

Our Temple



THE MONTHLY BULLETIN FOR TEMPLE EMANU-EL

Celebrating 125 years of Reform Judaism!

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Birmingham, Alabama

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New Member and Special Guest Shabbat

ברוכים הבאים

Please join us for a very special Shabbat on **Friday, January 11** when we will officially welcome our new members and honor those who have been members of Temple Emanu-El for 50 years or more.

We are privileged to host **Kathy Kahn**, URJ Director of Outreach and Membership speaking on "Lifelong Synagogue Membership."

A delicious traditional Shabbat dinner will follow services.

Adults \$13.00, Children \$6.00

Please RSVP to Dina Glass at dglass@ourtemple.org or 933-8037, ext 244.

New members, please be our guest.



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OUR SERVICES

JANUARY SHABBAT SERVICES

FRIDAY, 1/4

5:45p.m. - Hess Chapel
Contemporary Shabbat Service
(children welcome,
no childcare provided)

SATURDAY, 1/5

11:00a.m. - Hess Chapel
Shabbat Service
(children welcome,
no childcare provided)

Torah Portion:
Vaera

FRIDAY, 1/11

5:45p.m. - Hess Chapel
Rockin Shabbes: Made Especially for Families
5:45p.m. - Sanctuary
UPB & New Member Shabbat Service with Kathy Kahn
(children welcome,
no childcare provided)
6:45p.m. - Abroms Hall
Traditional Shabbat Dinner

SATURDAY, 1/12

11:00a.m. - Hess Chapel
Shabbat Service
(children welcome,
no childcare provided)

Torah Portion:
Bo

FRIDAY, 1/18

5:45p.m. - Sanctuary
Jacobs Camp Shabbat Service
(childcare provided)

SATURDAY, 1/19

11:00a.m. - Sanctuary
Shabbat Service
Bat Mitzvah of Emily Pearlstein
(childcare provided)

Torah Portion:
Beshalach

FRIDAY, 1/25

5:45p.m. - Sanctuary
Sisterhood Shabbat Service / Tu B'Shevat Seder
(childcare provided)
6:45p.m. - Abroms Hall
Sisterhood Dinner

SATURDAY, 1/26

9:30a.m. - Hess Chapel & Weil Hall
Tot Shabbat Service "Oy Story" Shabbat Puppet Theater
11:00a.m. - Hess Chapel
Shabbat Service
(children welcome,
no childcare provided)

Torah Portion:
Yitro

FRIDAY, 2/1

5:45p.m. - Hess Chapel
Contemporary Shabbat Service
(children welcome,
no childcare provided)

SATURDAY, 2/2

11:00a.m. - Hess Chapel
Shabbat Service
(children welcome,
no childcare provided)

Torah Portion:
Mishpatim

FIRST SUNDAYS FILM SERIES CONTINUES

The first Sunday of each month, from 9:30a.m.-12:00p.m., we will be hosting a wonderful way to enjoy Jewish cinema. Kick back and relax (location TBA) with a bagel, a great film, and engaging discussion (time permitting). We encourage anyone from our congregation to attend. For those of you with small children not yet enrolled in Religious School, RSVP to dglass@ourtemple.org, and we will be happy to provide childcare at no cost.



January 13, 2008: *Only Human*

This zany comedy in *Meet the Parents* fashion is a cautionary tale of bringing home that special someone. Leni's family is a handful; there's her blind grandfather, the belly dancer sister with a 5 year old daughter, the brother with a newfound relationship with religion, the pre-menopausal mother and her estranged father. Leni brings her fiancé, Rafi, to meet the family, but all chaos ensues when the Jewish clan discovers he's Palestinian.

February 3, 2008: *Divan*

As a teenager, filmmaker Pearl Gluck left her Orthodox Jewish clan in Brooklyn for secular life in Manhattan. Many years later, Pearl's father has one wish: that she marry and return to the community. Pearl, however, takes a more creative approach to mend the breach. She travels to Hungary to retrieve a turn-of-the-century family heirloom: a couch upon which esteemed rabbis once slept. En route for the ancestral divan, Pearl encounters a colorful cast of characters who provide guidance and inspiration, including a couch exporter, her ex-Communist cousin in Budapest, a pair of Hungarian-American matchmakers and a renegade group of formerly ultra-Orthodox Jews. Nimble and intensely illuminating, *Divan* is a documentary parable that offers the possibility of personal reinvention and cultural re-upholstery.





