

January/February 2026

# TEMPLE B'NAI JESHURUN

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5101 Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, Iowa 50312-2199

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Founded in 1873



# TU BISHVAT

# Worship Schedule

Currently, Friday evening and Saturday morning services are in person and live streamed on our website, [www.tbjds.org](http://www.tbjds.org). Saturday Morning Torah Study is in person and via Zoom. Emails are sent weekly with streaming links and any updates to the schedule. Contact us if you are not current receiveing Temple emails, [office@tbjds.org](mailto:office@tbjds.org).

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

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

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

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

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

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

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

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

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

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

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

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

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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



Please join us for

*Family Shabbat Services & Dinner*

Friday, February 6      Friday, May 1  
Friday, March 6      (Senior Recognition)  
Friday, April 10      Friday, June 5  
                                    (Shabbat Cookout)

Always at 6:00 p.m. with a meal to follow!

# President's Message



Dear Temple Members,

Since July 2022 when Rabbi Neal began his tenure with our congregation, our Temple has welcomed 75 new members into our community. Last month, we hosted a special New Member Appreciation and Family Shabbat to celebrate our new members. This meaningful Shabbat gathering brought together approximately 100 people, including both recent and established members. This was a wonderful chance for everyone to meet and connect. Many attendees shared with me how much they appreciated and enjoyed the evening.

Cultivating a strong and inclusive Jewish community remains fundamental to the mission of our Temple. Our commitment to inclusivity extends beyond singular events; it is reflected in our ongoing efforts to ensure that every member, regardless of their length of affiliation, feels recognized, valued, and at home within our congregation.

We provide year-round opportunities for engagement outside of Shabbat and holiday services. These include festive events such as our recent Hanukkah Happening and social gatherings like Sisterhood Schmooze, Mah Jong, book clubs, breakfast and lunch groups, and the occasional ICUBS tailgate! Members are also encouraged to participate in community service initiatives, including the Jewish Community Food Pantry and other social action and Caring Committee projects, and attend educational programs such as Rabbi Neal's Torah study and adult education classes. Through these activities, we strive to strengthen our community and maintain an atmosphere of hospitality for all members. A very special thank you to everyone in our community who has contributed their time and talents in facilitating, organizing, and participating in so many of our Temple activities including Rabbi Neal, Shaynna Grund, Charles Stanton, Erin Plank, Miriam Van Huekelem, Daryl Anderson, Wendy Beckerman, Edye Beckerman, Lyanna Lindgren, Jody Kolmen, Sharon Goldford, Judy Deutch, and Ryba Epstein.

Looking ahead to the coming months in this new secular year, our Temple remains committed to broadening these opportunities and further developing connections within our congregation. Whether you are looking to explore new interests, strengthen your faith, or simply enjoy meaningful connections with others, we invite you to take an active part in all that our Temple community has to offer. Together, we hope to continue to build a vibrant, supportive environment where every member can participate, share their talents, and feel at home.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year,

Rachele Braverman Hjelmaas  
president@tbjds.org

# Welcome to Our New Members

Barry Kaplan  
Shari & Matt Gilbert  
Drs Kathy Elsner & Steve Adelman (rejoined)

שלום  
shalom  
welcome

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Happy Anniversary

Eugene & Carrie Remer February 26

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HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

