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Focus on Shabbat

December's Maccabeats concert was an example of new and exciting programming Temple Beth-El leadership is pursuing. Looking forward, the TBE Senior Staff has been preparing special programs and recognition to enrich the experience of our congregants around the "Shabbat Experience." The first Friday of each month is our **Shab-Bat Kol**, a traditional, voice-only service. The third Friday of each month is our **Shabbat Ruach**, with spirited traditional music led by Cantor Gale and musicians. Once a month on Saturday, during Shabbat service, you can also enjoy an "Interesting Lives" presentation when congregants or others share their fascinating personal stories. And finally, on the fourth Saturday of each month we will be having a "Simcha Shabbat" at which birthdays, anniversaries, and other special achievements are recognized. Along with **Family Shabbat** and the many b'nai mitzvah scheduled throughout the year, there will be many opportunities to embrace Jewish prayer, and connect with your community. Below is our January schedule.

- Friday, January 6th:** Sha-Bat-Kol—a traditional service (no instruments)
- Saturday, January 7th:** "Interesting Lives" with guest speaker, Dan Burnick
- Saturday, January 14th:** B'nai Mitzvah of KayKay and Daniel Benck
- Friday, January 20th:** Shabbat Ruach, followed by a Shabbat dinner
- Saturday, January 21st:** Bar Mitzvah of Caleb Bernstein
- Friday, January 27th:** Sisterhood Shabbat Dinner
- Saturday, January 28th:** Simcha Shabbat & Sisterhood Shabbat Kiddush



*Maccabeats Concert Rocks the House
Photo courtesy of Barry C. Altmark*



Sisterhood's Big Fundraiser
Sponsored by Levy's Fine Jewelry

The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas
Saturday, January 28
At the Virginia Samford Theatre

See inside for full details

Religious Service Schedule January 2012

January 6	Erev Shabbat Candle lighting	5:45 pm 4:36 pm
January 7	Saturday Morning Parshat Vayehi <i>Maftir: Jimmy Krell</i> Shabbat Mincha	9:30 am 4:30 pm
January 13	Erev Shabbat Candle lighting	5:45 pm 4:42 pm
January 14	Saturday morning Parshat Sh'mot Shabbat Mincha B'nai Mitzvah of KayKay & Daniel Benck	9:30 am 4:30 pm
January 20	Erev Shabbat Candle lighting	5:45 pm 4:48 pm
January 21	Saturday Morning Parshat Vaera Shabbat Mincha Bar Mitzvah of Caleb Bernstein	9:30 am 4:30 pm
January 27	Erev Shabbat Candle lighting	5:45 pm 4:55 pm
January 28	Saturday morning Parshat Bo <i>Maftir: Sharon Kahn</i> Shabbat Mincha	9:30 am 4:30 pm

Weekday Service Schedule

Daily Morning Minyan	7:00 am
Sundays & Holidays	8:00 am
Daily Afternoon Minyan	5:30 pm
Saturday Afternoon Minyan	4:30 pm

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Message From Our Rabbi



Birmingham: Hotbed of Diversity

Recently I was asked a question I had never been asked before. The question, ironically asked by a visitor to our shul, was: "Is it boring being the rabbi of a congregation where you only get to see the same people over and over again?" My immediate response to the question was laughter followed by a resounding "Not at all." I told the young man that few things could be less boring than working in a congregation. As I ran down the list of events and people I worked with in a single month, he expressed amazement. He said "I never knew all the types of things you do." As he walked away I realized that others may also be unaware of the ways in which I have the opportunity to interact with the broader community, bringing diversity into my life and the lives of others.

This remarkable six weeks began on November 2, 2011 when I participated on a panel discussion at UAB's Hill Center sponsored by the International Studies Club at UAB, the Peace Valley Foundation, the Istanbul Center, and UNA-USA Greater Birmingham Chapter. The topic was "Politics of Exclusion: Extremism & Imagining the "Other"." I was one of five panel members in a discussion which covered Jewish, Christian, and Muslim relations over the past two thousand years. I was joined on the panel by Dr. Gokhan Bacik of Zirve University, Dr. Walter Ward of UAB, Dr. Lamia Zayzafoon of UAB, and Temple Beth-El's own Dr. Barry Ivker, Psychotherapist and Artist. The event was moderated by Ferhat Zengul of UAB and included an introductory lecture, comment by all the panel members on questions about multiculturalism, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, religious freedom, and more. It was attended by well approximately one hundred fifty people and was one of the most honest and frank discussions on such topics in which I have participated.

