TEMPLE B'NAI JESHURUN

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Rabbi's Message

A Legacy of Learning

If you want to be a teacher, you've got to have patience. "An impatient person cannot teach," observed the sage Hillel in Pirkei Avot (2:5), but a person who can guide a student through the often-painstaking process of acquiring knowledge or a skill, that teacher is worthy of praise!

This quality is just one of the things that makes Wendy Beckerman a master-teacher and a master-tutor. Recently, a parent described being amazed at seeing an example of this virtue on display in their child's tutoring session with Wendy. The student was having trouble sounding out a particular Hebrew word, and despite stumbling attempt after stumbling attempt, Wendy resisted the impulse to simply give the student the answer. Instead, slowly and methodically, she administered just the right nudges and taps until the student figured it out on their own. Through her patience, combined with her insight into how the student's mind organizes information, she achieved more than simply getting past the word. She effectively brightened the cognitive pathway for the student so they can find their way better on their own. That's the kind of impressive result a teacher can get from bringing patience to their craft.

And if Wendy Beckerman is anything, she is an impressive teacher. Impressive not just for the skill and patience and knowledge she brings to her students, but also for the breadth and depth of impact and influence she has had on this community. I can't even count the number of people who have told me things like "everything I know about Judaism came from Wendy." She has genuinely shaped the Jewish lives and identity of generations of Jews in Des Moines.

For my part, I can't imagine how I would have made it through my first year and a half at TBJ without her insight and knowledge of this community, not to mention her beautiful Torah and Haftarah chanting on Shabbat mornings and holidays.

And it's not just tutoring and Torah that makes Wendy such a treasure. It's clear how much



people feel deeply connected to her as someone they can turn to for support and encouragement. Quite often, she is the first person people reach out to about an illness, a struggle, or a simcha – like a birth or engagement. When I make a hospital visit or extend congratulations, it's often because Wendy told me about it.

People sometimes use the expression that a person is "a force in the community." Wendy is not a force. I'm tempted to say she's a rock, but I think she's more like a fabulous bean-bag chair – always there, a dependable comfort, and supportive in all the places that need support. Whatever the right metaphor is, this much is clear: Wendy is a treasure to this community, and we are fortunate for the way she has touched our lives. Which makes her coming retirement particularly momentous, and perhaps a bit scary. It's also incredibly well-deserved.

Fortunately, Wendy's retirement will not leave us with cold-turkey Wendy withdrawal. It will be a bit more gradual, and, when all is said and done, she's not going anywhere. As of January 31, Wendy will be retiring from her full-time position at TBJ, but she will continue to work with the B'nai Mitzvah students who are already in the pipeline – so to speak. After that, as we move from an in-house tutor model to an independent-tutor approach (more on that to come),

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Worship Schedule

Currently Friday evening and Saturday morning services are in person and live streamed on our website, tbjdsm.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@tbjdsm.org.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service7:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 96:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service6:00 p.m. Classical Reform Service (in Chapel)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24
9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service
7:00 p.m. 150th Anniversary Celebration

FRIDAY, MARCH 16:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service7:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner

SATURDAY, MARCH 2 9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, MARCH 8 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service 6:00 p.m. Classical Reform Service (in Chapel)

SATURDAY, MARCH 99:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 169:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 1:00 p.m. TBJ at Funny Girl

FRIDAY, MARCH 22 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 239:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, MARCH 29 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service FRIDAY, APRIL 56:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service7:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner

SATURDAY, APRIL 6 9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 126:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service6:00 p.m. Classical Reform Service (in Chapel)

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service Bar Mitzvah: Theodore Pletcher

MONDAY, APRIL 22 6:30 p.m. Passover Seder

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

BACK TO THE CLASSICS A reminder about classical reform service - on the second

Friday evening of each month we will hold our classical reform service in the downstairs chapel at the same time, 6 p.m., that the regular service will be held in the sanctuary. The classical reform service uses the Union prayer book, which was one of the first prayer books in the United States created by the reform movement. Some of our congregants grew up using this Union prayer book in their congregations as children. It uses many of the same prayers, but many of them in English, rather than in Hebrew. This service is generally shorter than our normal service, and you may even want to move into the sanctuary afterwards to hear our Rabbi's wonderful sermons. Then join everyone in the social hall for kiddush and ha Motzi. Try us, you might like it! *The next Classical Reform Service will occur this Friday, February 9.*