Message from Rabbi Miller:

Dear Friends,

We are blessed in January to have Ms. Kathy Kahn, the Director of Membership and Outreach for the Union of Reform Judaism, worshipping with, motivating, and teaching us this January 11 – 13. Kathy is a friend of mine and I have been privileged to work with her on the Outreach Commission of the Union for Reform Judaism for several years. She is one of the most inspiring and motivating people I know.

I began to think about membership. The Hebrew term, *Chaver*, is the Hebrew word for belonging or membership. It comes from the root word that means to bind up or to befriend. To be a member of Temple Emanu-El means literally to be a friend, to be bound up in the lives of the community, and to be bound up with God and to befriend God.

This January, I have been blessed to be the rabbi here at Temple Emanu-El for 18 years. We have accomplished many things together in this time: growing our program, expanding our facility, and securing our financial future. We have made Judaism a prominent voice in our community, assisting our fellow Jews throughout the world, and performing acts of love and kindness, both within Temple Emanu-El and in the greater Birmingham community at large. We have celebrated with each other in joy and comforted each other in sorrow.

Underlying all of these very important activities is the concept of membership, *Chevruta* - being bound together to each other and God. None of what we will achieve over the next 18 years and beyond could possibly be attained without the sense of belonging, befriending, and being bound up with each other. That is the essence of what it means to be a Jew and why membership, in this broadest sense, is our mission.

See you at Temple, L'Shalom,

Rabbi Jonathan Miller

Coming Soon!



April 6th & 7th

Hot Corned Beef - the real thing!
Kosher Dogs, Brisket, Rolled Cabbage ...
Grandma's Matzoh Ball Soup ...
Yummy Noodle Kugel, Rugelah ...

Are you drooling yet? You should be! All this and more will be at the Temple's First Annual Food Fair. Sign up now to help with cooking, set up, selling tickets, marketing, clean up and more. Contact Marilyn Tanner (tannerm@bellsouth.net, 967-4950) or Alison Berman (alisonberman@charter.net, 970-1819). We need you!

Then plan to have the time of your life
Kibbitzing and Noshing
Sunday, April 6 (the big megillah) and
Monday, April 7 (preorders only)
Mark your calendar! Tell your friends! Stop eating!
Start planning for the big event!

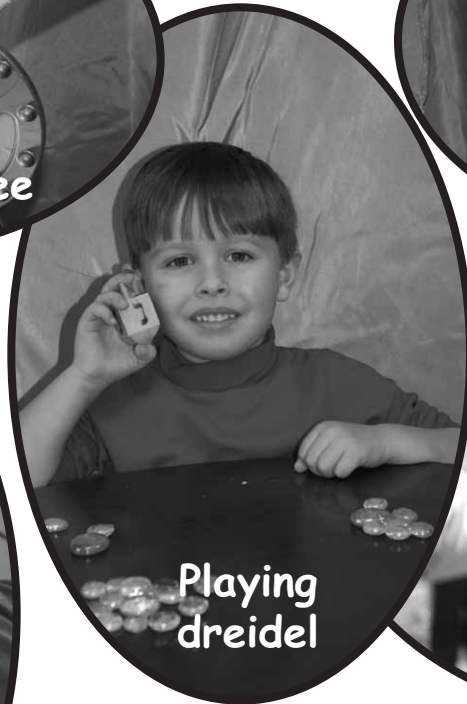
Temple Tots



Judah Maccabee



"Judy" Maccabee



Playing dreidel



Making forever friends



Learning Hebrew

December fun!!



Helping friends



Trying new things



Just being me!

