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## BAR MITZVAH OF BRIAN KAYE, SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

All are welcome on Shabbat morning, January 19, 2013, when Brian Avery Kaye will be called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah. Brian has been preparing for his big day since his early preschool years at Lil Goldman and through his many years in the religious school at

Congregation Ahavath Sholom. He wants to especially thank Rabbi Bloom, Rabbi Perras, Cantor Abrams, Nancy Stansbury, and all of his teachers for their wonderful guidance and help along the way.

Brian is a seventh-grade honor student at McLean Middle School. He plays percussion in the "A" band at McLean. Outside school, he is a first-degree black belt, having studied American taekwondo since age 4. He is an avid sports fan, mostly University of Texas football and Texas Rangers baseball. He enjoys reading, playing board games, especially chess, and evening family dinners at home.

Brian's parents are Valerie and Stephen Kaye. His grandparents, Sylvia and Jerry Wilkenfeld of Houston and Caroline and Stan Kaye of Dallas, will be hosting the Kiddush luncheon immediately following the service. Flowers on the bimah were designed by Brian's older sister, Dorie.

For his mitzvah project, Brian has been spending time with the Jewish Family Services Seniors Program when not in school. He has thoroughly enjoyed playing games (he learned a mean game of Blackjack from the seniors) and serving lunchtime meals. He is asking for monetary donations and new basic household items (i.e., toothbrushes, paper items, laundry detergent) to be donated to the program.

Brian wants to express his thanks to the many family members and friends planning to be part of his special day. Guests from across the country and Texas will fill the synagogue sanctuary with love.

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# FROM OUR RABBI

In last month's newsletter I wrote about Conservative Judaism in Latin America, in this month's bulleting, I would like to focus on Masorti/Conservative Judaism in Israel.

When I moved to Israel in 1987, I thought that within the Jewish State that my philosophy of positive Pluralistic Judaism within which I was raised would find a home. However the realities of stringent religious Orthodoxy and their stranglehold on Jewish life in Israel quickly replaced the naivety that I held about all Jews feeling the same as I did. This reality first showed its head when I went to the Western/Wailing wall for the first time. Expecting a completely religious experience I was horrified to see a small group of American Jews who wanted only to pray together behind the official fences that led to the wall being yelled at and called expletives that I cringe when remembering them, just because the men and women were standing together. It was at this moment that I decided that I needed to find a Conservative congregation or group that met where I was presently studying Hebrew, that being at Hebrew University on Mt. Scopus and this I did. Eight years later after my Army service and Undergraduate studies, I entered the Conservative Rabbinical School in Israel. This rabbinical school that is affiliated with the Jewish Theological Seminary in NY, is called The Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies. It was only then during my studies did I truly come to understand the religious dilemmas that the movement was up against in Israel. While I would love to explain the exact difficulties the movement must undergo to survive there I must leave that for another article. For we must first understand who the movement is and what she believes in. Only then can we get a real feeling for what she must face in the future and who she is today.

The Masorti/Conservative movement in Israel describes itself in the following manner. *"The Masorti Movement is the Conservative Movement in Israel. Masorti is the Hebrew word for "traditional". The name was chosen because the Masorti Movement fosters the practice of traditional Judaism among Israeli men and women while embracing modernity. In that way the Masorti Movement helps to promote the growth of a healthy and tolerant spiritual and ethical foundation in Israeli society. Since its founding in 1979, the Masorti Movement's umbrella has grown to include nearly 50 kehillot (congregations), a kibbutz, a moshav, the Rabbinical Assembly of Israel, a national youth movement and summer camp (NOAM), a Nachal Garin (army service) and an*

*organization for young adults (Marom). In addition, the Masorti Movement conducts a variety of educational programs in cities throughout Israel, and has an educational arm, the Schechter Institute for Jewish Studies. Over 30,000 Israelis are members and affiliates of Masorti's kehillot and national programs, and Masorti programs reach well over 100,000 Israelis. More than sixty percent of the Masorti community are native-born Israelis or come from lands in which English is not the native the native tongue."*

In essence the foundation upon which the movement bases her ideology around today is the importance of Torah, tolerance and the centrality of Israel to the Jewish People.

I can attest first hand to the need for such a movement in Israel. The Masorti movement is truly an openly modern traditional movement. This is important because up until now, you were either religious (in the Orthodox manner) or secular. There has been such a stranglehold by the Orthodox on the religious institutions that you could not be anything in between. This even more so being the case because no other religious group was allowed and even today is prohibited from performing official wedding or burial ceremonies which come under the sole auspices of the Chief Rabbinate from a law passed by the Knesset (Israeli Parliament in the early 1950's).

Due to the lack of a religious middle, a group of American Jews, among them a significant number of Conservative Rabbis, established the Conservative/Masorti movement in 1979. Prior to that time there had been a number of congregations throughout the country under the auspices of the United Synagogue of Israel and the Rabbinical Assembly of Israel. Both of these organizations united in 1979 to form the Masorti Movement.