President's Comments

While fall is my favorite season, thanks to an October birthday and being a marching band geek, I am also much more of a fan of winter than summer. There are so many things to do in the winter both inside and out that are appealing. Being cold is infinitely preferable to me than being hot. Realizing I am usually in the minority with this opinion, I don't express it too frequently

That said, one thing most lowans agree on is that it can be hard to gather in the winter as a desire to hunker down can make it difficult. That is precisely the reason we (re)scheduled the Temple's 150th celebration for February 24. It is the perfect time to come together as a congregation to recognize this momentous milestone. There will be yummy appetizers, desserts, and drinks including a champagne toast to our previous 150 years and good wishes for the next 150; wonderful live music from our very own Chuck Kuba, Sam Miller and others; and, most of all, a chance to schmooze and celebrate with each other, which I believe is sorely needed now. Everyone deserves a night out and this is a great one to choose.

The celebration is also a fundraiser for the endowment to ensure our future for at least 150 more years. The silent auction will have one-of-a-kind experiences presented for bidding at all price points. For example, Rabbi Neal and his wife are offering pizza and a game night at their house. There are tickets to a show and a behind-the-scenes tour at the Civic Center or Iowa Cubs skybox tickets along with some swag. You can get coffee and bagels with gift cards to Brueggers, Scooters, and Starbucks. Judy and Stuart Shkolnick have donated a weekend at their home in Arizona. This is only a small sample of the almost 40 unique packages you will see



that night. Watch the Temple's emails and Facebook feed for more of the amazing items available. Your generosity when bidding on these items provides funds for the Temple to continue to be our Jewish home for worship, education, and community. Thank you in advance for your support.

This adults-only event is going to be fabulous thanks to the work of the 150th committee of Edye Beckerman, Judy Deutch, Sharon Goldford, Rachele Hjelmaas, and Miriam Van Heukelem. Get your tickets for \$54 per person from Erin at the Temple Office by February 9. Let her know if you need a ride as we can make that happen. Reach out to me at president@tbjdsm.org with any questions. I am thrilled to be able to commemorate this special occasion with all of you. You won't want to miss it!

Emily Kruse

Rabbi's Message (continued)

Wendy intends to continue to offer her services to families who want to engage them.

Wendy is deeply dedicated to our community and our congregation, and we are deeply dedicated to her. But respecting her new free-wheeling retired lifestyle will take some getting used to. Some of those phone calls that people are accustomed to making to her will need to start coming directly to me or to the Temple. And, as much as Wendy plans to stay involved, we may need to call on volunteers to help organize some of the things she has taken care of in the past (– like organizing High Holy Day Torah and Haftara readers and aliyot).

While Wendy's job may be changing, what will not change is the immeasurable place she has in

our hearts, and her profound significance to our community. Maimonides insisted that there is no greater honor than that due a teacher, and no greater reverence than that due a teacher. (Hilchot Talmud Torah 5:1). We hold Wendy in honor and reverence, and it is worth expressing that. Down the road a bit, we will be celebrating Wendy and her retirement with a special Shabbat that will include an opportunity for people to share some of their thoughts and memories in a variety of forms. And, if you want to make an additional lasting impact in her name, a contribution to the Temple fund her family has established in her honor (see page 8 of this bulletin) will enable her powerful legacy to carry on in her name for generations to come.

Rabbi Schuster

Executive Director's Message

As you will likely know before you read this, my father, Robert (Bob) Muenchrath, passed away on Saturday January 20. Once again, I want to thank the Temple staff and all the members for the outpouring of support that my family and I received. This time would have been so much more difficult if I did not work for a community that understands how challenging and consuming these moments in life can be.

My father will be laid to rest on Friday February 16 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Earling, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, my family has asked if you would like to send a memorial, please send one to the Temple general fund. For me, the Temple has been like a second home, and the staff and community have felt like a second family. I am so happy that my family agreed that this was the perfect place for you to send memorials.

Thankfully, things have been relatively quiet here at the Temple as all of this occurred. We just came out of one of the worst winter storms we have had in quite some time. I am so grateful that we have the technology to allow everyone to stay home during the worst of this weather and still connect for Shabbat, though I would have loved to have seen Rabbi Schuster's dog join us for services when he had to lead them from home.