Sondra Feldstein	January 1	Karen Kaplan	January 19	Jose Aguilar	February 15
Wendi Harris	January 3	Muelhaupt		Richard M. Kirsner	February 15
Hal Wittenstein	January 3	Mark Bulthuis	January 23	Andy Marcus	February 15
Linda Faye Lazar	January 5	Maryanne Remer	January 23	Ben Stone	February 18
Ayal Naggat	January 5	Ira Lacher	January 27	Jonathan Yentis	February 18
Lisa Pusin	January 5	Robert J. Dubansky	January 30	Elias Rincon Aguilar	February 19
Josette Barkley	January 6	Sami Whittie	January 30	Susan Brown	February 19
Louis Barmish	January 9	Renee Newman	January 31	Erica Dubin-Barz	February 20
Wendy Beckerman	January 9	Michael Wolnerman	January 31	David Epstein	February 20
Lois Fingerman	January 10	David Aaron Kitsis	February 1	Joelyn L. Gast	February 20
Alan Kuperman	January 11	Corinne Buraks	February 2	Nelson Smith	February 20
Jerry Leventhal	January 13	Anna Levina Conway	February 3	John Mandelbaum	February 21
Raviv Ramdial	January 13	Aaron Gallick	February 3	Dean Putnam	February 21
Michael Kalhorn	January 14	Edward Bruggemann	February 6	Melanie Choos	February 22
Cathy Goldman	January 16	Alan Adato	February 8	Katie Sinkewjz	February 23
Tamir Talmon	January 16	Elizabeth Bulthuis	February 8	Sally Frank	February 24
Marni Steadham	January 17	Kimberly Shadur	February 9	Howard Ian Berger	February 25
Tara Starr	January 18	Ira Dickman	February 12	Terry Kruse	February 25
		Mary Jo Pomerantz	February 13	Howard Musin	February 28



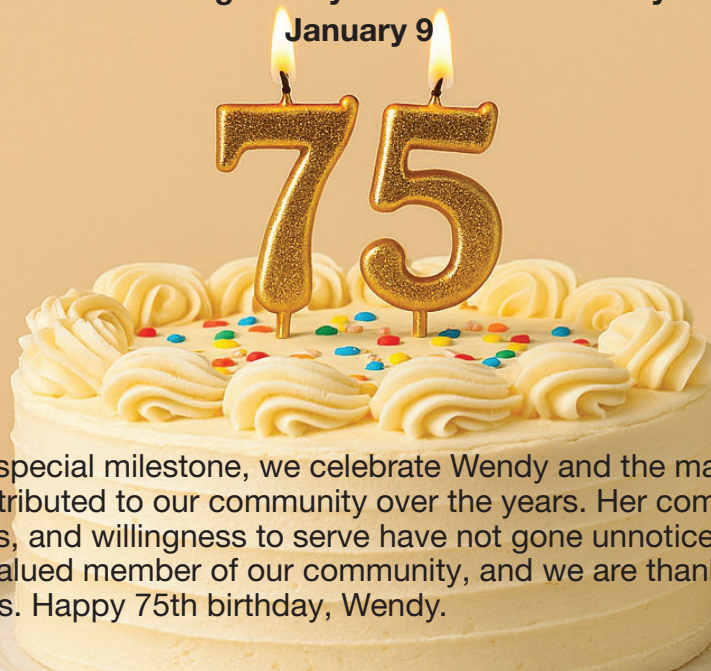


Joel and Rachele Hjelmaas are thrilled to welcome their new granddaughter, Norah Marjorie Hjelmaas-Bresler. Norah is the daughter of Ben and Marika Hjelmaas-Bresler of Chicago, Illinois. She is also the great-granddaughter of Marvin and Kay (z"l) Braverman.



**Are you celebrating something you would like to share? Whether you or someone in your family has had a life event, made an accomplishment, or want to celebrate with others, email [programming@tbjdsd.org](mailto:programming@tbjdsd.org)!**

### Honoring Wendy on Her 75th Birthday January 9



On this special milestone, we celebrate Wendy and the many ways she has contributed to our community over the years. Her commitment, kindness, and willingness to serve have not gone unnoticed. Wendy is truly a valued member of our community, and we are thankful for all that she does. Happy 75th birthday, Wendy.

# Thank you, you are appreciated!

Sincere thanks to those who have supported us with donations of time, resources, and other non-monetary contributions during November & December. Your generosity means the world!

Aaron & Elise Naiditch  
Bill Grund  
Brad Goldman  
Daryl Anderson  
Diane Pratt  
Don & Tori Godfree  
Emily Kruse  
Jessie Bougher  
Jody Kolmen  
Lyanna Lindgren  
Rachele Braverman Hjelmaas  
Sally Frank  
Sara Coleman  
Sondra Feldstein  
Tyler & Natali Atkinson  
Van Heukelem Family  
Wendy Beckerman

If there is anyone who was forgotten, our apologies, please know that you **ARE** appreciated!

