

TEMPLE B'NAI JESHURUN

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Rabbi's Message

Increasing the Light

With the few leaves that remain on the trees, and the ones that have fallen lying in a wet mat on the lawn, and the days getting shorter and shorter, and, frankly, with an election that has left some half of our country aghast in dismay, it is an odd time to think about increasing the light in our lives and our world.

But that's what Judaism would have us do. We close-out our fall holy days with a week-long festival in which one of the mitzvot is to rejoice – as if we are filling our reservoir of happiness before heading into fall and winter. Then, when the nights are their longest, we light candles for eight days, each night increasing the number: brightness added to brightness against the dark. When the evening chill and the morning frost are still with us, we celebrate the reemergence of life and growth with Tu b'Shvat – the new year of the trees.

The cycle of the calendar, at first glance keeping in time with the flow of the seasons, takes on a different flavor when we look more closely. Each step, each observance reveals not a reflection of the season, but almost a challenge to it, a defiant thwarting of the darkness, a willful rejection of unending decline. But that defiance and rejection is not a self-deceiving denial that darkness exists, but a denial of its power, a determination that it will not last forever.

Even the Talmudic legend of the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, which tells of the priests

climbing to the roof of the Temple, crying out that they have not been good caretakers of God's treasure, and then tossing the keys up to God – even this small story, includes a seed of hope that those keys will someday be needed again when the darkness and destruction have passed.



To deny the waves of darkness that flow through history would be as foolish as denying the darkness that flows through the seasons. But to give in to the darkness, to forsake the determined expectation that the light will eventually return – that would be folly.

We light a candle, not instead of cursing the dark, not even in addition to cursing it. The flame we kindle is itself the curse against the dark. In the words of those wise Jews, the Beastie Boys, "Dark is not the opposite of light, it is the absence of light."* Only light can banish the darkness, giving courage to the determination that it will not last.

Rabbi Neal Schuster

*Yes, the Beastie Boys were all Jewish, and this line is from their song "Namasté." If you've never heard it, I definitely recommend finding it online and giving it a listen (with headphones or earbuds) – it is not what you expect!

Temple B'nai Jeshurun is looking for a new youth group advisor for our kids in grades 6-12. If you would like to know more about this role, please contact Emily Kruse, Temple President, at president@tbjdsd.org.

Worship Schedule

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

B'not Mitzvah :

Lilah & Rachel Coosner

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

6:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service

7:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

6:00 p.m. Chinese Dinner

& A Movie at the Varsity Cinema

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

5:00 p.m. Hanukkah Happenings

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

6:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service

7:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

9:00 a.m. Traditional Torah Study

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

Bar Mitzvah : Aaron Kruse

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:30 a.m. Traditional Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service



A heartfelt thank you to my TBJ family for all that you have done for me over the last 38 years. It has been the honor and privilege of my life. I treasure each and every moment I have spent with a student. A special Thank you to Rachele Hjelmaas, Judy Deutch, Juli Margolin, Wendy Adato and my dear daughter Edye Beckerman for all that they did in the planning of my retirement gathering.

P.S. No event is possible without the support of the amazing staff at TBJ. To Rabbi, David, Erin and Charles, I love you and cannot thank you enough for all the support over the years.

In Love and gratitude-Wendy Beckerman

President's Comments

(A lightly edited version of my Rosh Hashanah remarks.)

Have you ever experienced that phenomenon where you know someone for long enough that you can anticipate what they are going to say? It's like you are on the same mental wavelength? I am pleased to share that after only a little more than two years, Rabbi Neal and I are at that point! We don't discuss our bulletin articles with each other beforehand but, if you have noticed, we have miraculously had similar messages. For example, in the last bulletin we both highlighted the fact that you – the TBJ congregation – can get involved and even plan your own activities. The message in both our articles was to let us know what you want and do it!

Happily, we discovered a few weeks ago that we had the same themes in mind for our Rosh Hashanah remarks – emphasizing again to let us know and do it while adding how important your involvement is in your congregation. It is reassuring that it didn't take long for Rabbi Neal and me to reach this point. Clearly that means we made the right choice in rabbi!