Also, in case you are wondering we do once again have a



working air conditioner for our sanctuary. We did test it out when it was installed, but I don't think we will have to use it for at least a few more months.

Before we have a chance to really test out our new air conditioner, I hope to see many of you at our 150th Anniversary Celebration on February 24th. We have so much history to celebrate and so many things to be grateful for. I am looking forward to it and seeing many of you there, so I can tell you in person "Thank you!" for all you have done for my family and me.

David Muenchrath Executive Director



Your business can join us in supporting TBJ's 150th anniversary, too!

A donation from your business can help mark our history and strengthen our community. Please consider making a contribution to the 150th Fund, which will go to building our endowment for the next 150 years of Jewish life in Central Iowa. To contribute, contact office@tbjdsm.org or 515-274-4679. Thank you for your support!



RESERVATION FORM FOR Temple B'nai Jeshurun Passover Seder Monday, April 22, 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall

Name _____

Email Phone _____

Brisket and Salmon will be served. Please check any special requests below :

Booster seat needed for _____ child/children

High chair needed for _____ child/children

Guest uses a wheelchair _____ seated at table _____ only for transport to/from table

To help us with seating and planning, please fill in the name of each guest in your party and put a check under the appropriate age group heading beside each name.

Name	Adult	Children (6-12)	Children (under 6)
Totals for each age group:			

Cost (13 years and over): \$40 / Children (6-12): \$18 / Children under 6 - free

Request to be seated with or near: ____

(Your requests will be filled to the best of our ability. We must have request & payment by April 15)

Sisterhood Update

Shalom to everyone! Hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving and Hanukkah holidays.

Here's a brief recap on Sisterhood activities:

- Hanukkah Happenings was great. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Temple 150 dreidel spin activity.
- Our excursion to **Glazed Expressions** for pottery painting was a success. We had 17 adults and teens participating and everyone enjoyed it immensely.
- We had quite the turnout for the Temple at our **Christmas Eve** dinner at a Chinese restaurant. Although Hibachi Grill was very crowded (guess everyone is starting to have the same idea as the Jews, LOL).

• January 14 would've been our all new, returning game night, renamed **Sunday Fun Day**. Due to arctic cold weather and a blizzard, we had to cancel it. We are discussing when to reschedule.

Coming up:

- FEB 11: Cooking class with Diane Pratt Diane will be demonstrating how to make blintzes at 1:30 p.m. in the Temple kitchen. If you're interested, please contact Diane at (515) 577-6718 or email her at dyno4459@gmail.com
- MAY 17-19: Celebrate Temple Sisterhood turns 150! Friday night Sisterhood Shabbat service; Saturday guest speaker and luncheon; Sunday Sisterhood Tea.

Jody Kolmen, Temple Sisterhood president



Above: Sisterhood at Glazed Expressions

Below: Sisterhood January Schmooze





Schmooze and crafts, 10 a.m. every Thursday at Temple

FERUARY

February 6	Sisterhood board meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Temple
February 11	Cooking class with Diane Pratt. Diane will be instructing how to make blintzes at 1:30 p.m. in the Temple kitchen. If you're interested, please contact Diane at (515) 577-6718 or email her at dyno4459@gmail.com
February 11	Joanne Brown's short story book club, 11a.m. at Temple; read and discuss "Keeper of the Virgins" by Hanan Al-Shayk, pages 9-14; for more information, contact Judy Deutch at jmdeu@yahoo.com
February 12	Breakfast Club, 9:30 a.m. at IHOP, 50th street, WDM. RSVP to Wendy B
February 22	We do lunch, noon, location tbd
MARCH	
March 5	Sisterhood board meeting, 6:30 p.m., at Temple
March 11	Breakfast club, 9:30 a.m., at IHOP, 50th street, WDM
March 11	Temple Book Club, 6:30 p.m. via zoom. Book selection is Heaven and earth grocery store by James McBride; Contact Wendy B for more information.
March 23	Purim
March 28	We do lunch, noon, location tbd
APRIL	
April 2	Sisterhood board meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Temple
April 8	Breakfast club, 9:30 a.m. at IHOP, 50th street, WDM
April 18	We do lunch, noon, location tbd

April 22-30 Passover

Temple Book Club meets at 6:30 p.m. via zoom, links are sent out closer to each date; Book Selection for May 20 book selection is beautiful country by Qian Julie Wang.