Thank You  
תודה רבה

# Introducing our new Social Action Vision Leader, Daryl Anderson!

The TBJ Board is thrilled to announce that Daryl Anderson will step into the role of Social Action Vision Leader, filling that vacant position! Daryl's roots run deep in our Temple community—her family has been part of TBJ for generations. She is the daughter of Lois and Lou (z"l) Fingerman, and her own children grew up here as well. Daryl's first initiative is the inspiring ZERA program, which you can learn more about below. If you'd like to get involved in Social Action, reach out to Daryl at [darylraea627@gmail.com](mailto:darylraea627@gmail.com).



## **ZERA made its big debut at our Hanukkah Happening on December 20!**

Our first project? Creating Mitzvah Bags filled with essentials for those experiencing homelessness. Thanks to everyone who joined in, we assembled about 25 bags—a beautiful act of kindness!

Missed out? Don't worry—this initiative will be back soon, so keep an eye out for your chance to make a difference!

## **ZERA – Planting Seeds of Goodness**

Our Temple is launching ZERA, Hebrew for “seed”—a dynamic initiative inspired by Rabbi Neal's Yom Kippur sermon and rooted in Jewish values. ZERA's mission is to plant seeds of goodness, justice, and compassion through acts of kindness and community engagement.

Guided by Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), ZERA brings Temple members together to create a more equitable and caring society through mutual aid, solidarity, and meaningful action.

**What We Do:** Monthly gatherings to share ideas and plan projects. Activities include food drives, crisis support, and partnerships with local organizations. Every effort is a “seed” that can grow into lasting change.

**Why Join?** Because real change starts small—through dignity, compassion, and connection. Together, we'll cultivate a kinder, more just world, one seed at a time.

# Be on the Lookout at TBJ!

## Adult Education with Rabbi Schuster

Foundations & Fundamentals for Jewish Life and Living

January 14 through Spring

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Registration link to follow

Class will be in person and via Zoom

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## B'nai Mitzvah Parents Meeting

If your child is in 4th grade or above, please keep an eye out over the next week about information on our upcoming meetings!

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## GUCI Summer 2026



If your child is attending GUCI Summer 2026 (or another Jewish Summer Camp), please enter your information [here](#) to apply for the Temple Scholarship.

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## Easy Shul is coming!

Easy Shul is an easy-to-use online membership and communication system. It allows congregants to securely view and update their information, manage memberships and contributions, register for programs, and receive important updates—all in one place. Please keep a look out over the coming months for more information.





### January

12: Breakfast Club 9:30 a.m.  
 IHOP in West Des Moines  
 22: WE DO Lunch 12:00 p.m.  
 Gilroy's, 1238 8<sup>th</sup> St, West Des Moines  
 26: Temple Book Club 6:30 p.m. via Zoom

### February

3: Sisterhood Meeting 6:30 p.m. via Zoom  
 9: Breakfast Club 9:30 a.m.  
 IHOP in West Des Moines  
 26: WE DO Lunch 12:00 p.m.  
 Tavern II, 1755 50<sup>th</sup> St, West Des Moines

**\*\* THURSDAYS ARE FOR CRAFTS & SCHMOOZE! \*\***

Every Thursday at TBJ 10:00 a.m.

### **BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS!**

The Temple Book Club meets at 6:30 p.m. either via Zoom or in person. Links are sent out closer to each date; the book selection for **Monday, January 26** is **Heart of a Stranger** by **Angela Buchdahl**. For notifications and Zoom link, contact Ryba Epstein at [epsteinryba@gmail.com](mailto:epsteinryba@gmail.com).



Joanne Brown's Short Story Book Club meets monthly at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays at the Temple. For more information, contact Judy Deutch at [jmdeu@yahoo.com](mailto:jmdeu@yahoo.com). The next meeting time is January 18.

# WOMEN'S WORK WEEKEND 2026

## May 14-17 at Goldman Union Camp Institute

In partnership with the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) Heartland District, camp moms, grandmothers, camper and staff alumni and all friends of GUCI gather for a weekend of fun, meaningful work to help prepare camp for summer.