From the Desk of Rabbi Scott

Everywhere you go these days, we hear about our struggling environment. We hear about the potentially devastating affects that our carbon emissions are having and will continue to have on our quality of life - on our health, on our futures, on our economy. While for some, worrying about the environment is new, for Jews, well, we've been worrying about a lot of things for a good long time. The environment being just one of them. But, with Jews, we don't just worry, we ritualize our worry. We take our most cherished values and thus the things that provide us with the greatest consternation and then make it impossible for us to forget how worthy these things are to worry over:



- ☆ Our people's memory of being slaves and thus the need to commit ourselves to free others.
- ☆ Our people's commitment to the value of study and thus the need to ensure that our holy stories become our children's.
- ☆ And our people's understanding of the gift of the world – that to take it for granted is to allow it to crumble and fall apart under our feet.

The Rabbis taught that when God created Adam, God gave Adam a tour of the Garden of Eden. God said, "This garden, this world, is yours. It is for you to till and to tend. But if you do not take care of it, there will be none after you who will."

Tu Bi'shvat, the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shvat, is approaching and we here at Temple Emanu-El regard this holiday with fun and meaning. Our Religious School classes will be celebrating Tu Bi'Shvat on Sunday, January 27 with special seders and environmental activities. We invite you to join us as we continue in the Jewish tradition of ritualizing our most cherished values.

**Mark
your
calendars!**

January 2 NO TEENS NO HEBREW SCHOOL	January 6 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
January 9 Hebrew School 3:30-5:30p.m. TEENS (MTV 5) 5:45-7:30p.m.	January 11 Family Shabbat "Rockin Shabbes" 5:45p.m.
January 16 Hebrew School 3:30-5:30p.m. TEENS (Hands On) 5:45-7:30p.m.	January 20 Religious School 3rd Grade Parent/Child Workshop 9:30a.m.-12p.m.
January 25-27 BAMA SUBS	January 27 Religious School 9:30a.m.-12p.m. Tu B'Shevat Seder 10:00a.m.
	January 30 Hebrew School 3:30-5:30p.m. TEENS (MTV 6) 5:45-7:30p.m.
	January 13 Religious School 9:30a.m.-12p.m. Peace Birmingham 3:00 p.m.
	January 23 Hebrew School 3:30-5:30p.m. TEENS (Choices 3) [Parents Required] 5:45-7:30p.m.

Temple Emanu-El presents....

"OY Story"
Tot Shabbat Puppet Theatre
"You've Got Shabbat in Me"



Saturday, January 26, 9:30a.m., Weil Hall

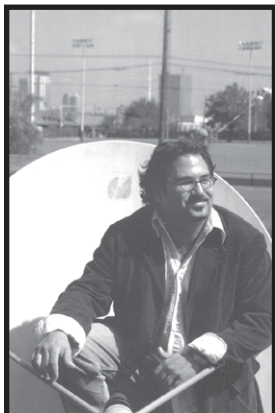
Includes:
Bagel Nosh
Tot Shabbat Service
Arts & Crafts with the Kids
Adult Text Study with Rabbi Scott Hausman-Weiss

RSVP to Dina Glass at dglass@ourtemple.org or
933-8037, ext. 244 by January 23.

OUR MEMBERS

News & Notes from the Temple Emanu-El Sisterhood

Steve Chiotakis joins us for our January 10 program



For more than 11 years, Steve has hosted WBHM's *Morning Edition*. An award-winning writer and producer of public affairs reports, you can hear him on-the-air weekdays from 5:00-9:00a.m. and online with substantive reports and interviews.

Now, you can meet Steve in person at Temple Emanu-El and discuss the Birmingham media and information about reporting local issues. There will be plenty of time for questions. Snacks will be served (of course)!

We will meet at 7:00p.m. Please RSVP to Kim Roth at kimroth@charter.net or 733-1723 so we will have enough seating and food for all!

Our January Sisterhood Board meeting will precede this meeting at 6:00p.m...feel free to come early and join us to see what's happening with YOUR Sisterhood.

LOOKING FOR SPECIAL MEMBERS!!!



If you have been a member of Temple Emanu-El for 50 or more years, please notify us at marianne@ourtemple.org or by calling 933-8037, ext. 239.

Please mark your calendar for Friday, January 11th, as we invite you to attend a special Shabbat service recognizing you, our longtime temple family members.