Laura Belin was an excellent guest speaker at our Sisterhood Tea last month. We had a wonderful conversation with her about Jewish and religious aspects in Iowa governance. If you are interested in following her online, visit https://www.bleedingheartland.com and https://laurabelin.substack.com.

BAR MITZVAH



Lindsey Isker Pletcher and Joshua Pletcher joyfully announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Theodore Shmuel Pletcher**. The ceremony will take place on April 20, at 10 a.m., at Temple B'nai Jeshurun in Des Moines.

Theodore, currently an eighth-grade student at Stilwell Junior High School, has a passion for combat robotics, mathematics, and E-Sports. At home, he cherishes moments with family, pets, and friends, often accompanied by the tunes of deep-cut classic rock and alternative hip-hop. With dreams of delving into engineering and physics post-high school, Theodore looks forward to the journey ahead.

The Isker-Pletcher family warmly invites the entire community to join us in celebrating this significant milestone.

Announcing the Kol Bo Wendy Beckerman Fund

In honor of the upcoming retirement of our mother, we have started a new fund at Temple B'nai Jeshurun, the Kol Bo Wendy Beckerman Fund. The Kol Bo, as a book, is a collection of Jewish ritual and civic laws. As a person, a Kol Bo is someone you can count on for whatever you need. The words translate to "all is in it," and, figuratively, a Kol Bo is your "go to" person. That certainly describes our mother.

Our hope is that this fund will be there for all, and for whatever is needed. It will support educational programming, provide support to those in need and fund everything else our mom would say yes to – a ride to someone in need, a meal for a family, flowers to brighten someone's day. Our mother does not know the meaning of the word no.

As we all know our mother has devoted her life to this congregation. Just as she has and will continue to support the youth of our congregation, the Kol Bo fund will be here to support generations to come.

We encourage you to contribute in honor of all the blessings that our mother Wendy Beckerman has and will continue to provide for our members, friends, family and especially the B'nai Mitzvah students.

-The Beckerman Family



Eugene & Carrie Remer February 27

Marc & Pattie Klein March 9

Abram Goldstien & Jackie Garnett March 19

> Robert & Peggy Dubansky March 22

Michael & Jasmine Mandelbaum March 23

> Timothy & Beryl Guy March 24

Greg & Suse Cohen April 16

John & Debra Zieman April 17



FUNNY GIRL is the story of the indomitable Fanny Brice, a girl from the Lower East Side who dreamed of a life on the stage. Everyone told her she'd never be a star, but then something funny happened—she became one of the most beloved performers in history, shining brighter than the brightest lights of Broadway. Featuring one of the most iconic scores of all time by Jule Styne and Bob Merrill, an updated book from Harvey Fierstein based on the original classic by Isobel Lennart, this love letter to the theatre has the wholeshebang!

This bittersweet musical comedy is coming to the Civic Center as part of the Willis Broadway Series at Des Moines Performing Arts.

A limited number of tickets is being held for Temple members for the 1 p.m. performance on Sunday, March 17. The Temple Sisterhood has graciously agreed to cover \$10 of each ticket for Temple members who wish to purchase a ticket from this block. Therefore, the ticket price is \$45.50 per person.

If you are interested, please contact Erin at the Temple office at office@tbjdsm.org or 515-274-4679 by Monday, February 5. Indicate the number of tickets you would like and method of payment – credit card or a check made out to the Temple. Again, tickets are limited so make your reservation today. We hope you will join us for the show!