Three weeks later I had the pleasure of representing Temple Beth-El at the Southside Faith Communities Interfaith Thanksgiving Program. This wonderful annual event draws people together from nearly a dozen local churches, synagogues, and mosques in an interfaith service honoring all of our traditions and the love we all have for this country. This year I was honored to be the speaker and had the opportunity to share with 100 people, most of whom were not Jewish, my thoughts on gratitude, prayer, and the

beauty of life. My daughters and I stayed for lunch and I was nearly brought to tears as so many people came up to thank me for sharing the beauty of our tradition with them.

Just a week later I had the pleasure of meeting with a different kind of group. This was a group of kindergarten students, their parents, siblings, and teacher from Oakmont Preschool and Kindergarten. I spent nearly an hour with them telling the story of Hanukkah, reading a book which talked about how Hanukkah has changed since 100 years ago, showing them our sanctuary, and even letting them see a scroll of the Torah. Of the thirty people there, only two had ever been in a synagogue before. It was very powerful for them, and one of the parents told me that seeing the opened Torah as Jesus would have seen it, was more powerful than I could know.

Less than a week after that exciting event I had the chance to put my practice with the Oakmont students to good use as I participated in the BJB's Fed UP With Illiteracy Program's outreach to Glen Iris Elementary as the entire school participated in grade by grade presentations on Hanukkah. During a nearly three hour period of time, I, along with Caren Seligman, Eileen Cohn, Janet Reagan, and Valerie Thompson introduced nearly 400 Kindergarten, first, and second grade students to the story of Hanukkah. I told a story, sang songs with them, and the other volunteers showed the kids – with volunteers from the audience – how to light the menorah, sing the blessings, and play dreidel. I have been volunteering since October at Glen Iris in the kindergarten helping students with their phonics skills, but this was nothing like anything I'd ever experienced. The kids were quiet, respectful, and listened intently. They participated in the story, spun like dreidels when I sang Sevivon, and were simply a delight. It was an honor to participate and lots of fun.

Thus it is that, rather than being cloistered in a room studying or davening, I have had real life opportunities aplenty to meet and interact with members of the Jewish and non-Jewish Birmingham community over the past weeks. So it is that being a rabbi is rarely boring or ordinary. Rather, being a rabbi means leading a life of continuous learning and joy, interacting with people of all kinds, a constant appreciation of the diversity of humanity, and a sense of responsibility as I represent our beautiful tradition to Jews and non-Jews alike, bringing our Torah of love to all I meet.

Rabbi Michelle Goldsmith

Message From Our Education Department



The Hebrew word for *Chanukah* and the word for education in Hebrew share the same root letters (chet, nun, chaf). As we know the word *Chanukah* means dedication

because the Jews re-dedicated the Temple in Jerusalem after its defilement by the Hellenists. What many people don't know is that the word *Chinuch* is also about dedication. To learn effectively one must be dedicated to the tasks required to gain and attain knowledge. In Perkei Avot 4:1, we find the following statement; "Who is wise? The one who learns from everyone." It is not an easy task to learn new insights, traditions or rituals; one must be open to the experience. I hope you and your children will join with me to re-dedicate our efforts to learn and to teach together as a community

Rabbi Ira Flax



Friday, January 6th: Join us for a children's Shabbat service at 6:00 pm followed by a Shabbat dinner for our Pre-K through 2nd grade and younger.

Saturday, January 7th: Family Jr. Congregation will be held on Shabbat morning with our ISJL Fellow Lauren Fredman at 10:30 am.

Sunday, January 22nd: We will have an Open House for Kelley Jefferson and Linda Wiener's classes from 11:00 am -12:00 noon.



Sunday, January 29th: We will hold an Open House for our 3rd through 6th grade from 11:00 am—12:00 noon.



Sunday, February 5th: World Wide Wrap will be held at 10:00am for our 5th graders.

Celebrating becoming a
Bar & Bat Mitzvah

KayKay and Daniel Benck
Daughter and son of Jodi & David Benck



January 14, 2012
9:30 am

Celebrating becoming a Bar Mitzvah

Caleb Bernstein
Son of
Daniel Bernstein & Christine Bernstein



January 21, 2012
9:30 am

Message From Our Foundation

Did you know a healthy Foundation is a necessity for TBE's future?

Did you know historians believe the synagogue is the oldest continuous religious institution in human history? It has persisted as the central institution in Jewish life for more than two millennium.

Did you know scholars believed there is a direct correlation between the health of the synagogue and the welfare of the entire Jewish community? The explanation for this phenomenon of communal dependence on the synagogue is not mysterious. American synagogues create the social capital that sustains Jewish civil society. They foster community, broaden the horizons of individual responsibility, instill a spirit of volunteerism and promote the skills of self-governance. The need for a minyan for public worship has made Judaism a religion of joiners (congregants).

