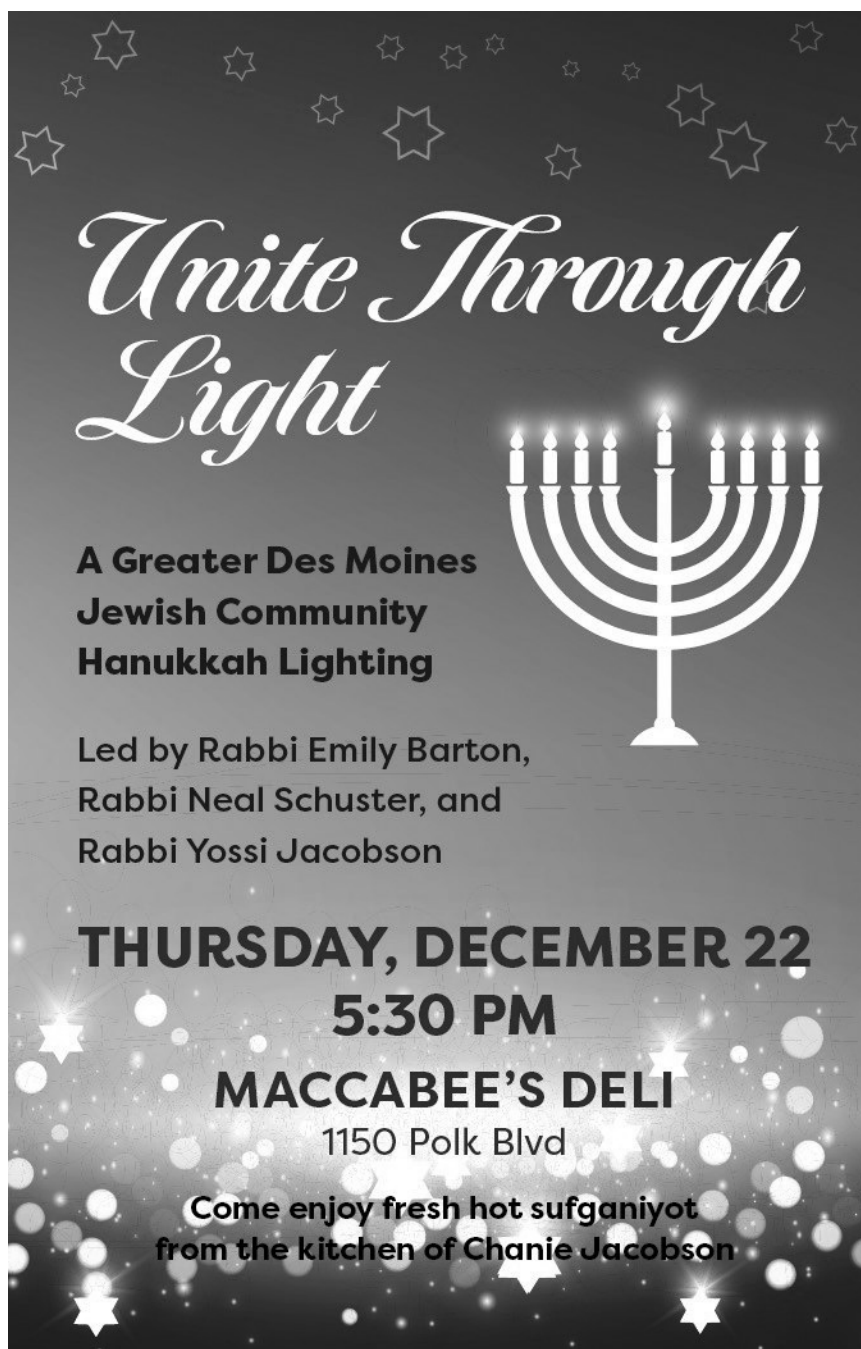
One program that won't be returning to the sisterhood calendar is Lilith salon due to a rapidly dwindling attendance. However, since we had such wonderful support and participation for it, we will plan on holding another Sisterhood Tea in the new year. As always, we will probably be holding our Supper in the Sukkah next Sukkot (hopefully in the sukkah with better weather).

The social action project for Temple sisterhood to benefit ARL of Iowa will continue until December for towels and newspapers donations and until February for the crochet blankets and cat toys. There's a box outside the Temple office to collect the donations.

Breakfast Club, We Do lunches and schmooze and crafts will be held every month as regularly scheduled, unless it's a holiday. Don't forget Temple Book Club meets January 9 at 6:30 p.m. via zoom; we're reading and discussing the novel *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger.