Despite being equal members of a community, people can feel they don't have permission to do what they want. They may assume someone else will have the same thought and do it; or they think they are not knowledgeable or connected or tenured enough to raise an idea. Let me reassure you that neither of those are true, and we all need to forget these misconceptions to thrive as a community. If you are reading this right now, your voice matters. Make yourself heard. It's not only about committees but doing things. Don't wait or expect that someone else will speak up or volunteer. As a member of our community, you have a license to shape TBJ as you want to see it grow. If you have an idea to try, a suggestion to make, a solution to offer, please approach a board member or staff member. It doesn't need to be something you want us to do; it can be something you want to make happen, which we will support even more enthusiastically. And this is not just about new things but to continue things we are already doing. Feel confident that you – every one of you – has agency, power and autonomy because this is your community. You have a duty to speak up because this congregation needs your time, talent, and treasure in order to succeed.

If you didn't hear Rabbi Neal's sermon on Erev Rosh Hashanah, I encourage you to go back and listen to

it. He stated that the only way we will be here in the next 150 years is if we have the financial resources to provide stability that is not dependent on circumstance. A healthy endowment is key to our future not simply as a safety net, but as a responsible and wise approach to Temple finances.

It's not merely about surviving but thriving.



While asking people for money is my day job, I am very much not making an ask at this time. What I am doing, as the President of the Temple's Board of Directors, is being transparent to you – our members. We are in a tough spot. We consistently run just enough in the red that if we keep it up, the amount of red will get bigger each year because there will be less to draw on from the endowment. The good news is that thanks to the incredible work of our treasurer Brad Goldman and our Executive Director David Muenchrath, we have a better understanding of our finances than ever before. That is essential both for the sake of transparency and planning, enabling us to use the money that we do have in the most fiscally prudent way and accurately predicting our future needs.

So, while this isn't an ask, this is an invitation to begin thinking about how you will participate in building our legacy for the next 150 years. Soon, you will hear more about how you can ensure future generations can enjoy all this congregation has to offer just like we do now. To repeat a theme I have used since becoming president: All the Temple does Jewishly and socially and educationally relies on the time, talent, and treasure of the people who make up this incredible congregational community. Well, actually, it takes treasure to make something of the time and talent. And there are a lot of talented people here who are willing to give their time – some we know about and others we don't (call back to let us know and do it). It is our turn to answer the call both to give and to build a legacy that will carry Temple B'nai Jeshurun into the next 150 years and beyond.

Emily Kruse

Executive Director's Message

If you have looked at the Temple's calendar, you have probably noticed that it has been jam-packed these last few months. It started with our wonderful celebration highlighting Wendy Beckerman's many years of service to the Temple and broader Jewish community and her coming retirement at the end of November. Even though Wendy is retiring I know she will always be a part of our community and be a part of our family. She has always felt like family for all our staff, and I can't tell you how lucky we have been to work with her and receive her sage advice as we started our families. She has literally witnessed William, Walter, Nolan, Fiona, Hallejah, Ezra, and Azaiah go from babies to children that are almost as tall as their parents now. She has done that for us and so many of our Temple families.

After that celebration the High Holidays began. It was wonderful being back in the sanctuary for the High Holidays. There really isn't anything quite like hearing the choir's voices fill our sanctuary, and it was nice that the air conditioner was working and there were no leaks as we had just replaced a few roofs. Once the High Holidays concluded with Simchat Torah we moved on to another busy month.

In November it's hard to believe that we will have five young people experiencing their B'nai Mitzvah. I don't know if that's a record, but it's more in one month than I can remember having here.

When I think back on these past few months, I realize that this is what the Temple is all about. Walking with each other as we journey through life, and it has been amazing to witness that journey. We have experienced our most sacred days, we have had funerals, we have

had baby namings, we have had B'nai Mitzvahs, and we celebrated a wonderful career.