Did you know our membership dues cover only a portion of the annual expenses, not the full costs of running a synagogue? Additional funds are needed to keep our building, activities and services flowing smoothly. For these and many other reasons the Foundation of Temple Beth-El exists solely to insure the future fiscal health of our congregation and its vital role in perpetuating Birmingham's Jewish Community.

Did you know the TBE Foundation was created only to support Temple Beth-El? Funds under stewardship of this Foundation cannot be used for any other purpose. The Foundation was

established in March 1960 as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Did you know the Foundation has more than doubled its endowment since the year 2000? At the close of 2000 the Foundation of TBE Annual Report reflects assets of \$2,309,000. The Foundation's June 2011 Financial Report reflected assets exceeding \$4,686,000.

Did you know the future of our synagogue depends on the strength of its endowment? While many synagogues, without endowments, are struggling financially and making the hard decision to cut services to congregants, TBE, with the help of its Foundation, has been able to complete a badly needed building renovation and repair project. Through the Board of Director's careful stewardship of the Foundation's funds, TBE will receive over \$325,000 to complete this current project. This Board's preparation for the inevitable building repairs and updating of the building allowed the Foundation to step up and financially help when our offices flooded from a broken pipe. This repair project has become a wonderful opportunity to reconfigure and renovate the areas used for Temple business, social and educational programs. The Temple's building will reach its 100 year mark in 2026. These much needed improvements will keep our building and programming vibrant as we reach this milestone.

Did you know that these Foundation funds must be continually replenished? If the funds are not replenished, the Foundation will not be prepared for the next inevitable repair or request for enrichment activity funds.

Barbara Gordon, Foundation Executive Director

TBE FOUNDATION DONATIONS

Page Ribe gave a generous donation in memory of Irby Cohen.

Sandra Stein Weil gave a generous donation in memory of Irby Cohen.

Southpace Properties gave a generous donation in memory of Irby Cohen.

Dawn and Ingram Tynes gave a generous donation in memory of Irby Cohen.

Julian and Leslie Ceitlin gave a generous donation to the Ceitlin Kiddush Fund in honor of Eddie Ceitlin.

Dorothy Shiland gave a generous donation to the Meyer Shiland Fund in honor or her parents' yahrzeit.

Razelle Toranto gave a very generous donation to the Al Toranto Fund.

Sisterhood

Spend a Fantastic Weekend with Sisterhood!



\$36/TICKET

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

VIRGINIA SAMFORD THEATRE

**sisterhood's big fundraiser
sponsored by levy's fine jewelry**

THE BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE IN TEXAS

The Virginia Samford Theatre has reserved the entire theater for Temple Beth-El of this performance of the Tony Award-winning show! Afterwards, we'll enjoy a gorgeous array of desserts. Come join us!

Individual Sponsorships:

Lone Stars \$1000 • Sheriffs \$500 • Ranch Hands \$250

Each level includes a listing in the program
and two tickets with preferred seating

Even more excitement with a giveaway of a piece of
beautiful jewelry, courtesy Levy's Fine Jewelry

RSVP TO THE TEMPLE OFFICE AT 933.2740

OR PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT TEMPLEBETH-EL.NET

Sisterhood Shabbat Weekend

For the first time in many years, the women of our Sisterhood will lead both the Friday evening and Saturday morning services.

Our theme this year is Hiddur Mitzvah, the enhancement or adornment of a mitzvah.

Don't wait to be asked! Contact Meg Bruck-Krawitz to participate.

Friday, January 27
5:45pm Service
Dinner Afterwards, \$14

We will take part in an original participatory, musical service.

A traditional Shabbat dinner, featuring Riva Hirsch's famous baked chicken, will follow the service. \$14.

RSVP for dinner to the office at 933-2740.

Saturday, January 28
Shabbat Service
Kiddush Lunch

Join the women of our Sisterhood as we lead the entire service in accordance with this year's Women's League theme.

An exceptional Kiddish luncheon sponsored by Sisterhood and catered by Roz Bloomston will follow the service.



Sisterhood

Do-It-Yourself Crafts Event

On Thursday, November 3, Sisterhood hosted a lovely group who met at Do-It-Yourself Crafts in Homewood to shmooze, enjoy some wine and snacks -- oh, and paint creative designs on pottery! We had a wonderful time (participants included Ellen Stein, Sharon Peetluk, Roz Feigelson, Judy Cullinan, Simmy Barrocas and Lyle, Ginger Brook, Leslie Rapkin Parris, Felice Hirsch, Amy Sanders, Vikki Grodner, and Loraine Reznik) and there was a lot of interest in getting together to do this event three or four times a year. Look for us to schedule this again later in the spring!