According to the Masorti Movements official statistics *"the Movement has grown to include over 50 affiliated Masorti congregations and havurot around the country, Kibbutz Hanaton in the Lower Galilee and Moshav Shorashim near Carmiel, Midrashot Iyun (study centers), the Schechter Institute for Jewish Studies, Marom (the international students' organization), the NOAM Youth Movement, Camp Ramah NOAM, Nachal (army) groups and the Tali schools"*. Possibly the most impressive of all of these great institutions is the Tali School System. These schools besides teaching the regular school curriculum dedicate 25% of the schools time to pluralistic, open and liberal Judaic studies, which are broken down and taught to the students in a way that they can digest and understand and thus become integral to their lives. They are taught how religion is relevant to their life and about the richness of their historical, religious and communal roots. Michal

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taught in one of the Tali Schools in Jerusalem and loved sharing the excitement that her students approached Judaic studies with due to the atmosphere that I described above. These Tali Schools are run and supported by the Masorti movement using the movement's ideology as its religious and educational basis as the foundation for its studies.

Having said this, we still need to understand what the movements ideology is in order to see why these Tali schools are so successful and why the Masorti movement, if given the chance can fill the great gap left open by disenfranchised Israelis who don't want a part in the Orthodox community but whom are still searching for somewhere where they can live out a traditional life in an open community.

Ideologically the movement's major positions on Torah and Mitzvoth, Tolerance and Pluralism, Zionism are:

**1. Torah and Mitzvot** The Masorti Movement is committed to the observance of the mitzvot and Jewish law, as interpreted by the sages of past and present generations. Halacha (Jewish law) expresses the basic principles of Judaism and the Torah in daily living. The very essence of Halacha (Jewish Law) is dynamic, and its constant renewal through interpretation preserves the relevance of Jewish law in an ever-changing world. The study of Jewish tradition and its sources is subject to a critical approach that utilizes the scientific tools of modern research. While ritual is regarded as an integral part of the pattern of Jewish life, the Masorti approach emphasizes a way of life, which adheres to a moral code-- a code that has been upheld by countless generations.

**2. Tolerance and Pluralism** The Masorti Movement emphasizes the Jewish belief that all people are created in God's image, entitled to liberty, freedom of thought and freedom of religious worship. The Movement considers the principles of democracy central to its worldview.

**3. Zionism** The Masorti Movement believes in the paramount importance of a Jewish State of Israel as the ultimate concretization of Judaism's goals and ideals. The Movement views the building of the land and the nation as a primary mitzvah, and believes that Israel must be the center of the Jewish people.

In essence you could say that the Masorti movement is a movement that combines "Tradition and Change" in order to on one hand remain true to our common heritage while at the same time adapting in order that Judaism should remain relevant to the society and the times that we live in. Personally, I feel that the road ahead of the movement will be a long one but I have no doubt that in the end the movement will win over the hearts and minds of the average Israeli. The average Israeli has become disenfranchised with the religious establishment and is looking for a way to remain true to their traditional beliefs while still remaining within the main stream of Israeli society. They have no want to cut themselves off from all forms of culture around them while still remaining true to their religious beliefs, and this is what the Masorti movement offers them. Thus the ultimate identification of the Israeli middle with the Masorti movement will force the Orthodox establishment to recognize the movement for what it is. That being in my mind the most modern and normative form of Judaism that there is. The movement has some great leaders whom in my mind will help move the movement from strength to strength and it is my hope that through our knowledge of the movement we too can help in this important fight for the religious soul of the State of Israel.

B'shalom and friendship, Rabbi Andrew Bloom



## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

### MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES!

Happy Secular New Year to All, and best wishes for a healthy and fulfilling 2013.

A hearty Mazel Tov to the entire Congregation, as I am delighted to report that we paid off all debt at the end of December and for the second year in a row CAS entered a new calendar year completely **DEBT FREE**. Thanks for your generous response to our notices about dues and donations. If you haven't yet responded to the office with **your preferred payment plan form**, please do so. This is very important for the budget committee's new approach to balancing revenue and expense projections.

Your officers and Board are working very hard to increase the value of your CAS membership. I hear remarks constantly about what a happy place CAS has become; how warm and welcoming it is to participate in our Shabbat and weekday services, and how our clergy and staff are always so approachable and responsive. All of us are constantly reaching out to the membership for suggestions, new ideas, and more ways for you to participate in our religious, social, and learning activities. Our expanded programming includes classes at Shul every week, special topic lectures most weeks, and round the clock social action projects.