My children were here at the Temple with me for Sukkot, and they asked me a question I get a lot, "So, what exactly do you do?" That night I felt like I came up with the best answer I could. I told them "My main job at the Temple is the same job I have at home, to make sure people here feel safe and secure, just like you do at home. When you are at home you don't worry if the air conditioner working, is the roof in good condition, do we have enough food to eat, or if is our home clean. That's what your dad does at home, and that's what your dad does at the Temple.

I really hope that as you have experienced all these amazing services we have had at the Temple, it felt like a home. A home where you felt safe, that you felt secure, that you felt was in good condition, and that most importantly, you had enough to eat.

I want to end by thanking Charles, Erin, Andy, Rabbi Neal, Sam, Tara, Ira, Chuck, Francine, Gabe, Edye, Porshia, Sgt. Bryan, and everyone (and there is no way I can name everyone) who work so hard to make the Temple feel like a home for the Jewish Community of Des Moines, and no one did that more than Wendy Beckerman. Wendy, I will never be able to say thank you enough for making me feel like a part of this family and making the Temple feel like home.

David Muenchrath
Executive Director



Temple Book Club meets at 6:30 p.m. via zoom, links are sent out closer to each date; Book Selection for November 18 is *My Name is Asher Lev* by Chaim Potok. For notifications and zoom link, contact Ryba Epstein at epsteinryba@gmail.com

Joanne Brown's Short Story Book Club meets monthly at 11 a.m. on Sundays at Temple. For more information contact Judy Deutch at jmdeu@yahoo.com



NOVEMBER:

17: CHALLAH BAKING CLASS WITH DIANE PRATT, 1:30 P.M. IN THE TEMPLE KITCHEN

18: TEMPLE BOOK CLUB, 6:30 P.M. VIA ZOOM

21: WE DO LUNCH, NOON, MACHINE SHED RESTAURANT IN URBANDALE

SCHMOOZE AND CRAFTS EVERY THURSDAY EXCEPT NOV 28 (THANKSGIVING)

DECEMBER:

1: HANUKKAH GIFTS AND SUPPLIES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
AT THE TEMPLE SISTERHOOD GIFT SHOP

3: SISTERHOOD MEETING, 6:30 P.M., TEMPLE

9: BREAKFAST CLUB, 9:30 A.M. AT IHOP IN WDM

24&25: CHRISTMAS

26: WE DO LUNCH, NOON, MACHINE SHED RESTAURANT IN URBANDALE

25-JAN 2: HANUKKAH

SCHMOOZE AND CRAFTS EVERY THURSDAY

JANUARY:

7: SISTERHOOD BOARD MEETING, 6:30 P.M. AT TEMPLE

13: BREAKFAST CLUB, 9:30 A.M. AT IHOP IN WDM

23: WE DO LUNCH, NOON, LOCATION TBA

SCHMOOZE AND CRAFTS, 10 A.M. EVERY THURSDAY AT TEMPLE

SAVE THE DATE:

FEBRUARY 9: ART CANVAS PAINTING GET TOGETHER



Rachele & Joel Hjelmaas are thrilled to announce the birth of their precious granddaughter, Ashira Naomi, on September 29. Proud parents are Alex & Claire Hjelmaas. Ashira is the great-granddaughter of Kay Braverman, of blessed memory, and Marvin Braverman.

We Acknowledge These Contributions with Appreciation

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Baking class and recipe swap with Diane Pratt

Diane will be demonstrating how to make challah at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, November 17, in the Temple kitchen. Also bring your favorite challah recipe and swap with attendees. If you're interested, please contact Diane at (515) 577-6718 or email her at dyno4459@gmail.com.

B'NAI MITZVAH



Lilah Coosner



Rachel Coosner

With great joy, Gil Coosner and Brenda Daisy proudly announce the Bat Mitzvah of their daughters, **Lilah and Rachel Coosner**. Lilah and Rachel will be called to the Torah at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 23, at Temple B'nai Jeshurun. Lilah and Rachel are students at Indian Hills Junior High, where they enjoy participating in band and chorus. They also contribute as madrichim at Engman Camp Shalom. Lilah has a passion for ballet and enjoys spending time with friends, while Rachel runs Cross Country, makes art, and cherishes her summers at GUCI. The Coosners warmly welcome the community to join us at the Temple for both the service and the luncheon reception that will follow.