Sisterhood Shabbat & Dinner,
featuring a Tu B'Shevat Seder
January 25

See back cover for details

*Sisterhood presents:
In Concert*

Cantor Jessica Roskin

Sunday, February 10 at 2:00p.m.

Cantor Roskin will step away from her usual shabbat music and entertain us with a medley of some of her favorite Broadway and pop songs.

You won't want to miss this special event so RSVP to Kim Roth at kimroth@charter.net or 733-1723 to be sure you have a seat at this spectacular performance. As always, snacks will be served. ***Hope to see you there!***

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE SHABBAT DINNER AND FAIR

Please join us on Friday, February 8, as we celebrate Tikkun Olam, the responsibility of Jews to improve our community. With so many families in need, our commitment is more important than ever.

After the Shabbat service, we invite everyone to come downstairs for a fair involving charities in the Birmingham area and for a lovely dinner. ***More details will be available in the newsletter and the February bulletin.***

**Each month, Temple Emanu-El chooses a specific cause for our Tzedakah Box.
Our January charity is
UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL ALABAMA**

The vision of United Way is to build a great community by bringing people together to help others. United Way is helping children succeed, strengthening and supporting families, improving people's health, promoting self-sufficiency, and helping in times of emergency and disaster. Please contribute to this charity which helps our community in so many ways by depositing money or checks in the Tzedakah Box. Make checks payable to the TEE Social Action Fund.

Temple Staff Spotlight: Debra McClain

Debra was raised in a Christian home and was taught early about the value of hard work and common courtesy. She is the daughter of the late Johnnie Mae McQuiter and former Temple employee, the late Donald E. Boston. She is also the proud sister of two brothers and three sisters. She has three children Takiyha, Keneethia and Sherone. And, she is especially proud of her five grandchildren - three boys, and two girls. Debra graduated from Herzing College in 1994 with a degree in Office Administration.

Debra came to work at Temple Emanu-El in her twenties with her dad, Donald. Then, she was hired



full-time by Lester Siegal in 1989. In the eighteen years of her service here at Temple, she has watched many of our children come and grow within the Temple Emanu-El family. In addition to working at the many events here, Debra has also been adopted as a family member at many of the weddings, births, baby namings and b'nei mitzvah that have taken place. Having worked here longer than any other employee (including Rabbi Miller!), she has been a loyal employee and friend to Temple Emanu-El, and we all want to say a huge "Thank You."

A new year's resolution for 2008...

I will visit the William P. Engel Library once a month and browse through the numerous shelves of historical, fiction, Elie Wiesel collection, biographies, multimedia, non-fiction, music, children's books, etc.

I will then realize what a great treasure chest awaits me!!

Caring Committee: Lee Lichter

Lee Lichter did not want any recognition for all the wonderful work she puts into the Caring Committee. But Lee does so much that we had to thank her in some small way. As Faye Levin, head of the Caring Committee, revealed, "Lee gathers all the items for the gift bags that we deliver to the seniors. She is so responsible and wonderful. Of all our volunteers, she needs to be recognized."

So we went to other sources - Lee's children! Both Lee and Steve were born and raised in Birmingham giving them a great knowledge and appreciation of the community. Lee grew up accompanying her parents, Dorothy and Bob Unger, and younger siblings, Charles and Carolyn, to Temple under Rabbi Grafman. The Lichters attended Crestline Elementary, Mountain Brook Jr. High and Mountain Brook High School together and were high school sweethearts. Upon graduating from the University of Alabama, they returned to Birmingham to live. They have two wonderful children, Jill and Evan. Jill lives in Atlanta and works in video production and Evan is following in his dad's footsteps working in commercial real estate. Steve works with Southpace Properties.

Lee's daughter, Jill, was amused that her mom wouldn't talk to us and said, "She hates all of that - but you are right - she does deserve the recognition!" Lee Lichter always enjoys her participation and support for the temple. Both Jill and Evan are proud of their parents' involvement in the Temple and are appreciative of their recognition. So thank you, Lee, for all your hard work.

Remember that Temple Emanu-El Caring Committee wants to care for you . . . so please let us know if you or someone you know needs a little TLC. When congregants are ill, the Caring Committee would like to send them a note and/or some soup. Please contact Dina (DH) Hagler, dh@ourtemple.org, 933-8037 x230, or Faye Levin, flevin@bellsouth.net, 871-1290 with the information. If you would like to volunteer to be on the Caring Committee, please contact Faye.