If you have interest in getting together to do a class making jewelry with fused glass in 2012, contact Ginger Brook at 213.1542 or iheartmagnolias@gmail.com



Donations to Sisterhood

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Ethelyn Slaughter**

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Jean Weinstein**

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Irby Cohen**

From: Pam Ruttenberg and Arnold Shiland

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

In addition to the previous listings, the following families wish you a New Year filled with health and happiness.

Ellen & Terry Bernstein

Barbara & Howard Finkelstein

Leagrams

Dr. & Mrs. Joshua Ivker: Mazal Tov on your son, Gabe's Bar Mitzvah.

Drs. Barry & Frances Ivker: Mazal Tov on your grandson, Gabe's Bar Mitzvah.

From: Jerry & Esther Brown

Buddy Cohen & Family: In memory of the loss of his brother, Irby.

From: Max & Cecille Herzel

Speedy Recovery

Best wishes for a speedy recovery and continued good health to:

Linda Cohn
Philip Grusin

Directory Changes

Carol Bergen
3004 Sharpsburg Circle
Birmingham, AL 35213

Mazal Tov

Ilene Brill and **Martin Klinger** on their recent marriage.

Linda Cohn on the marriage of her son, Michael to Jessica Bethe Millner. Mazal Tov also to grandmother, Anne E. Cohn.

Pride & Joy

Daniel Bernstein, son of Barbara and Keith Bernstein, has received the Phi Beta Kappa honor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Special Birthdays

Mazal Tov to the following on their Special Birthdays for the month of January 2012:

Barbara Bonfield
Sylvia Kravitz

*Special Birthdays are published in the bulletin beginning with age 50 and every 5 years thereafter.

TBE Anniversaries

Lisa and Jim Bor (9)
Sherry and Jerry Cherner (53)
Michelle and Jeff Goldsmith (20)
Cheryl and Rick Azrin (19)
Deborah and Phillip Gross (21)
Margarita and Igor Rykov (23)
Frances and Alfred Jaffe (59)
Gayle and Jack Gordon (32)
Basya and Leonid Bolshinskiy (43)

May you go from strength to strength.

*If your anniversary or special birthday is not listed above,
please let us know so that we may update our records.*

Please contact Susan Biedinger at 933-2740 or sbiedinger@templebeth-el.net

Condolences

With sympathy, we wish the following families peace and love during their time of sorrow:

Murray Fisher
Husband of Arlene Fisher
Father of Scott Fisher, Gary Fisher, Cary Libowsky, Joel Libowsky and Amy Libowsky

Ethelyn Slaughter
Mother of Blooma (Betty) Slaughter

May the families be comforted among the other mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Israel Summit—A Call to Action



On Sunday, January 22, 2012, AIPAC, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, will hold a joint program with Temple Beth-El, Temple Emanu-El, Knesseth Israel, the Birmingham Jewish Federation's Jewish Community Relations Coalition, N.E. Miles Jewish Day School, Levite Jewish Community Center and Collat Jewish Family Services, entitled "Israel Summit-A Call to Action." This program will include topics such as:

- ✧ Will Iran Go Nuclear – and What Can We Do to Prevent It?
- ✧ Christian & Jews Working Together, a New Alliance for Israel
- ✧ What Has the Arab Spring Wrought?
- ✧ Looking Ahead to November's Election, What Will it Mean for Israel?

A keynote speaker will be Professor Stephen Berk, who will be speaking on the topic of "From Tragedy to Triumph: The Future of Zionism." Professor Berk is well-known for his expertise on the Holocaust and the Middle East, is the Henry and Sally Schaffer Chair, Professor of Holocaust and Jewish Studies at Union College. He is the brother of Temple Beth-El member, Norman Berk.

This program will be at Temple Emanu-El, 2100 Highland Avenue, from 3:00—6:00 pm on Sunday, January 22nd.

SAVE THE DATE

Temple Beth-El & Temple Emanu-El Join for the **"Debbie Friedman Tribute Concert"** Featuring *Kol B'Seder* (Rabbi Dan Friedlander and Cantor Jeff Klepper)



Saturday, February 25, 2012, 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm
 Temple Beth-El

***Kol B'seder*, a Jewish music duo comprised of Cantor Jeff Klepper and Rabbi Dan Friedlander present a Debbie Friedman Tribute Concert jointly sponsored by Temple Beth-El and Temple Emanu-El.**

Debbie, Jeff and Dan were close friends and sang together countless times. Kol B'Seder's tribute to Debbie highlights her most beloved songs, along with the duo's greatest hits, traditional songs, stories and reminiscences. Kol B'Seder will help bring our community together to recreate the joyful spirit that was at the core of Debbie Friedman's inspiring music.