We Acknowledge These Contributions with Appreciation

TEMPLE GENERAL FUND

***Zahi Assa ***Natali & Tyler Atkinson ***Deb Brewer ***Scott Galenbeck ***Edward Loeb ***Ruth Robinson ***Randal & John Stern ***Layton & Jan Stump ***Marsha & Timothy Sullivan ***Hal Wittenstein MAZEL TOV TO RAYNAE & DAVID KITSIS ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR GRANDSON ***Sharon & Dennis Goldford IN HONOR OF 150 YEARS OF TBJ ***Kenneth & Joyce Wayne IN MEMORY OF DOROTHY BLOXAM ***Sharon & Dennis Goldford IN MEMORY OF SUSAN HERMAN ***Shaon & Dennis Goldford IN MEMORY OF JOAN MANHEIMER ***Debbie Gitchell IN MEMORY OF VICKI MASTERS ***Wendy Beckerman ***Temple B'nai Jeshurun Board 2023 - 2024 IN MEMORY OF ROBERT MUENCHRATH ***Gerry & Debbie Damsky ***The Kruse Family IN MEMORY OF ESTER PURISMAN ***Alan & Anna Kuperman IN MEMORY OF MERETTA RAPOPORT ***Diane Lohnes IN MEMORY OF ESTHER RAPPOPORT ***Don & Margo Blumenthal IN MEMORY OF SUTTON REESE ***Sharon & Dennis Goldford IN MEMORY OF ESTELLE ROSENBLUM ***Sharon & Dennis Goldford IN MEMORY OF ETYA ROSENBLUM ***Alan & Anna Kuperman IN MEMORY OF DUDLEY TIMS ***Sharon & Dennis Goldford IN MEMORY OF JENNIE WOLNERMAN ***Michael & Melissa Wolnerman

CARING COMMUNITY FUND

IN MEMORY OF HARRY & ANNA BOBB ***AJ & Barbara Bobb IN MEMORY OF DONALD MASTERS ***AJ & Barbara Bobb IN MEMORY OF EDWARD MASTERS ***AJ & Barbara Bobb IN MEMORY OF RITA ROSENBLUM ROSENFELD ***Luis G. Vasquez & Sara E. Vasquez

SOCIAL ACTION FUND

IN MEMORY OF SEYMOUR EHRENS ***Anne Scherer IN MEMORY OF GARY FINGERT ***Judy & Larry Deutch IN MEMORY OF ESTELLE MASTERS ROSENBLUM ***Debbie & Gerry Damsky IN MEMORY OF FLORENCE ZAIMAN ***David Binder

ABE & HARRIET FRIEDMAN PRAYERBOOK FUND

IN HONOR OF THE SPECIAL BIRTHDAY OF BILL FRIEDMAN, JR. ***Mark & Alex Friedman & Family ***Sidney & Margo Friedman ***Lisa & Philip Miller & Family

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

***Jane Kwatcher ***Amy Ward & Ross Daniels THANK YOU FOR WELCOMING US SO WARMLY FOR FAMILY SERVICES ***The Shivvers & Viger Families IN HONOR OF DEBBIE NOCERO ***Gerry & Debbie Damsky IN MEMORY OF MANDEL FEINGOLD ***Brian & Evelyn Feingold IN MEMORY OF FRITZ JACOBY ***Michael Jacoby IN MEMORY OF YALE KRAMER ***Mary Kramer IN MEMORY OF VICKI SUE MASTERS ***Cherie Givant Gold & Dave Leon IN MEMORY OF FLOYD & MARYAN NADEL ***Steven & JoEllen Nadel IN MEMORY OF ANN PARKS ***Jane Tew

IN MEMORY OF ESTHER RAPPOPORT ***Wendy Beckerman IN MEMORY OF IRENE RENTER ***Beverly Kikoler IN MEMORY OF ESTELLE ROSENBLUM ****Wendy Beckerman ****Beverly Kikoler ****Lynn Kuba ****Maryanne & Herb Remer & Family

YOUTH GROUP DISCRETIONARY FUND

IN MEMORY OF JEROME BASSMAN ***Kathy Bassman IN MEMORY OF VICKI MASTERS ***Edye Beckerman

BUILDING TRUST

IN MEMORY OF ALICE GROSSMAN DANIELS ***Suse & Greg Daniels IN MEMORY OF ETHEL SHERMAN DANIELS ***Suse & Greg Daniels IN MEMORY OF ROBERT MUENCHRATH ***Suse & Greg Daniels

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IN MEMORY OF JEFF BASSMAN ***Howard Musin IN MEMORY OF JAY DEGRAFF ***Arlene Wolf IN MEMORY OF ETHELYN FISHMAN ***Howard Musin IN MEMORY OF ZARA DEGRAFF GRISWOLD ***Arlene Wolf IN MEMORY OF ESTELLE ROSENBLUM ***TBJ Sisterhood