OUR MEMBERS

Mazel Tov to...

Sarah & Marc Engel of Chicago, IL on the birth of granddaughter Aubrey Paige Engel. Grandparents are **Regina & Neil Sigman** of Birmingham, and Beth & Joel Engel of Northbrook, IL.

Emily and Matt Casey, on the blessing of their daughter Sheridan Belle Casey on November 17. She is the granddaughter of **Brenda and Jake Guercio**.

Jann Blitz on being named TEE's "Volunteer In Philanthropy" at the annual Philanthropy Day Luncheon on November 12, sponsored by the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Heidi Hess & James Rucker, on the birth of their son, Jonah Baldwin Rucker on Sunday, November 11. Grandparents are **Ronne & Donald Hess** and Dr. Kathy Kartus. Great grandparents are **Jimmie Hess** and **Elaine Kartus**.

John and Laura Roberts on the birth of their twin girls **Rachel Alana Roberts** and **Sophie Ariela Roberts** on November 19.

Michael Leitman on graduating from the London School of Economics with honors. Parents are **Gayle & Eddie Leitman**. Aunt and uncle are **Chu-Chi & Bobby Fierman**.

Honorable Menschens...

Thanks to the following people for helping while Birmingham Hospitality Network was at Temple Emanu-El November 18-25: *Barry, Julie, and Aron Altmark, Lisa Fishman and her Girl Scout Troop, Kerry Jacobi, Carol Gross, Adam Gordon, Alison Berman, Deanna Leader, Julie Levinson-Gabis, George Thompson, Donna Harris, Nathan and Esther Glick, Julie and Nathan Marcus, Amy Trammell, April Robertson-Thompson, Amber Cosby, Howard and Linda Wiener, Richard and Ann Goldstein, Eli Capilouto, Julie Welden, Linda Cohn, Rana Cowan, and Teri and Daniel Aizenman.*

Thanks to all of our volunteers!!!!

The next rotation will be the week of February 17-24. Please contact April Robertson-Thompson at 790-0848 or by email at april.rt@gmail.com to volunteer.

Bat Mitzvah

Emily Pearlstein
January 19

Emily will be celebrating this special day with her parents, Debi and Howard Pearlstein, friends, and family from all across the country. Attending this simcha will be her

grandparents Pat Gibson, Marlene Pearlstein and Barry Pearlstein from California, as well as cousins, aunts and uncles from Pennsylvania, Arizona, Iowa, Virginia and California. For one of the aliyahs, Emily will be joined by her sisters Amanda and Jacque.



ברוך ה' בא

**We would like to welcome the following
new members to our Temple family:**

**Norman & Sandra
Weinberg**
5584 Park Side Circle (35244)
426-1811

Richard & Lauren Scherer
5009 Eagle Valley Trail
(35242)
408-9258

David Anthony
2105 Natalie Lane (35244)
682-8989

Mark & Natalie Mussafer
3977 Spring Valley Road
(35223)
977-7787

Condolences to...

Hugo Marx Jr., and the entire family on the death of his wife, **Bernice C. Marx** of Birmingham on Friday, October 26. Children are Lisa T. Marx, V. Hugo Marx, III, and Linda Marx Keeble.

Kimberly Gonzalez (Alberto), Sabrina Margolin (David), and the entire family on the death of Kimberly and Sabrina's father, Sol Bertram Weil, on Monday, November 12. Grand children are **Aidan and Asher Gonzalez** and Natalia Ayas Margolin.

Denise Lewis (Wayne) and Harriet Bagby (Mike), Gerard "Butch" Blum (Joanne) and Michael Blum (Suzanne), and the entire family, on the death of their mother, **Evelyn Blum** of Birmingham on Tuesday, November 13.

Mark Friedman and the entire family on the death of his wife **Cathy H. Friedman** of Birmingham on Monday, November 19. Children are **Brad and Haley Friedman**, her mother Gerry Haley, her sister Alison Martin, her brother James Haley, and her in-laws **Paul and Janis Friedman, Sr., Paul and Cathy O. Friedman, Jr.,** and **Sandy Friedman**.