We do incredibly valued projects such as preparing our garden for the summer, painting and organizing around camp and getting our camp looking beautiful!

While we work hard, we also play hard and partake in a beautiful weekend with delicious food and drinks, Shabbat, music and a special Saturday night social activity!

### WEEKEND DETAILS

- Camp-style Shabbat and Havdalah.
- Rewarding and meaningful work to prepare camp for the summer.
- Saturday evening of food, friends, fun activities and more.
- Fee is \$18 (covers all meals, drinks, special dinner, room and linens, Saturday evening activity and more).

### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Together we'll paint, clean, organize, plant and more to prepare GUCI for another amazing summer!
- Participants should be in good health, all skill levels are welcome!
- Roll up your sleeves and get ready for a weekend of giving back and connection.
- You are welcome to come stay on camp Thursday evening if you'd like.



Please reach out to Jody Kolmen if  
[interested-panicst4c@me.com](mailto:interested-panicst4c@me.com)



# Continuing Food Donations

Please continue to bring non-perishable, non-expired donations of food and personal care items to Temple B'nai Jeshurun.

***Food items marked with the kosher symbol are preferred.***

Please leave your donations on the shelves or in the tub, located in the vestibule, just inside the entrance glass doors. The lists below include some of the most needed items:

Peanut Butter  
Canned Fish  
Canned Beans  
Pasta  
Pasta Sauce  
Canned Fruits  
& Vegetables  
Cereals  
Rice  
Cooking Oil



Infant Formula  
Baby Food  
Diapers  
Baby Wipes  
Toilet Paper  
Soap  
Feminine Hygiene  
Products  
Shampoo  
Laundry Detergent  
Cleaning Supplies

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## Need some help? Let us know!

If you could use a little extra support with grocery shopping or snow removal, please don't hesitate to reach out. Our small (but growing!) group of caring volunteers is happy to help.

Simply email [jfsoutreach@jewishdesmoines.org](mailto:jfsoutreach@jewishdesmoines.org) with the date you have in mind, and we'll do our best to connect you with a volunteer. We're glad to be here for one another.

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## Join our Shop Team or Snow Team

*Support homebound community members*

Jewish Family Services is assembling small home services teams of reliable volunteers who can be on standby to shop for and deliver groceries to homebound members of our Des Moines Jewish community, or clear snow when needed. When a need arises, we'll reach out to see who is available — no ongoing commitment required, just willingness to help when you can.

To join either standby list, please reach out to [karen@jewishdesmoines.org](mailto:karen@jewishdesmoines.org) and provide your mobile number, email, and physical address. Also let us know if you use WhatsApp! Thank you for helping to keep our community connected and cared for.



## Upcoming Community Events

Stein Film Series Presents

# Never Alone

January 15th

6:00 PM  
Doors Open at 5:30 PM



Pizza Dinner and  
Movie Snacks Provided

Tifereth Israel Synagogue  
Free Tickets at [steindmjfs.org](http://steindmjfs.org)



SIMMA AND MICHAEL STEIN  
DES MOINES JEWISH FILM SERIES





# SIMMA AND MICHAEL STEIN

## DES MOINES JEWISH FILM SERIES

STEINDMJFS.ORG

### FEATURE FILMS

Mark your calendars for our exciting lineup!



**Thurs  
Jan 15**

**Never Alone**

6:00 PM - *Doors Open at 5:30 PM*

Tifereth Israel Synagogue



**Tues  
Jan 27**

**Reckonings**

International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Virtual Screening Only



**Sun  
Feb 1**

**For the Living**

1:00 PM - *Doors Open at 12:30 PM*

The Caspe Terrace: Bucksbaum Auditorium



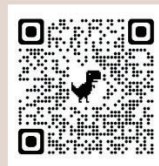
**Thurs  
Feb 26**

**No Name Restaurant**

12:00 PM - *Doors Open at 11:30 AM*

Tifereth Israel Synagogue

**Thank you for participating in a wonderful film season!**



For complimentary tickets, scan the QR code or visit [steindmjfs.org](http://steindmjfs.org)  
*Event Times Subject to Change*