Donations

Good Fortune Fund

A very generous donation
From: *Geri and Bob Stone*

A Chai donation wishing Mazal Tov to **Susan Biedinger** on the occasion of her birthday
From: *Gail and Abraham Schuster*

In appreciation for the beautiful Sunday afternoon program of Moses and the Cantor
From: *Ruth Siegler*

Gabe Ivker on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah
From: *Enid Flax*

Jessica Bethe Millner and Michael Cohn on their recent marriage
From: *Grace Finkel*

Temple Beth-El General Fund

Wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to:

Linda Cohn
From: *Shirley and Ron Froehlich*

Phyllis Weinstein
From: *Shirley and Ron Froehlich*

Roz Goldstein
From: *Faye and Sidney Bernstein*

Joe Levy
From: *Marian and Myron Radwin*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In appreciation for conducting the funeral service of our daughter, **Jill Radwin**
From: *Marian and Myron Radwin*

Mazal Tov to **Gabe Ivker** on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah
Loving wishes for a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Nancy Lewis**
In loving memory of **Stanley Lapidus**
From: *Gloria Solomon*

Chico Bomchel Memorial Social Action Fund

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Bert Biel**, beloved mother on her yearzeit
A Chai donation in loving memory of **Frank Brook**, beloved father on his yearzeit
From: *Adrienne and Julian Brook*

Wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Linda Cohn**
In loving memory of **Max Weintrob**, beloved father and grandfather on his yearzeit
From: *Chita and Howard Weintrob*

In loving memory of **Reuben Cohen and Hyman Tishler**, beloved grandfathers and great-grandfathers on their yearzeits
From: *Karen and Dan Weinrib*

Keith Altman Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

In loving memory of **Jill Radwin**
In loving memory of **Ronald Goldberg**
In loving memory of **Keith Altman**, beloved son on his yearzeit
From: *Carole and Charles Altman*

Joe Koplun Fund

In loving memory of **Pearl and Joseph Brawer**, beloved parents on their yearzeits
In loving memory of **Irby Cohen**
From: *Sandra Koplun*

In loving memory of **Rebecca Green**, beloved grandmother on her yearzeit
From: *Ann Goldman*

Chesed Committee Fund

Mazal Tov to **Naomi and Josh Ivker** on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Gabe
Wishing a speedy recovery and continued good health to **Eileen Curtis**
From: *Dorothy Ziff*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Ethelyn Slaughter**
From: *Lisa and Alan Engel*

Edie Wilensky Memorial Fund

In loving memory of **Gail Bayer**
In loving memory of **Daniel Ehrenkranz**
In loving memory of **Irby Cohen**
From: *Eileen and Len Levin*

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Mazal Tov to **Liat and Amit Berger** on the opening of their new Kosher restaurant, Sababa
From: *Sharon Kahn and Richard Lehr*

Memorial Fund *In Loving Memory of*

A generous donation in loving memory of **Stanley Lapidus**, our lifetime friend
From: *Barbara and Bernard Malkove*

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Ella Bloomston**
From: *Libby Brateman*

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Stanley Lapidus**
From: *Sam Tenebaum, Jr.*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Stanley Lapidus**
From: *Caryn and Steven Corenblum*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Stanley Lapidus**
From: *Ilse Nathan*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Ethelyn Slaughter**
From: *Sheri and Jimmy Krell*

Donations

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Stanley Lapidus**

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Jill Radwin**

A Chai donation in loving memory of **David Danneman**

From: Judy and Ed Rutsky

Gail Bayer (wife of Harry Bayer)

From: Faye and Sidney Bernstein

Jill Radwin

*From: Frieda and Eph Mazer
Susan and Billy Lapidus
Loraine and David Reznik
Susan Damsky*

Ethelyn Slaughter

*From: Irene Raymond
Maxine Sklute
Dolly and David Staff
Tobie and Bernard Axel
Susan and Billy Lapidus
Joe Reznik
Jamie and Greg Odrezin
Sylvia Gouse
Faye and Sidney Bernstein
Susan Damsky*

Stanley Lapidus

*From: Maxine Sklute
Maxine and Henry Sherry
Ruth Siegler
Frieda and Eph Mazer
Sharon and Edward Bromberg*

Ella Bloomston

From: Maxine Sklute

Jean Weinstein

From: Faye and Sidney Bernstein

On Their Yahrzeits

In loving memory of

A generous donation in loving memory of **I. J. Nissenbaum**, beloved father on his yahrzeit