WENDY BECKERMAN KOL BO FUND

***Steven Beckerman ***Thomas & Cathy Goldman REFUAH SHLEMA TO JODY LEVENTHAL ***Gloria & Jerry Leventhal IN HONOR OF WENDY BECKERMAN ***Sara Coleman IN HONOR OF RACHEL GLESSNER'S CONVERSION ***Wendy Beckerman IN HONOR OF SARAH GRAHM'S CONVERSION ***Wendy Beckerman IN HONOR OF CAITLIN PATTON'S CONVERSION ***Wendy Beckerman IN MEMORY OF ISAAC BORCHOWSKY ***Gloria & Jerry Leventhal IN MEMORY OF MARIO BORCHOWSKY ***Gloria & Jerry Leventhal IN MEMORY OF SARAH BORCHOWSKY ***Gloria & Jerry Leventhal IN MEMORY OF VIOLA LEVENTHAL ***Gloria & Jerry Leventhal

IN MEMORY OF LOIS IRENE RENTER ***Wendy Beckerman IN MEMORY OF ESTELLE ROSEN-BLUM ***Judy & Larry Deutch IN MEMORY OF MORRIS STROM ***Gloria & Jerry Leventhal IN MEMORY OF BERTHA VAZQUEZ ***Gloria & Jerry Leventhal

FRANKEL FLOWER FUND

IN MEMORY OF VICKI MASTERS ***Jody Kolmen



Yahrzeit Observances

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

Saturday, February 3: David C Barricks Ida Feintech Ethel Daniels Rose B. Marks Rosa Ostaszynski deRudich Elizabeth Stock Stern Helene Epstein Nathan Frankel Abbe Shapiro L. Jay Stein Moses Strauss Isadore Tobis Stanley Krum Allen Madorsky Janice Martino Meretta Rapoport Celia W. Brody Charlotte Elmets Joan Hemphill Linton Hinds Daniel L. Lawyer Rita Loeb Patricia Mae Perry

The following names will be read on Friday, February 9 and Saturday, February 10: Jake Cohen

Clarence Copple Arthur Margolin Genevieve Ansher Nora Mueller **Ruth Rapaport** Recca Rosenbaum Arthur G. Barricks Irvin Robinson Sam M. Shloss Manuel Zalomek Gretchen B. Kahn Samuel Weinberger Abraham Weinstock Jose (Joe) Boruchowsky Doris Kahn Katelman Morris Aliber Ruth F. Gordon Susan Hoffman Elmer S. Loeb Alan William Nagel

Samuel Weinstock Beverly Bobb Betty Freedman Bruce Alan Glauberg Isadore Joseph Katz

The following names will be read on Friday, February 16 and Saturday, February 17: Abraham Solomon Hoffman Joseph Kolmen **Donald Pochter** Gloria Reich Morris Damsky Sadie Stern Grossman Steven Halsband Frances Goldenson Kaplan Jerrold Mendelson Sarah Seidenfeld Ofelia Borchowsky Vazquez Sigurd Anderson Sam Galinsky **Robert Mannheimer** Mary Jo Tregilgas **Robert Aliber** George Hogberg Rose Pearlman Robert A. Press Elvse Weiss Harry Ginsberg Sol Leitner

The following names will be read on Friday, February 23 and Saturday, February 24: Henrietta Landau Menzer Doris Bassin David Gordon Patrick Kruse Alexander Lederer Anna Leigh Remsburg Jennie Shapiro **Dorothy Vance** Sandra Land Edna Rylatt Esther Younker Rachel Jean Glueck Joseph Gottstein Rose A. Stone Edwin Shedd Elwell, Jr. Rae Ginsberg Gordon

David Morris Sarah Tessel Bella Beckerman Naomi Kessel Gertrude Frender Florence Purnell Rebecca S. Romanoff

The following names will be read on Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2: Dr. Zane Hurkin D.O. Clarence Jacobs Rose Lee Pomerantz Charlie Spector Victor Julio Rincon Valencia Myron Blank Lilyann Irene Gantz Burton Joseph, Jr. Cyla Kolmen Herbert Nadel Ann Corn William Elmets **Babetta Frankel** Mary Silverberg Harold Stern Irving Diamond Bernis M. Frankel Edward N. Frankel Dora Callistein Dora Corn **Bessie Davidson** Michael Ramdial Lucie Schoenebaum Harry Tobis Dora Wolfson Fred Boldes Sadie Marks Irene Masters Ben Sanders