I would be remiss if I didn't give big Toda Raba shout outs to: Kathy Bassman for volunteering to be our Sisterhood board secretary; and to Kristin Davis for her creative work on the flyers for the sisterhood tea and supper in the sukkah and her work on the updated sisterhood membership dues statement.

Shalom, Jody Renee Kolmen
Temple Sisterhood president
TBJ archives historian



Unite Through Light

A Greater Des Moines Jewish Community Hanukkah Lighting

Led by Rabbi Emily Barton, Rabbi Neal Schuster, and Rabbi Yossi Jacobson

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22
5:30 PM
MACCABEE'S DELI
1150 Polk Blvd

Come enjoy fresh hot sufganiyot from the kitchen of Chanie Jacobson

LATKE COOKING TIP #323

If at first you don't succeed, fry, fry again!

Yahrzeit Observances

The following names will be read on Friday, December 2 and Saturday, December 3:

Fritz Herzog
Stanton A. Coleman
A. Arthur Davis
Edward Masters
Marjorie Zerlin
Steven Frederick
Mabel Pomerantz
Hurvey Haskins, Jr.
Sam Abramson
Esther Josephson
Isidor Karp
Serna Lerner
Pandora Schrader
Stella Hiller

The following names will be read on Friday, December 9 and Saturday, December 10:

Bernard Kohn
Michael Kohn
Sutton Loy Reese
Marjorie Sheuerman Kahn
Lillian Margolin
Elizar Pinchas Musin
Clair Patterson
Henry Schein
Harriet G. Zagel
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
Harry Hoffman
Allen Katz
Fred Lorber
Julius Samish
Henry Corn
Elaine Davidson
Chaim Ziffren

The following names will be read on Friday, December 16 and Saturday, December 17:

Edward I. Frankel
Anne Glauberg
Lillie Harris
Martin "Marty" Robinson
Jan Sudak
Sydney Tabach
Leonard Goldenson
Ines Klein
Max B. Loeb
Alex Pomerantz
Samuel Schein
Surella Corran
Claire B. Frank
John Joseph
Shire Kipnis
Isadore S. Lipsey
Bernard Pearlman
Sylvia Bergman
Nancy Caplan
Lucille Druker
Viola Leventhal
George Morgenstern
Lucille Robinson
Etya Rosenblum
Arianne Shrago
Joan Walsh
Sidney Myer Zeff
Joan Ginsberg
Bess Haase
Robert Stanley Mochel
Sara Werblowsky
Gerald L. Conley
Bernard Cowen
John Lewis Jacobs
Patricia Stuart
Jodi Lynn Wittenstein

The following names will be read on Friday, December 23 and Saturday, December 24:

Elaine Brooks
Paul From
Robert Gitchell
Betty Jacobson
Dorothy J. Kikoler
Elmer Cohen
George Jagiello
Rebecca Robinson
Florence Zaiman Binder
Paula Katzmann
James B. Oppenheimer
Theresa Taylor

Margit Wilson
Esther Frank
Jason Boyd Smith
William Toran
Ruth Barkley
Alta Epstein
Besse Gottstein
Estelle W. Mandelbaum
Max Rosenberg
Arlene Scheir
Sidney Smuleson
Ronnie Wolf
Jeffrey Morey Krum
Susan M. Wayne

The following names will be read on Friday, December 30 and Saturday, December 31:

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
Ruth Brenner
Colleen Cohen
Mandel Feingold
Janet Grossman
Aubrey Perrin
Rose Goldenson Stein
Yetta Toubes
Rose Wieder
Marian Bradlin-Stern
Virginia Pratt
Kenneth Robert Butler
Jeanne Trinder
Joseph "Chick" Barricks
Ted Block
Merrill Grossman
Sharon Beecher
Bernice Corn
Phyllis Jagiello

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

Morris Handleman
Beverly Hugo
Harry H. Press
Lena Rovner
Mildred Ladin
Ester Purisman
Delores (Doie) Robinson
Richard S. Wolf
Jack Kline
Syril Newmeyer
Joan Wittenstein Grund
Jules Cohen
Samuel Louis Cohen
Seymour Ehrens
A. Jay Gantz
Adam Hardy
Robert Harvey
Josephine Milligan Mochel
Robert Robinson
Ben Biber
Rose Gutfreund
Rachel McMahon
Sondra Sarlat
Anna Bobb
Bennett Gordon
Betty Shalett
Joseph Buchsbaum
Mary Ginsberg Wittenstein