Emily and Terry Kruse are pleased to announce that their son **Aaron Henry Kruse** will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 18 at 10 a.m. at Temple B'nai Jeshurun. Aaron is a seventh grader at Parkview Middle School in Ankeny. He plays lacrosse with the Ankeny Thunder and flag football for the Ankeny Junior Football League, in addition to participating in band and choir at school. In his spare time, he enjoys video games and being outside with friends. He is a proud GUCI camper for four years and counting.



PEDALING WITH TBJ

The TBJ Fall bike ride was another great success! Although we only had 6 riders, it was a beautiful Fall afternoon to be out on our bikes enjoying the great weather, getting good exercise, socializing, and filling up on some hearty food at The Chicken at the half-way point and Jethro's at the end! We hope you'll join us next year when we're planning to do one ride per month beginning in May and ending in October.



SHOP TILL YOU PLOTZ!

Come to the Temple sisterhood gift shop to buy your candles, gelt, menorahs and Hanukkah gifts and gift wrap starting December 1!

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
Margaret Weiner	November 14
Tamarah Yentis	November 14
Dennis Goldford	November 15
Gary Roseman	November 16
Andrew Galinsky	November 17
Jeremy Pins	November 17
Bertie Waltman	November 17
Benjamin Swartz	November 19
Raynae Kitsis	November 21
Shayna Steinger	November 25
Wendy Wall	November 25
Jackie Garnett	November 26
Steven Shindler	November 26
Randi Stern	November 27
Rachel Dehner	November 28
Andrea Silverstein	November 28
Vivian Givant	November 30



Steven Wilke-Shapiro	December 1
Wendy Adato	December 2
Edward Loeb	December 2
Karen Rubin	December 2
Michael Davis	December 3
Kathy Bassman	December 4
Anne Scherer	December 4
Rachele Hjelmaas	December 5
Alexis Manassa	December 6
Joshua Masters	December 6
Lorrie Jagiello	December 7
Mark Davis	December 11
David Hurkin	December 13
Jaime Gallick	December 14
Herbert Remer	December 15
Haley Larson	December 16
Kim Gilchrist	December 18
Laura Schwartz	December 18
Lester Kavan	December 20
Mary Kay Kirsner	December 20
Terry Baker	December 21
Claudia Siegel	December 21
Jessie Pratt Bougher	December 25
Robert Pomerantz	December 25
Barbara Bobb	December 27

Abram Goldstien	December 28
Tara Kramer	December 28
Katherine Meeker	
Mandelbaum	December 28
Carrie Schoenebaum	December 28
Katy Muelhaupt	December 30
Arnie Waltman	December 31
Sondra Feldstein	January 1
Wendi Harris	January 3
Hal Wittenstein	January 3
Linda Lazar	January 5
Ayal Naggar	January 5
Josette Barkley	January 6
Louis Barmish	January 9
Wendy Beckerman	January 9
Lois Fingerman	January 10
Alan Kuperman	January 11
Jerry Leventhal	January 13
Raviv Ramdial	January 13
Michael Kalhorn	January 14
Donald Gilchrist	January 16
Cathy Goldman	January 16
Tamir Talmon	January 16
Marni Steadham	January 17
Tara Starr	January 18
Karen Muelhaupt	January 19
Mark Bulthuis	January 23
Maryanne Remer	January 23
Ira Lacher	January 27
Robert Dubansky	January 30
Sami Whittie	January 30
Renee Newman	January 31
Michael Wolnerman	January 31

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
Brian & Evelyn Feingold	December 29
Alan & Vicki Givant	December 29
Aaron & Laura Schwartz	December 30
Dennis & Sharon Goldford	December 31
Donald & Kim Gilchrist	January 16
Donald & Kim Gilchrist	January 16
Jack Stamp & Nancy Stone	January 18