From: Mark B. Nissenbaum

A 4X Chai donation in loving memory of **Joy Studin**, beloved wife on her yahrzeit

From: Robert Studin

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Dr. Fredric Rosemore**, beloved husband on his yahrzeit

From: Marion Rosemore

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Arnold Royal**, beloved father on his yahrzeit

From: Joyce R. Serwitz

A Double Chai donation in loving memory of **Shirley and Joseph Singer**, beloved parents on their yahrzeits

From: Fern Singer

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Meyer Binstock**, beloved father on his yahrzeit

From: Diane and Robert Smith

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Lillian Weissman**, beloved mother on her yahrzeit

From: Nancjoy and Norman Weissman

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Sylvia Klein Schwartz**, beloved mother on her yahrzeit

From: Kerrie Schwartz

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Harold Ruttenberg**, beloved husband on his yahrzeit

From: Pam Ruttenberg

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Fannie Mihalovits**, beloved mother on her yahrzeit

From: Barbara Randman

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Morton Kravitz**, beloved husband on his yahrzeit

From: Sylvia Kravitz

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Morton Kravitz**, beloved father and grandfather on his yahrzeit

*From: Rochelle and Marty Green,
Bradley and Tracy Reznik*

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Molly Shiland**, beloved mother-in-law on her yahrzeit

From: Dorothy Shiland

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Beatrice Feinberg Levy**, beloved mother on her yahrzeit

From: Peggy Levy Cohn

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Duby Shapiro**, beloved mother on her yahrzeit

From: Sara and Kerry Shapiro

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Leonard Lewis**, beloved father on his yahrzeit

From: Art Lewis

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Goldie Daitz**

From: Shirley and Ron Froehlich

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Marcia Cohen**, beloved mother and grandmother

From: Donna, Gary, Caren, Julie and David Schiff

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Shirlee P. Levine**, beloved mother on her yahrzeit

From: Felice Hirsch

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Irvin Wolf**, beloved husband on his yahrzeit

From: Helene Wolf

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Mike Gettinger**, beloved father on his yahrzeit

From: David Gettinger

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Allen E. Dube**, beloved father on his yahrzeit

From: Susan E. Dube

A Chai donation in loving memory of **Paul Froehlich**, beloved father on his yahrzeit

From: Shirley and Ron Froehlich

Wallace Flax, husband

From: Enid Flax

Rella Klein, mother

From: Maxine Sklute

Diane Nathan Goldstein, daughter

From: Ilse Nathan

Sidney Mazer, father

From: Susan Kornblut

Ruth Browdy, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother

From: The Browdy Family

Nesche Schattner, aunt

From: Rita Glanze

Morton Kravitz, brother

From: Rhoda and Robert Feirman

Rosalie Zimmerman, aunt

From: Charlotte Corenblum

Anna Raymond, mother-in-law

From: Irene Raymond

Ilia Burtman, father and grandfather

From: Dina Zinger and Family

Sallie Olshan, mother

From: Melvin Olshan

Isadore Lassen, father

From: Rochelle Olshan

Donations

Abe Stein, brother

From: Gaston Stein

Joseph Weintraub, father

From: Bari Page

Itzchak Halpern, father

From: Reuben Halpern

Sara Kraft, aunt

Earl Kraft, uncle

Joseph Dim, grandpa

Francis Dim, aunt

From: Marsha and William Simon

Barnet Grodner, great uncle

From: Ken Grodner

Buzya Vaysbroyt, sister

From: Yos Vaysbroyt

Eleanor and Ralph Roseman, parents

From: Max Roseman

Buzya Vaysbroyt, mother

From: Yevgeniya Sheludko

Joseph Goldberg, father and grandfather

From: Ruth Levin Anfanger and Family

Tillie Greenberg, mother

From: Dorothy Marks

Fega-Golda Schuster, mother

From: Riva Hirsch

Estelle Koplun, mother

From: Elmer Hoffman

Henrietta Michalove, mother

From: Sybil and Larry Michalove

Morris Slaughter, father

From: Lynette and Alvin Slaughter

Lottie Gordon, aunt

From: Jeffrey Jacobs

Joe Stern, father

From: Carolyn and Bernard Stern

Iris Denaburg Norris, mother

*From: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tape
Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Butler
Mr. and Mrs. Eric Whitehead
Dr. and Mrs. Michael Rosemond
Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Holmes*