Esther Greenberg and Richard Greenberg (Amy) and the entire family on the death of Esther's husband **Bernard Greenberg** of Birmingham on Saturday, November 24.

January Yahrzeits

May the beauty of their lives shine forever and may we always bring honor to their memory.

January 4-5

Isadore Aarons
 Esther Apolinsky
 Emanuel Appelbaum
 Libby Banks
 Levi Becker
 Leon Bloch
 Mary K. Brodnax
 Morris Burger
 Maxine G. Caheen
 Melvin E. Dorn Sr.
 Ethel Fitlow
 Nathan Fitlow
 Raymond Fox
 Rema Friedman
 Fannie C. Furst
 Herman Fairchild Furst
 Evelyn Azen Gotlieb
 Rose Helper
 Celia Engel Hess
 Morris Izen
 Marie L. Krawcheck
 Pincus Kronenberg
 Paul Lasakow
 Joseph Levene
 Frances Levin
 Stella Solomon Levine
 Alex B. Levy
 Abraham Lipson
 Anna Menchel
 Emanuel Miller
 Mary Miller
 Emma Newfield
 Minisman
 Rebecca Kleiman
 Otberg
 Rose Perrin
 Evelyn Myers Poes
 Anna Randman
 Sam Routman
 Annie I. Rudacevsky
 Joseph Salloway
 Tillie Samen
 Frances Schimmel
 Ellis Simkin
 Louise Sokol
 Judge Louis Spector
 Amelia W. Stern

Betty Goldner
 Tichansky
 Edna J. Wald
 Victor Emanuel
 Wertheimer
 Rose Wise
 Howard M. Zuspan

January 11-12

Jeanette Aland
 David S. Alper
 Ben Ash
 Alma Belkov
 Leonard Belkov
 Irving Berchuck
 Mervyn A. Blach
 Alfred Brandon
 Sylvia Goldstein
 Breman
 Bernard M. Buxbaum
 Morris Abraham Caplan
 Rose Shugarman Davis
 Harry Diamond
 Sam Epstein
 Sarah Erdberg
 Rose Klotzman Fabian
 Margaret Jacobson
 Fabricant
 Dr. Nathan Ginsburg
 Ida G. Goldberg
 Arthur Goldstein
 Corinne G. Goldstein
 Esther K. Goldstein
 Nathan Greenberg
 Louis Oppenheimer
 Hertz, Sr.
 Jeannette H. Hirsh
 Sophie Coplan
 Jacobson
 John Steven Kaplan
 Lillian Bloom Karpeles
 Melvin L. Klaffer
 Samuel E. Klaffer
 Joseph A. Levenson
 Frances Bersch Levy
 Jacob Milton Levy
 Rose Kaufman Lewy

Morris Lux
 Ernest Marks
 Elsie Bensinger Marx
 David Herrman Masur
 Ida Luks May
 Mayer Ullman Newfield
 Morris M. Odess
 Ken Peresman
 Edith Printz
 Joseph L. Roobin
 Beverly Roth
 Mary Ida Schencker
 Bertha Schoen
 Frances Selber
 Bertha Shane
 Dora Sisson
 Lee Slaughter
 Florence Snow
 Pauline A. Spielberger
 Alfred Swedlaw
 Lazarus Weinstein
 Samuel Wisotsky

January 18-19

Julian Aland
 Sabel Eugene Baum
 Max Blach
 Mary Denaberg
 Louis Dorfman
 Tillye Goodman Engel
 Julia Saks Freibaum
 Minnie Friedman
 Shirley Diskin Friedman
 Robert B. Garber
 Edwin J. Hiller
 Abe Kaminsky
 Adolph Katz
 Adolph Kessler
 Israel Kirshenbaum
 John Krentzman
 Gertrude Lassen
 Hyman Leader
 Betty Lefkovits
 Gizella Leitman
 Aline Leva
 Elkan Leva
 Fannie A. Levy