Yahrzeit Observances

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

Howard A. Brody
Jack Levine
William A. Moskowitz
Vicki Masters
Louis Davidson
Sara Elmets
Morris Mandelbaum Jr.
Mario Borchowsky
Leo Benjamin Conley
Harry Pierce
Robert M. Eckhouse
Seymour Feinstein
Louis London
Alice Rosch
Helen Ellis
Albert Silverman

The following names will be read on Friday, November 8 and Saturday, November 9:

Martha Glayston
Fritz Jacoby
Arnold R. Nides
Seymour Shlaes
Irl Brossman
David Gross
Renee Plotkin Handleman
Donald Lipman
Sylvain M. Block
Lena F. Brody
Katherine J. Cunningham
Ann Parks
Edward Robinson
Pauline Solomon
Peter Joseph Spoden
Leo Lorber
Libby Druker
Eleanor M. Friedman
Arnold M. Goldman
Madelyn Levitt
Ida Kiv
Donald Masters
Rhoda Neufeld
Brady Pratt
A. Joseph Schwied
Celia Weinstock
Dorothy Bloxam
Percy Corran
Susan Herman
Bernard Mercer
Moritz Riegelman
Doloris Rosenberg

The following names will be read on Friday, November 15 and Saturday, November 16:

Maurice Eckstat
Adelaide Krum
Sydney H Gurian MD
Reecie Levin-Becker
Berenice Moss
Marvin Cohen
Claude Gruen
Robert Powell
Benjamin Stern
Addis Duplessis
Natalie Harvey
Morris Joseph
Simon Kahn
Estelle Rosenblum
Becky Cook
Jacob S. Grossman
Shirley R. Numeroff
Hilda Pearlman
Raymond Rosenberg
Harry Brody
Arnold M. Gordon
Edwin Sherman
Joseph I. Weiner

The following names will be read on Friday, November 22 and Saturday, November 23:

Martin Cotlar
Oscar Fischer
Annis Gross
Yale Kramer
Irving Shanbrom
Lillian Barsky
Louis Canar
Daniel Carlin
Orville Gene" Heck"
Howard Rutman
Joseph Davidson
Harry A. Friedman
Dora Kelner
Ralph Kessel
Al Lerner
Edith Robinson
Ethel Siegel
Cornelia Madelon Ball
Louis Bucksbaum
Frances W. Cohen
Phyllis Fingerman
Martha Kipnis
Sidney Mandelbaum
Isabel Baron Davis
Jack Freedman

Barbara M. Kolmen
Max Wittenstein
Lucille London
Agnes Alcorn
Abraham L. Seidler
Donald R. Silverman

The following names will be read on Friday, November 29 and Saturday, November 30:

Matthew Bucksbaum
Julius Epstein
Harold Goldman
Herman Krause
Harry Miller
Ross Daniels
Pearl A. Jacobs
Shirley Yentis
Norton Chayet
Fritz Herzog
Stanton A. Coleman
A. Arthur Davis
Edward Masters
Marjorie Zerin
Steven Frederick
Mabel Pomerantz

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

Matthew Bucksbaum
Hurvey Haskins, Jr.
Sam Abramson
Esther Josephson
Isidor Karp
Serna Lerner
Katherine Osherow
Pandora Schrader
Stella Hiller
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

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

Jonathan D. Cohen
Dr. Solomon Greenhill
J Carrell Heller
Jerry Karbeling
Bill Z. Luftman
Allen Katz
Fred Lorber
Lois Irene Renter
Julius Samish
Marilisa Cohen
Henry Corn
Sara Mosler
Chaim Ziffren
Edward I. Frankel
Anne Glauberg
Lillie Harris
Bernard Kohn
Martin Marty" Robinson"
Jan Sudak
Sydney Tabach
Ron Clayman
Leonard Goldenson
Ines Klein
Max B. Loeb
Alex Pomerantz
Jeanette Rosen
Samuel Schein
Surella Corran
John Joseph
Shire Kipnis
Isadore S. Lipsey
Bernard Pearlman
Paul Prince

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

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
Elaine Davidson
John Lewis Jacobs