Yetta Sohn, sister

From: Paul Schlaff

Bert Biel, grandmother

*From: Ginger, Larry, James Henry
and Eli Brook*

Nathan Stein, father

From: Abe Stein

Howard Green, father

*From: Susan, Mark, Davis and
Holden Green*

Rose Slaughter, mother

From: Raye Jaffe

Grigori Golubov, uncle

From: Zinaida and Lazar Golubov

Vicki Mead, aunt

From: Natalie and Albert Sikora

Arnold Royal, friend

From: Anne E. Cohn

David Mazer, father

From: Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes T. Mazer

Alik Zinger, son

From: Dina and Boris Zinger

Florence Damsky, mother

Zac Damsky, father

From: Susan Damsky

Fanne Cook, sister

From: Evelyn and Art Padower

Sylvia Epsman, mother and grandmother

*From: Mervyn Epsman,
Janice and Tom Gwin,
Debbie and Martin Sher,
Rose and Erwin Ostrow
Lynne and Mark Cohen &
Kenny Epsman*

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Community Announcements

LJCC Offers Bridge Basics:

Competitive Bidding-The Next Step After Beginning Bridge. This is an 8 week course meeting on Tuesdays starting January 10, 9:30-11:30 am in The Teen Lounge at the LJCC.

Cost: \$100; Book \$ 12 Minimum participants is eight. For more information, contact Mindy Cohen 879.0411 or email mcohen@bhamjcc.org

LJCC PRESENTS PASSING ALONG YOUR PAST:

Writing about your life so that your kids or grandkids will know your story. Taught by Elenor & Sidney Conn; Thursdays, January 12—February 2, from 11:30 am-12:30 pm at the LJCC (bring your lunch) 4 week series. Free to Members / \$20 Non-Members. For more information, contact Mindy Cohen 879.0411 or mcohen@bhamjcc.org

LJCC Bloodmobile Blood Drive: January 8, 2012, 11 am—3 pm in the parking lot of the LJCC.

LJCC Joy Club: Join the Joy Club every Tuesday for a delicious kosher lunch and program at 12:15 p.m.

LJCC Camp Counselors

Wanted: Start planning your summer now. Apply to be a LJCC Summer Camp Counselor. Email betty@bhamjcc.org or call 879.0411, ext 224.

Passover at Ramah Darom: April 6-15, 2012, spend Passover in the North Georgia mountains at Ramah Darom. For more information:

www.MyPassoverVacation.com, 678.996.2831 or email Passover@RamahDarom.org

Yahrzeits

Shabbat Vayehi *January 6-7*

Stanley Abrams
 Lewis Baer
 Gertrude W. Bank
 *Abe Berkowitz
 *William Bernstein
 Marx J. Borod
 Jean Karesh Boxer
 *Shulamith Brateman
 *Sam Brick
 *Anna Brook
 Meyer Bunkin
 Jeanette Caplan
 Alfred Cohn
 Kenneth Curtis
 Bernard Daitz
 *Florence Kadis Damsky
 *Minnie Davidson
 *Oscar Davis
 Miriam Denaburg
 Gersh S. Draluk
 Morris Epsman
 *Sarah Erdberg
 *Herman Feinberg
 Jerry Fishman
 *Leo Friedman
 Max Gerson
 Hershey Glantz
 *Rachel Aga Goldberg
 *Corine Goldstein
 Jacob Halpern
 *Lena Kadis
 Louis Kolodkin
 Esther Lee Kolodner
 *Merlyn Krys
 Fannie Kulpe
 Fannie Lerner
 *Nathan Levis
 Harold Levy
 *Morris Lux
 *Hilda Margolis
 Ruth Markey
 Ida May
 *Leo M. Nichols
 Maryam Khana Pischik
 *Anna Randman
 Gaston Randman
 Henry Raymond
 *Julius Routman
 Itzhak Schuster

*Lillian Barsky Schwartz
 Max Senior
 Bertha Shapiro
 Beatrice S. Steinberg
 Grigory Tsinis
 Sydney Weinstein
 *Saul Wertheimer
 Celia F. Wilson
 *John Fisher Zeidman
 *Minnie Ziff
 *Harry Zimmerman
 *Raisa Zinger

Shabbat Sh'Mot *January 13-14*

*Esther Coplon Apolinsky
 Louis Apolinsky
 Evelyn Applebaum
 *Arthur Bernstein
 Rose Bernstein
 Anita Faye Black
 Hyman Bloomston
 Dora Bonfield
 Katherine Brande
 Esther Browdy
 Lizzie Brown
 Margaret Castell
 Dona Cohen
 *David Cooper
 *Israel Coplon
 Jackie Danneman
 I.M. Demovsky
 David Saul Feldman
 Dan Fink
 Milton Finkelstein
 Emma Gessow
 Roslyn Gilbert
 *Ida G. Goldberg
 *Sadie Goldberg
 Helen Goldman
 Nettie Goodman
 James E. Griffith
 *Eleanor Grossman
 Lev Gutman
 Annie Lee Heitner
 Pauline Jacobs
 Marlene Jason
 *Emil Klein
 Syd B. Klein
 Moses Kulpe