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

Gertrude Davidson
Harvey P. Silvert
William Braver
Pearl Gorbaty
Shirley Gutlian
Albert Ichelson
Max W. Jacobs
William Kuharsky
Maryan Nadel
Sharon Parker
Eugene Porter
Mildred G. Davidson
Floyd M. Nadel
Lee Seidenfeld
Phyllis Zalomek
H. Louis Davidson
Robert (Bob) Hightshoe
Bertha Vazquez
Eudice Canar
Faye Cohen
Sol Kroloff
Sidney Levin
Mildred Sanders

Harry Bobb
Edward R. Davis
Sophie Eckstat
William Friedman, Sr.
Ruth Minkoff Levin
Shirley Nides
Esther Rodin Richards

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

Bertha Block Boldes
Clara Lorber
Sylvia Naiditch
Thomas Francis Parkinson
Shirley Rosen
John Bruggemann
Mary Karp
Rose Remer
David W. Belin
Molly Gerwin
Louis D. Ginsburg
Gustav Gutfreund
Morey Sostrin
Lytton M. Younker
Verna Coleman
Besse Hiersteiner
Solomon Kroll
Rose Caroline Block
Maurice Bucksbaum
Wilma Davis
Edith B. Gottlieb
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Rose G. Swarzman
Jerome Bassman
Rita Rosenblum Rosenfeld
Leopold Sheuerman
Sylvia Stein
Arthur Stein, Jr.
Irv Steinberg
Maurice Castle
Yetta Robinson
Molly Tepper
Bernice Ruth Waltman
Jennie Wolnerman

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

Mark Harris
Emma Lederer
Hilda Musin
Evelyn Balto
Marlene Braverman Garfin
Eva B. Sanders
Marjorie Spevak
Louise Stern
Ida Castle

Bill Clifford
Bobbi Sue Ginsberg
Betty Kohn
Estelle Newman
Julia Borowick
Betty Irene Brody
Sharma Golofsky Spector
Morse Hershfield
Ralph Robin
David Rom
Sidney Rubin
Samuel Smuleson
Zane Ziemann
Alice Daniels
Dan Davis
Rose Hoffman
Celia G. Morris
Maurice Osherow
Leonard Sandahl
Ida Feintech

The following names will be read on Friday, February 3 and Saturday, February 4:

Ethel Daniels
Rose B. Marks
Rosa Ostaszynski deRudich
Elizabeth Stock Stern
Nathan Frankel
Abbe Shapiro
L. Jay Stein
Moses Strauss
Isadore Tobis
Stanley Krum
Allen Madorsky
Janice Martino
Cecil Masters
Meretta Rapoport
Morris Strom
Isaac Boruchowsky
Celia W. Brody
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A SPECIAL PROGRAM
**JEWISH CENTERVILLE AT THE
TURN OF THE CENTURY**

Sunday, December 11, 2022
2 PM | via Zoom

Join the Iowa Jewish Historical
Society as Rabbi Mark Sameth
shares his newest research
about Jewish Centerville at the
Turn of the Century.



How and why did Jewish immigrants make their way to Iowa at the
turn of the century? What was going on in southern Iowa that made
Centerville so attractive?

These questions and more will be covered in the colorful presentation
"Jewish Centerville at the Turn of the Century." Rarely seen photographs
(including from the high school yearbook) and stories of life just before
the arrival of the Jews combine for a stimulating presentation.

Rabbi Mark Sameth is the great-grandnephew of one of Iowa's first
rabbis. Named "one of America's most inspiring rabbis" by *The Forward*,
Rabbi Sameth is the author of *The Name: A History of the Dual-
Gendered Hebrew Name for God*. Rabbi Sameth's essays and an excerpt
from *The Name* may be found on his website rabbimarksameth.com.



ZOOM MEETING: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84804250965>





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**HANUKKAH
LIGHTING**
ACROSS IOWA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21
6:30 PM / VIA ZOOM

<https://tinyurl.com/2yhstknv>
Meeting ID: 833 8170 3427 / Passcode: 162714

TBJ Social Action



Empowering people to save starving children



A group of us will be volunteering at Meals from the Heartland on December 1, 2022 from 6pm-8pm. We will be packaging meals to feed the hungry. If you would like to join us, please let us know by sending an email to TBJSocialAction@gmail.com so we can have an accurate headcount. Event information is as follows:

Date: Thursday, December 1, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location:
Meals from the Heartland
357 Lincoln St
West Des Moines, IA 50265

<https://mealsfromtheheartland.org>

It is with great excitement that I take on the role of Social Actions Vision Leader. I look forward to working with the TBJ members as we seek out volunteer opportunities and support worthy causes within our community. I have a few ideas I'd like to pursue, but I would like to hear from Temple members. What type of activities would you like to get involved in? What organizations or causes would you like to support? How would you like to help out? If you have any ideas or would like to volunteer, please send me an email, and let me know your thoughts.