# Maccabee Market 2025





# Hanukkah Happening 2025

More pics will be added to the website









## We Acknowledge These Contributions with Appreciation

### TEMPLE GENERAL FUND

\*\*\*Gerry & Debbie Damsky  
 \*\*\*Judy & Larry Deutch  
 \*\*\*Sally Frank  
 \*\*\*Stacie & Tom Franklin  
 \*\*\*Scott Galenbeck  
 \*\*\*Andrew & Brooke Galinsky  
 \*\*\*Eric & Kelly Galinsky  
 \*\*\*Gary & Mindy Galinsky  
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 \*\*\*Norman Mandelbaum  
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\*\*\*Julie Griswold

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\*\*\*Anne Scherer

IN MEMORY OF BRUCE  
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CELEBRATION OF  
NAMING OF RUTH &  
LYDIA DUBIN-BARZ  
\*\*\*Bruce Dubin

THANKS AGAIN FOR ALL  
YOU DID TO MAKE OUR  
WEDDING DAY GREAT  
\*\*\*Daniel Lewis & Robin  
Cohen

IN HONOR OF GAIL  
KLEARMAN'S  
RETIREMENT  
\*\*\*Judy & Larry Deutch

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IN CELEBRATION OF  
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\*\*\*Howard Musin

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IN HONOR OF DENNIS  
GOLDFORD'S BIRTHDAY

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\*\*\*Wendy Beckerman

IN HONOR OF SHARON  
GOLDFORD'S BIRTHDAY

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\*\*\*Wendy Beckerman

IN HONOR OF RAYNAE  
KITSIS' BIRTHDAY

\*\*\*Wendy Beckerman

\*\*\*IN HONOR OF WENDY  
WALL'S BIRTHDAY

\*\*\*Edye Beckerman

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IN MEMORY OF BRUCE  
SHERMAN

\*\*\*Edye Beckerman

**FOOD DRIVE DONATIONS**

\*\*\*The Galinsky Family

\*\*\*Jody Gast

\*\*\*Gloria & Jerry Leventhal

# Yahrzeit Observances

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

Ben Biber  
Bernice Corn  
Beverly Hugo  
Delores (Doie) Robinson  
Dudley Tims  
Ester Purisman  
Harry H. Press  
Ida Givant  
Jack Kline  
Jeanne Trinder  
Joan Wittenstein Grund  
Joseph "Chick" Barricks  
Kenneth Robert Butler  
Lena Rovner  
Marian Bradlin-Stern  
Martha Pearlman  
Mendell Givant  
Merrill Grossman  
Mildred Ladin  
Minnie Fink  
Morris Handleman  
Phyllis Jagiello  
Richard S. Wolf  
Sharon Beecher  
Sophie Rutman-Clayman  
Ted Block  
Virginia Pratt

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

A. Jay Gantz  
Adam Hardy  
Albert Ichelson  
Anna Bobb  
Barbara Tobis Zymet  
Bennett Gordon  
Betty Shalett  
Charles Kuba  
Eugene Porter  
Floyd M. Nadel  
Gertrude Davidson  
Harvey P. Silvert  
Josephine Milligan Mochel  
Jules Cohen  
Mary Ginsberg Wittenstein  
Maryan Nadel  
Max W. Jacobs  
Morris Shendelman  
Phyllis Zalomek  
Rachel McMahon  
Rose Gutfreund

Samuel Louis Cohen  
Seymour Ehrens  
Sharon Parker  
Shirley Gutlian  
Sondra Sarlat  
William Braver  
William Kuharsky

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

Bertha Block Boldes  
Bertha Vazquez  
Clara Lorber  
David W. Belin  
Edward R. Davis  
Esther Rodin Richards  
Eudice Canar  
Faye Cohen  
Gary Godfree  
H. Louis Davidson  
Harry Bobb  
Howard Shapiro  
Jennie Wolnerman  
John Bruggemann  
Louis D. Ginsburg  
Lytton M. Younker  
Mary Karp  
Mildred Sanders  
Molly Gerwin  
Morey Sostrin  
Robert (Bob) Hightshoe  
Robert Robinson  
Rose Remer  
Ruth Minkoff Levin  
Shirley Nides  
Shirley Rosen  
Sidney Levin  
Sol Kroloff  
Sophie Eckstat  
Sylvia Naiditch  
Thomas Francis Parkinson  
William Friedman, Sr.