The following names will be read on Friday, March 8 and Saturday, March 9: Harriet Friedman Roger Leventhal Esther Livenstein Donald Rylatt Melvin W. Shadur Zoe Kavan Allen Levitt Marshall Rumery Judy Lesser Ronald Onnen Rose Rom Helen Stern Raymond Blank Irma S. Mannheimer Nathan Richards Stanley Richards Alan Blank Anna C. Goldman Sarah Kroloff Mirra Dubson

The following names will be read on Friday, March 15 and Saturday, March 16: Flora Baer Ellen Elwell Miriam Friedman Schwab Moses Gordon **Daniel Hedlund** Harry Jacobson Harry Weinberg Cora Loeb Hlad Ike Lazarus Frank Kropman Margaret E. Lawyer Theodora Biber Levy Hilda Lipsey **Charles Block** Shirley Hiersteiner Bernard Lawrence Krum Shirley Berck Sarah Strom Boruchowsky **Ruth Davis** Denise Hoffman Lenore W. Mandelbaum Barbara Shendelman Ruth Cordozo Roberta Hogberg Isabel Hulse William Shapiro Dorothy Swarzman Steffie Bressler Louis Ginsbera Norman Sehr

The following names will be read on Friday, March 22 and Saturday, March 23: Ida Ginsburg John Frederick Musser Jerome Rovner

Marjorie Mochel Musser Eva Silvert Augusta Weinstock David Cohen Kate Marsh Goldman Evelyn Grossman-Seidler Sidney Lantor Theodore Taylor Jeanette Brown Anne Michelstein Carrie Scharff Steven Scherer Betty Adelman Florence Hess Adelman Dr. Irwin H. Brown Rose Sehr Charlotte Spilka Ruben Bassman Pauline Pomerantz Fischer

The following names will be read on Friday, March 29 and Saturday, March 30: Ben Biber **David Epstein** Sylvia Fiegelman Sara Frank Jack Pasternack Jacob Davidson Myles Harold Davidson Mary Ann Joseph Irving N. Redstone Sidney Robinson Elaine Sherman Norbert Wolf Albert Berkowitz Frances Aliber Swartz Rose Waltman **Ruth Frankle** Grace Jordan Adele Ziffren Edith Friedman Alec M. Levin Jonathan Lee Belin Paul Kramer Maisha Perowsky Maris Weinstein

The following names will be read on Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6: Sam G. Cohen Diane Adler Bernard Alper

Isaiah Frankel Howard Jordan Melvin Land Helen Schwied Joyce Shlaes Jack Spevak Stanlev Cohen Alvin H. Kirsner Samuel Levy Gita Rybak Gilbert Cranberg Oscar Feldstein Celia Tobis Karen Silverberg Harry Kneeter Morris Mandelbaum Sr. Sidney J. Pearlman **David Yentis** Henry Epstein Sanford Levy Fannie Pearl Shedle Mort Solomon Stanley G. Swarzman

The following names will be read on Friday, April 12 and Saturday, April 13: Frances Cheris Nathan Epstein Gary A. Friedman Victor Pomerantz Isaac J. Wallerstein A. Milton Cohen Albert J. Cohen Frances Rose Miller Harry Pomerantz Lorraine Rindskopf Herbert Rosenberg **Blanche Weiss** Joseph Z. Marks Bette Kelinson Marion Laner Betty Ann Dubansky Charlotte Carmel Louis Pomerantz Judith Press Benjamin Rovner Lewis Caspe Max Spilka

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Yahrzeit Observances

The following names will be read on Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20: Jane Abrams Vivian Huenemann Morton O. Neufeld Shirlev Herowitz Wittenstein Rose Caroline Greene David Kikoler Bernice S. Morris Murray Resk Meyer Rosenfield Lino Gonzalez-Dopeso Elwood Mueller John Smith Ben Stern Irving Balto John Barkley Mildred Diamond Phyllis Onnen Rose Rosenberg Helen Sis" Stein" Karen Stern Mary Joyce Alter Stanton Belinkoff Sophie Davidson Arthur C. Robinson Shirley Dubansky