Myer Liberman
 Elaine Kaplan
 Lichtenfeld
 Florence Lorch Mayer
 Sophie Menaker
 John Wesley Miller
 Donald Gieding Nagen
 Sidney Patterson
 Bernard M. Picard
 William Rich
 Joyce Saks Rubel
 Minnie S. Saks
 Arthur Scharff
 Carol Shwed
 Sarah Karon Simon
 Julius Solomon
 William Strauss
 Betty Vine
 Shirley Weiss
 Joe Wortsman
 Milton Zuckerman

January 25-26

Audrey Allen
 Ruth Applebaum
 Ethel Berk
 Ann Brick
 Rachel Spivak Cherner
 Josephine B. Cohen
 Marco Cohen
 Mitchell Cotton
 Reva Engel
 Clelia Fargason
 Irving Fies
 Paul Behrens Fraser
 Jacob Friedman
 Mollie Licht Friedman
 Hermione Friend
 Adrian Gerson
 Hyman Goldberg
 Paul D. Goldblatt
 Rebecca Goldner
 Jerry Richard Goldstein
 Sarah Goldstein
 Irving Goodman
 Herman Grabove
 Clara Gureawich

Leon Hardman
 Eleanor Isbell
 Joshua Evan Jacobson
 Amelia "Millie" Jakob
 Morris Kanarick
 Ann Kaplan
 Mildred Lapidus
 Jessie Levy
 Louise W. Lewy
 Jacob Lipsitz
 Lois Joan Matz
 Herman May
 Rose Meyer
 Ignatz Phillips
 N.P. Pittman
 Slotnick Record
 Phyllis Roman
 Bertha Rosenfeld
 Francis Rosner
 Sam Sackler
 Nathan Sacks
 Wallace Samuelson
 Clyde W. Sanders
 Louise Ruth Schell
 Eva Segal
 Lena Z. Shandler
 Wilbrun Shelnut
 Celia Miriam
 Shugerman
 Rochelle Shulman
 Abe Slotnick
 Murray Sokol
 Hilda Solomon
 Linda Cohn Speaks
 Rose Sperling
 Abe Stein
 Anna Steinberg
 Al Toranto
 Phillip S. Trost
 Chase VanBaal
 Irvin B. Warner
 William Weil
 Sara Weinberg
 Melvin Weinman

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by Carol & Donald Herman

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Anniversary of Ellen & Jack Aland, Sr.

by Ethel Fleisher

Anniversary of Gladys & Alex Epstein

by Susan & Karl Biedinger

by Ethel Fleisher

by Blanche Rogoff

by Anne Silberman & David Meddin

Anniversary of Bernice & Ben Perlman

by Susan & Karl Biedinger

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by Blanche Rogoff

by Ann & Pete Roth

by Howard Schultz

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Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Bluestein, grandson

of Jane & Joe Bluestein

by Cissy & Leonard Held

Bat Mitzvah of Loretta Newfield

by Nancy & Glenn Goedecke

by Cissy & Leonard Held

Bat Mitzvah of Miriam Sokol

by Nancy & Glenn Goedecke

Bat Mitzvah of Sloan Tandet

by Linda Verin & Rick Clay

Birth of Ryan Michael Lenner, grandson of

Sandy & Gene Siegal

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B'nai Mitzvah of Blake & Kyle Goldstein

by Nancy & Glenn Goedecke

Jann Blitz being honored at the National

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by Ginger & Jerry Held

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Marriage of grandson of Pat Weil, Marshall

Rathmell, to Susan Reneau

by Cissy & Leonard Held

Special birthday of Jack Dorsky

by Gladys & Alex Epstein

by Judy Luks

by Anne Silberman & David Maddin

by Linda Verin & Rick Clay

Special birthday of Sadye Lewis

by Gladys & Alex Epstein

Special birthday of Rachel Rosenthal

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January 25

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home-cooked Shabbat meal!*

Cornish Hen
Rice Casserole
Marinated Vegetables
Caesar Salad
Challah
Roulage

Lovingly prepared by your Sisterhood.

*To celebrate Tu B'Shevat we
will have a special seder led
by Cantor Jessica Roskin at
the end of our meal.*

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by Monday, January 21. Dinner is \$13 for adults
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