Mary Abelson Kurman
 Flora Lander
 Sophie Leeson
 Sarah Libby
 *Tillie Lischkoff
 *Hyman Mayberger
 *Josephine Meyers
 *Ida Adelson Miller
 Ethel Mutchnick
 George Nadel
 *Maurice Nathan
 *Irving Nimeroff
 Harry Padrusch
 *Bernard Randman
 Sharon Cohen Rice
 *Jenifer Beth Rotenstreich
 Bertha Rubenstein
 *Edwin Rubenstein
 *Leon Saroff
 *Chaim Schniper
 Abraham Schulman
 *Annie Seligman
 Harry Simon
 *Vitteh Skalet
 *Issie Sokol
 Beatrice Stark
 Leah Stark
 *Lottie Stein
 Esther Lee Stelman
 Libby Kantor Tuck
 *Louis Wallock
 Lee Weiner
 *Bernice Weintraub
 *Leo Wilensky

Shabbat Vaera *January 20-21*

Pauline Alterman
 Eula Jean Bachmuth
 *Levi Becker
 Edith Bell
 Freida Berk
 Charles Block
 Nathan Boxer
 *Irving Buchalter
 Maxwell Grabove
 David Greenberg
 Alfred Jacobs
 *Sadie Jaffe
 Shirley Kimel
 *Belle Koplou

Yahrzeits

Roslyn Kutner
 Samuel Lerner
 *Pauline Levy
 Fannie Levy
 *Morris "Scotty" Levy
 *Nathan Lewis
 Ernest Marks
 Irving May
 Elizabeth Niren
 Mildred Packler
 Arthur Perlstein
 Rose Perrin
 *Anna Pranikova
 Sidney Rosenberg
 *Aaron Rosenfeld
 *Harry Routman
 Helen Schulman
 Rubin Serwitz
 Etta Shapiro
 J. M. Silverstein
 Jeffrey L. Sinclair
 *Murray Sokol
 *Julius Solomon
 *Nathan Solomon
 Betty Tichansky
 William Varlow
 *Jennie Weber
 Alexander Zeltser

Shabbat Bo *January 27-28*

Nissim Almeleh
 Marjorie Aronov
 *Amon Blumberg
 *Pat Botnik
 Ida Brown
 *Max Machloof Cohen
 Darrell Cohen
 Joseph Cohen
 *Rose Davis
 Lena Davis
 Israel Dombrow
 Sheila Downs
 *Nathan Epstein
 Paul Feinstein
 Jacob Fishgal
 Charles Fleisig
 Pearl Fruitstone
 Jack Gilman
 Marguerite Gingold
 *Jerry R. Goldstein
 *Morris B. Goldstein

Esther Kermish Goldstein
 *Nathan Gray
 Donald Hallerman
 *Harry Kamenshine
 *Chana Basha Feigelson Kimerling
 Lena Kimerling
 Ester Kishinevskaya
 Gregor Kishinevskiy
 *Frieda Kishinevskiy
 *Isaak Kishinevskiy
 *Jacob Krantz
 Gertrude Lassen
 *Sylvan Laufman
 Helen Leitman
 Jessie A. Levy
 *Isadore Lichter
 *Mervyn Mendelsohn
 Herman Philipson
 *Aaron Samuel Pollock
 *Lucie Reis
 Leo Reitman
 Karlyn David Robinson
 *Max Roseman
 Isadore Schlaff
 *J. Harold Shevin
 *Celia M. Shugarman
 Alex Silverman
 Sarah Simon
 Sidney Sinclair
 *Steven Matt Slater
 Margarita Vega
 *Isadore Warner
 *Harry Witt
 *Samuel Zemurry Jr.
 Carl Zion

Memorial Plaques

In the book of Psalms we read: "The light of the Lord is the soul of man." These words are so significant that they are engraved in the *Ner Tamid*, the eternal light in our sanctuary. Each *Shabbat*, and every Festival, we light candles to mark the holiday and bring a symbol of God's light into our hearts and into our homes. Five times a year we light a *Yahrzeit* candle. The light of the candle reminds us of our departed loved ones and our faith that their spirits live in the presence of God.

A memorial plaque dedicated to your loved one is a lasting tribute that will reside in our sanctuary forever. On the day of their passing, and on each *Yizkor* day, the light will glow, reminding us of their lives and our love for them.

For more information, please contact the memorial light committee: Lynette Mazer (205.967.5270), Margy Rosenbaum (205.871.8475), or Vicki Flax



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