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

Alexis Gilbert  
Arthur Stein, Jr.  
Bernice Ruth Waltman  
Besse Hiersteiner  
Betty Kohn  
Dan Davis  
Emma Lederer  
Eva B. Sanders

Evelyn Balto  
Hilda Musin  
Ida Castle  
Irv Steinberg  
Jerome Bassman  
Julia Borowick  
Leopold Sheuerman  
Louise Stern  
Marjorie Spevak  
Mark Harris  
Marlene Braverman Garfin  
Maurice Bucksbaum  
Maurice Castle  
Maurice Osherow  
Meyer Schneider  
Molly Tepper  
Steven J Lawson  
Sylvia Stein  
Theresa Moskowitz  
Verna Coleman  
Wilma Davis  
Yetta Robinson

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

Abbe Shapiro  
Alice Daniels  
Betty Irene Brody  
Bill Clifford  
Bobbi Sue Ginsberg  
Boris Schuster  
Cecil Masters  
Celia G. Morris  
David Rom  
Elizabeth Stock Stern  
Estelle Newman  
Ethel Daniels  
Evelyn Waltman  
Ida Feintech  
Isaac Boruchowsky  
Isadore Tobis  
L. Jay Stein  
Leonard Sandahl  
Morris Strom  
Morse Hershfield  
Moses Strauss  
Robert Jay Lorber  
Rosa Ostaszynski deRudich  
Rose B. Marks  
Samuel Smuleson  
Sharma Golofsky Spector  
Sidney Rubin  
Zane Zieman



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

Allen Madorsky  
Arthur Margolin  
Celia W. Brody  
Charlotte Elmets  
Clarence Copple  
Dan Masters  
Daniel L. Lawyer  
David C Barricks  
Genevieve Ansher  
Gretchen B. Kahn  
Helene Epstein  
Irvin Robinson  
Jake Cohen  
Janice Martino  
Joan Hemphill  
Linton Hinds  
Manuel Zalomek  
Meretta Rapoport  
Nora Mueller  
Patricia Mae Perry  
Recca Rosenbaum  
Rita Loeb  
Ruth Rapaport  
Sam Galinsky  
Sam M. Shloss  
Samuel Weinberger  
Stanley Krum

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

Abraham Solomon Hoffman  
Aida Clemencia Campos Ochoa  
Alan William Nagel  
Arthur G. Barricks  
Betty Freedman  
Beverly Bobb  
Bruce Alan Glauberg  
Donald Pochter  
Doris Kahn Katelman

Elmer S. Loeb  
Frances Goldenson Kaplan  
Gloria Reich  
Isadore Joseph Katz  
Jerrold Mendelson  
Joseph Kolmen  
Mary Jo Tregilgas  
Morris Aliber  
Morris Damsky  
Ofelia Borchowsky Vazquez  
Robert Mannheimer  
Ruth F. Gordon  
Sadie Stern Grossman  
Sigurd Anderson  
Susan Hoffman  
Susan Seidenfeld

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

Alexander Lederer  
Anna Leigh Remsburg  
David Gordon  
Doris Bassin  
Dorothy Vance  
Edna Rylatt  
Elyse Weiss  
George Hogberg  
George Mosler  
Harry Ginsberg  
Henrietta Landau Menzer  
Jennie Shapiro  
Jose (Joe) Boruchowsky  
Joseph Gottstein  
Muriel Brill  
Patrick Kruse  
Rachel Jean Glueck  
Robert A. Press  
Robert Aliber  
Rose A. Stone  
Rose Pearlman  
Sandra Land  
Sara Rosnow

Sarah Strom Boruchowsky  
Shirley Berck  
Sol Leitner  
Steven Halsband  
Theodora Biber Levy  
William Friedman Jr.