Patricia Stuart
Jodi Lynn Wittenstein
Elaine Brooks
Paul From
Robert Gitchell
Betty Jacobson
Dorothy J. Kikoler
Elmer Cohen
George Jagiello
Claire B. Frank
Rebecca Robinson
Florence Zaiman Binder
Barnet Cohen
Paula Katzmann
James B. Oppenheimer
Theresa Taylor
Margit Wilson

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

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
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
Rose Wieder
Marian Bradlin-Stern
Virginia Pratt

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

Kenneth Robert Butler
Sophie Rutman-Clayman
Jeanne Trinder
Joseph "Chick" Barricks
Ted Block
Alta Epstein
Merrill Grossman
Dudley Tims
Sharon Beecher
Bernice Corn
Phyllis Jagiello
Morris Handleman
Beverly Hugo
Harry H. Press
Lena Rovner
Mildred Ladin
Ester Purisman
Delores (Doie) Robinson
Richard S. Wolf
Joan Grund Wittenstein
Jack Kline
Yetta Toubes
Jules Cohen
Samuel Louis Cohen
Seymour Ehrens
A. Jay Gantz
Adam Hardy
Josephine Milligan Mochel

The following names will be read on Friday, January 10 and Saturday, January 11:

Rose Gutfreund
Rachel McMahon
Sondra Sarlat
Anna Bobb
Bennett Gordon
Betty Shalett
Morris Shendelman
James Fink
Mary Ginsberg Wittenstein
Harvey P. Silvert
William Braver
Shirley Gutlian
Albert Ichelson
Max W. Jacobs
William Kuharsky
Maryan Nadel
Sharon Parker
Eugene Porter
Barbara Tobis Zymet
Mildred G. Davidson
Charles Kuba
Floyd M. Nadel
Phyllis Zalomek

Yahrzeit Observances (continued)

Phyllis Zalomek
H. Louis Davidson
Robert (Bob) Hightshoe
Bertha Vazquez
Minnie Fink
Shirley Gutlian
Albert Ichelson
Max W. Jacobs
William Kuharsky
Maryan Nadel
Sharon Parker
Eugene Porter
Barbara Tobis Zymet
Mildred G. Davidson
Charles Kuba
Floyd M. Nadel
Phyllis Zalomek
H. Louis Davidson
Robert (Bob) Hightshoe
Bertha Vazquez

**The following names will be
read on Friday, January 17
and Saturday, January 18:**

Ben Biber
Eudice Canar
Faye Cohen
Sol Kroloff
Sidney Levin
Mildred Sanders
Harry Bobb
Edward R. Davis
Sophie Eckstat
William Friedman, Sr.
Ida Givant
Mendell Givant
Ruth Minkoff Levin
Shirley Nides
Esther Rodin Richards
Robert Robinson
Bertha Block Boldes
Gertrude Davidson
Iara Lorber
Sylvia Naiditch
Thomas Francis Parkinson
Shirley Rosen
John Bruggemann
Mary Karp
Rose Remer
David W. Belin
Molly Gerwin
Louis D. Ginsburg
Gary Godfree
Gustav Gutfreund
Morey Sostrin

Lytton M. Younker
Verna Coleman
Besse Hiersteiner
Solomon Kroll
Gustav Gutfreund
Morey Sostrin
Lytton M. Younker
Verna Coleman
Besse Hiersteiner
Solomon Kroll

**The following names will be
read on Friday, January 24
and Saturday, January 25:**

Rose Caroline Block
Maurice Bucksbaum
Wilma Davis
Edith B. Gottlieb
Theresa Moskowitz
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
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
Estelle Newman

**The following names will be
read on Friday, January 31
and Saturday, February 1:**

Betty Irene Brody
Sharma Golofsky Spector
Morse Hershfield
David Rom
Sidney Rubin
Samuel Smuleson
Zane Zieman
Alice Daniels
Celia G. Morris
Leonard Sandahl
Leonard Sandahl
Boris Schuster
Ida Feintech
Jennie Wolnerman
Ethel Daniels
Rose B. Marks
Rosa Ostaszynski deRudich
Elizabeth Stock Stern
Nathan Frankel
Abbe Shapiro
L. Jay Stein
Moses Strauss
Isadore Tobis
Betty Kohn
Stanley Krum
Allen Madorsky
Janice Martino
Meretta Rapoport