Florence Friedman Jacobs Pearl Kaplan Harris Frank Joseph Santo Jacob L. Sheuerman Harry L. Tepper

The following names will be read on Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27: Melvin Wilk Julius D. Adelman Nathaniel Baskin **Clifford Trinder** Jacqueline Biber Ann B. Kline Joseph Pomerance Luis G. Vasquez Bertorelli Maxwell Jacob Binder Jean C. Goldman Yetta Hahn Mollie Hockenberg Frank Perowsky Steve Shrago Jacqueline N. Blank Mabel Maggard Samuel Friedman Anita Mandelbaum Herb Perry Yetta Shendelman

The following names will be read on Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4: Sol Beecher Sarah Gavronsky Charles E. Glueck Fred Hart Ronda Levy Sylvia Perowsky Benjamin Purnell Henry Riegelman Svlvia Beecher Anne Miriam Cohen Hyman Fingert Ralph Oberbroeckling **Ethel Weiner** Ira Berck Louis Ciesla Sophie Smuleson Jack Gibson Miriam Lorber Phyllis Press Jerome Edward Wolf Deborah Levy Paul Huenemann Jeanette Wayne Norman J. Kelinson Lorraine Kuba Hannah Patterson Rose A. Shloss





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January-Toothbrushes

February-Toilet Paper (4-packs)

March-Shampoo

April-Bars of Soap or Liquid Soap Pumps

May-Toothpaste

June-Women's Period Products

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Dustin Shivvers	March 14
Sara Walsh	March 14
Jeana Goldman	March 15
Laura Belin	March 16
Evelyn Feingold	March 16
Rachel Wilke-Shapiro	March 17
Linda Blatt	March 18
Susan Naiditch	March 18
Gail Stricker	March 18
Neil VanHeukelem	March 19
Diane Lohnes	March 20
Gary Bishop	March 21
Judy Deutch	March 21
Nancy Stone	March 22
Scott Stricker	March 22
JoAnn Friedman	March 23
Jill Mandelbaum	March 23
Robert Engman	March 24
AJ Bobb	March 26
Eugene Remer	March 27
Sandra Shendelman	March 28
David Swartz	March 28
Kieran Williams	March 28
Greg Cohen	March 29
Steven Sehr	March 29
Samantha Kemp Carlin	March 30
Julie Dubansky	March 31
Neil Horning	April 1
Callum Tomlin	April 2
Herbert Eckhouse	April 3

David Goldman	April 3
Natali Atkinson	April 4
Diane Pratt	April 4
Ruth Glick	April 6
Stacie Franklin	April 7
Josh Mandelbaum	April 8
Heidi Berger	April 11
Helene Fein	April 11
Muriel Sheppard	April 11
Larry Squibb	April 11
Irving Stone	April 11
Margaret Gurian	April 12
Cyril Mandelbaum	April 12
Joshua Pletcher	April 13
Marcia Sims	April 13
Victoria Eckstat	April 15
Clifton Mitchell	April 15
Adam Andrews	April 16
Phyllis Rubin	April 16
Laura Arenson	April 17
Hannah Herzog	April 17
Norman Mandelbaum	April 17
Steven Newman	April 17
Lisa Leventhal-Sobotka	April 18
Brooke Galinsky	April 19
Pat Kroloff	April 20
Craig Kelinson	April 21
Arlene Freeder	April 22
William Jagiello	April 22
Linda Fandel	April 24
Nicole Chavas-Schwegler	April 25
Jerry Weiner	April 25
Steven Bailin	April 27
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Kristin Engman	April 28
Lyanna Grund Lindgren	April 28
Sharon Squibb	April 28
Denise Swartz	April 28

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Sunday 21	Monday 29	Tuesday = 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting	Wednesday = 7:00 PM Adult Edu- cation - Deeper Dives	Thursday = 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts	Friday 1 =6:00 PM Family fts =7:00 PM Shabbat
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	25	18 = 7:00 PM Mostly Kosher Klezmer Band at Caspe Terrace	11 = 9:30 AM Sisterhood Breakfast Club = 6:30 PM TBJ Book Club via Zoom, "Tevye's Daughters" by Sholom Aleichem	4	26	Monday
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