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

Ann Corn  
Babetta Frankel  
Bella Beckerman  
Bernis M. Frankel  
Burton Joseph, Jr.  
Charlie Spector  
Cyla Kolmen  
David Morris  
Dr. Zane Hurkin D.O.  
Edward N. Frankel  
Edwin Shedd Elwell, Jr.  
Florence Purnell  
Gertrude Frender  
Harold Stern  
Herbert Nadel  
Irving Diamond  
Lilyann Irene Gantz  
Margje Bulthuis Lopers  
Mary Silverberg  
Myron Blank  
Naomi Kessel  
Rae Ginsberg Gordon  
Rebecca S. Romanoff  
Rose Lee Pomerantz  
Sarah Tessel  
Victor Julio Rincon Valencia  
William Elmets

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*Our Deepest Sympathies*

Margaret Weiner • 11/15/25  
( Wife of Jerry Weiner )  
Steve "Doc" Feller • 11/19/25  
( Father of Heidi Berger )  
Bruce Sherman • 12/3/25  
( Husband of Barb Sherman )  
Alex Komm • 12/13/25  
Anna Kuperman • 12/17/25  
( Wife of Alan Kuperman )

# JANUARY 2026 | TEVET / SHEVAT 5786

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 10:00am Sisterhood Schmooze & Craft 2:00pm Beginners Mahjong Play	2 6:00pm Family Shabbat Service 7:00pm Shabbat Dinner	3 9:30am Traditional Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		5:30pm Worship Committee			6:00pm Erev Shabbat Services	9:30am Traditional Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service
11	12 9:30am Sisterhood Breakfast at IHOP	13	14 7:00pm Adult Education Foundations & Fundamentals of Judaism	15 10:00am Sisterhood Schmooze & Craft 2:00pm Beginners Mahjong Play	16	17 9:30am Traditional Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service
18 11:00am Joanne Brown's Short Story Book Club	19 MLK Jr Day - TBJ Office Closed	20	21 7:00pm Adult Education Foundations & Fundamentals of Judaism	22 10:00am Sisterhood Schmooze & Craft 12:00pm WE DO Lunch 2:00pm Beginners Mahjong Play	23 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Services	24 9:30am Traditional Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service
25	26	27	28 7:00pm Adult Education Foundations & Fundamentals of Judaism	29 10:00am Sisterhood Schmooze & Craft 2:00pm Beginners Mahjong Play	30	31 9:30am Traditional Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service
	6:30pm TBJ Book Club				6:00pm Erev Shabbat Services	

# FEBRUARY 2026 | SHEVAT 5786

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2  Tu B'Shevat	3 5:30pm Worship Committee 6:30pm Sisterhood Bd Mtg	4 7:00pm Adult Education Foundations & Fundamentals of Judaism	5 10:00am Sisterhood Schmooze & Craft 2:00pm Beginners Mahjong Play	6 6:00pm Family Shabbat Service 7:00pm Shabbat Dinner	7 9:30am Traditional Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service
8 2:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Parents Meeting	9 9:30am Sisterhood Breakfast at IHOP	10 5:00pm TBJ Board Meeting	11 7:00pm Adult Education Foundations & Fundamentals of Judaism	12 10:00am Sisterhood Schmooze & Craft 2:00pm Beginners Mahjong Play	13 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Services	14 9:30am Traditional Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service
15	16 Presidents Day-TBJ Office Closed	17 7:00pm B'nai Mitzvah Parents Meeting	18 7:00pm Adult Education Foundations & Fundamentals of Judaism	19 10:00am Sisterhood Schmooze & Craft 2:00pm Beginners Mahjong Play	20 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Services	21 9:30am Traditional Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service
22	23	24	25 7:00pm Adult Education Foundations & Fundamentals of Judaism	26 10:00am Sisterhood Schmooze & Craft 12:00pm WEDO Lunch 2:00pm Beginners Mahjong Play	27 6:00pm Erev Shabbat Services	28 9:30am Traditional Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Morning Service

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