*Our
Condolences*

Carolyn "Kay" Swartz Bucksbaum • 10/22/24

Jack Stamp (Husband of Nancy Stone) • 11/4/24

Two Ways to Celebrate the Season with TBJ

Enjoy a traditional “Jewish Christmas” **CHINESE FOOD AND A MOVIE**

This “erev” Christmas, Tuesday, December 24, 6:00 pm at the Varsity Cinema

Catered Chinese dinner at The Varsity Cinema. 1207 25th St, Des Moines
Dinner at 6:00 pm • Movie at 7:00 pm

Registration link and cost will be sent out soon. if you do not currently receive
the email bulletin, please call the front office to sign up or to register.
Cost for dinner will be set as soon as catering details are finalized.

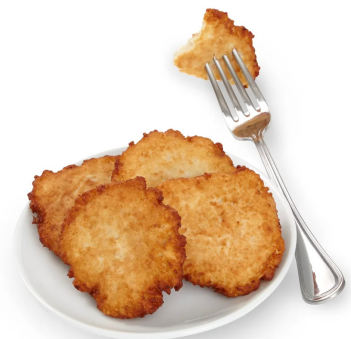
A Havdalah and Chanukkah extravaganza **CHANUKKAH HAPPENINGS**

Saturday, December 28, 5:00 pm

Bring your Chanukkah menorah and we'll fill the social hall with light!
Music, food, games and latkes!

Latke Baking Tip:

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



December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		─ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting ─ 5:30 PM Worship Committee ─ 6:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting	─ 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Education Class	─ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts	─ 6:00 PM Family Shabbat Service ─ 7:00 PM Shabbat Dinner	─ 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) ─ 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
─ 11:00 AM Joanne Brown's Short Story Book Club	─ 9:30 AM Sisterhood Breakfast Club	─ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting ─ 6:30 PM TBJ Board Meeting	─ 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Education Class	─ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts	─ 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	─ 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) ─ 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
15	16	─ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting	─ 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Education Class	─ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts	─ 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	─ 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) ─ 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
22	23	─ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting ─ 6:00 PM Chinese Dinner & A Movie at the Varsity Cinema	Christmas... Office Closed	─ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts ─ 12:00 PM WE DO (Women of Excellence Dining Out) Lunch	─ 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	─ 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) ─ 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service ─ 5:00 PM Hanukkah Happenings
29	30	─ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting	New Year's Day... Office Closed	─ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts	─ 6:00 PM Family Shabbat Service ─ 7:00 PM Shabbat Dinner	─ 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) ─ 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	29	30	31	1	2	3
		■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting	New Year's Day... Office Closed	■ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts	■ 6:00 PM Family Shabbat Service ■ 7:00 PM Shabbat Dinner	■ 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) ■ 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
	5	6	7	8	9	10
		■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting ■ 5:30 PM Worship Committee ■ 6:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting	■ 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Education Class	■ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts	■ 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	■ 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) ■ 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
	12	13	14	15	16	17
	■ 9:30 AM Sisterhood Breakfast Club	■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting ■ 6:30 PM TBJ Board Meeting	■ 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Education Class	■ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts	■ 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	■ 9:00 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) ■ 10:00 AM Aaron Kruse Bar Mitzvah
	19	20	21	22	23	24
	■ Martin Luther... Office Closed	■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting	■ 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Education Class	■ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts ■ 12:00 PM WE DO (Women of Excellence Dining Out) Lunch	■ 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	■ 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) ■ 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
	26	27	28	29	30	31
		■ 10:00 AM Temple Staff Meeting	■ 7:00 PM Rabbi's Adult Education Class	■ 10:00 AM Sisterhood Schmooze & Crafts	■ 6:00 PM Erev Shabbat Service	■ 9:30 AM Traditional Torah Study (TTS) ■ 10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service

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