Daniel Loeb, TBJSocialAction@gmail.com
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My Happy Place <http://myhappyplaces.org/> is a non-profit organization, comprised of volunteers who are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of sick children and their families. My Happy Place provides bedroom makeovers, which creates a fun, safe, and therapeutic environment for a sick child to heal. Temple B'nai Jeshurun is collecting donations for the Des Moines branch of My Happy Place at Temple the entrance (orange bucket), or if you prefer to give online, you can do so on their website.

<https://myhappyplaces.org/donations/donate-to-my-happy-place-des-moines-ia/>

December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	27	28	29	30	1	2
		<p>■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting</p>	<p>■ 12:00 PM Men of TBJ Lunch</p> <p>■ 7:00 PM Adult Jewish Learning with Rabbi Neal</p>	<p>■ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Crafts</p> <p>■ 6:00 PM Social Action – Meals from the Heartland</p>	<p>■ 6:00 PM Family Shabbat Service</p> <p>■ 7:00 PM Shabbat Dinner</p>	<p>■ 9:00 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) – In Person & Zoom</p> <p>■ 10:00 AM Shabbat Service</p>
<p>■ 4:00 PM Hanukkah Happenings</p>	4	5	6	7	8	9
		<p>■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting</p> <p>■ 5:30 PM Worship Committee</p> <p>■ 6:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting</p>	<p>■ 7:00 PM Adult Jewish Learning with Rabbi Neal</p>	<p>■ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Crafts</p>	<p>■ 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service</p>	<p>■ 9:00 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) – In Person & Zoom</p> <p>■ 10:00 AM Shabbat Service</p>
	11	12	13	14	15	16
	<p>■ 9:30 AM Breakfast Club</p>	<p>■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting</p>	<p>■ 7:00 PM Adult Jewish Learning with Rabbi Neal</p>	<p>■ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Crafts</p>	<p>■ 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service</p>	<p>■ 9:00 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) – In Person & Zoom</p> <p>■ 10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service</p>
	18	19	20	21	22	23
		<p>■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting</p> <p>■ 6:30 PM Temple Board Meeting via Zoom</p>	<p>■ 7:00 PM Adult Jewish Learning with Rabbi Neal</p> <p>■ 7:00 PM All Iowa Chanukkah Candle Lighting Via Zoom</p>	<p>■ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Crafts</p> <p>■ 12:00 PM WE DO (Women of Excellence Dining Out)</p> <p>■ 7:00 PM Des Moines Jewish Community Chanukkah Candle</p>	<p>■ 6:00 PM Shabbat Chanukkah</p>	<p>■ 9:00 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) – In Person & Zoom</p> <p>■ 10:00 AM Shabbat Service</p>
	25	26	27	28	29	30
	<p>ChristmasD... Office closed</p>	<p>■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting</p>	<p>■ 7:00 PM Adult Jewish Learning with Rabbi Neal</p>	<p>■ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Crafts</p>	<p>■ 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service</p>	<p>■ 9:00 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) – In Person & Zoom</p> <p>■ 10:00 AM Shabbat Service</p>
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January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year Day... Office Closed	2 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Worship Committee 6:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting	3 7:00 PM Adult Jewish Learning with Rabbi Neal	4 10:00 AM Sisterhood Crafts	5 6:00 PM Family Shabbat Service 7:00 PM Shabbat Dinner	6 9:00 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) - In Person & Zoom 10:00 AM Shabbat Service 4:00 PM Youth Group White Elephant Gift Exchange and Hav-
	8 9:30 AM Breakfast Club	9 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting	10 7:00 PM Adult Jewish Learning with Rabbi Neal	11 10:00 AM Sisterhood Crafts	12 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	13 9:00 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) - In Person & Zoom 10:00 AM Shabbat Service
	15 Martin Luther... Office Closed	16 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting	17 7:00 PM Adult Jewish Learning with Rabbi Neal	18 10:00 AM Sisterhood Crafts	19 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service 7:00 PM New Member Oneg	20 9:00 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) - In Person & Zoom 10:00 AM Shabbat Morning Service
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