Our community Chanukah Candle Lighting was simply amazing, with Congresswoman Kay Granger literally brought to tears with her straight-from-the-heart remarks about her work in support of Israel. Mayor Betsy Price was equally passionate about the 120 years of CAS, and how our presence and growth have been key to the development of the entire communities of Fort Worth and Tarrant County. CAS has been highlighted in at least three stories in the Star-Telegram about our Chanukah event. We are already planning for next year, when we will have an 8<sup>th</sup> night of Chanukah lighting of the Chanukiah and a festival of Chanukah foods from around the world!

Our revitalized religious school was showcased at the Chanukah program by the incredible performance of the Fabulous CAS Children's Choir, backed up by a professional Jewish bluegrass band (from Chicago – who knew?!) Our sanctuary was packed that night, as the greater Fort Worth community came together to sing Chanukah songs along with Cantor Abrams and the Children's Choir.

Social Action remains a key part of Congregation Ahavath Shalom. At the Chanukah program, Rabbi Bloom accepted on behalf of the Shul an award for our leading role and success with a program that provides laundry services to the homeless. We also launched a program to collect diapers for needy young mothers and families, in conjunction with the Edna Gladney Home. GAN Ahavath Shalom, the CAS Community Garden, is off to a remarkable start with the first green winter onion cotyledons (buds) lining up like a column of marching cadets just this week.

Your membership and continued support of Congregation Ahavath Shalom makes all of this possible. After 120 years, we remain a beacon of traditional, Conservative Judaism in Fort Worth

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From Our President (continued)

and Tarrant County. We faithfully conduct the only daily minyan in Tarrant County, for Jews who need to observe *yahrzeit* and say Kaddish. We maintain the only Kosher cemetery in the County, and kosher meat and dairy kitchens, and mikvah.

To add value to your membership, our upcoming programs that will have ticket charges will be free for members: the incredible **Cabaret Chai Rollers 120<sup>th</sup> Gala Celebration on March 2**, and the new **CAS Hebrew Bible Institute** that will be launched in May. **MAKE SURE THAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS CURRENT, SO THAT YOU CAN GET YOUR FREE TICKETS TO THESE SPECIAL EVENTS!**

Of course, as members you also have the right to vote at Congregational meetings, have bimah honors at High Holiday services, pay reduced cemetery costs, and serve as an Officer or on the Board of Directors.

It is a privilege to be a member of Congregation Ahavath Shalom, and a special honor for me to serve as your president. I encourage you to be as active in the Shul as you can be, and to share your ideas and concerns with me at [president@ahavathshalom.org](mailto:president@ahavathshalom.org). We also have bagels and coffee in the Brachman Parlor after minyan on Sunday School Sundays, so come by and schmooze there, too.

I look forward to seeing you in Shul throughout 2013.

B'Shalom,  
Murray Cohen



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## From Our Cantor and Educational Director

**Shabbat Shira: A Shabbat of Song, Literally**  
**By Cantor Shoshana Abrams**

The chanting of *Parashat Beshallah*, specifically Exodus 15, has always been one of my favorite moments in the Jewish year, and not only because it was my *Bat Mitzvah Parasha*. This weekend in the Jewish calendar is often called

*Shabbat Shira* (Shabbat of Song) because we chant *Shirat HaYam* (the Song of the Sea). This is the famous passage that recounts the experience of crossing the Red Sea into freedom. When the Israelites crossed the sea safely, they praised God triumphantly and declared their faith through this poem we call *Shirat HaYam*. If you happen to be browsing through a Torah, this is one of the easiest portions to spot because of its unique layout. The poem is in a brick on half-brick formation. Although this passage comes up in *Parashat Beshallah* (usually landing in January or February), it is a passage that many Jews chant every morning during the *Pesukei D'Zimra* service. This passage is also chanted on the 7th day of *Pesach* because it is a time when we remember the miraculous exodus from the many years of slavery in Egypt. Perhaps the most famous excerpt from *Shirat Hayam* is:

***Mi Chamocha Ba-eilim Adonai?***  
***Mi Kamocha nedar ba-kodesh,***  
***Norah tehillot oseh feleh?***

***Who is like You, Adonai, among all that is worshipped?***  
***Who is like You, majestic in holiness,***  
***Awesome in splendor, working wonders?***

We chant this excerpt every morning in the *Shacharit* service and every evening in the *Ma'ariv* service. I believe that the frequency

importance of the text. Had God not rescued us at the sea, we might not be here today.

Perhaps what sticks out most to me about *Shirat HaYam* is the special melody we sing it to. The melody, one of the most ancient melodies of our tradition, has two parts, A and B, and it is associated with the journeys of our people. We incorporate this special melody each time God's name is mentioned. This melody is so special to our people that we not only sing it when we chant Exodus 15, but also when we read about the 7 days of creation, the Israelites' journeys through the wilderness, and also when we say *Hazak Hazak V'Nithazek!* ("Be strong, be strong, and may we be strengthened!") each time we finish reading one of the books of the Torah. It is traditional for congregants to rise and sing this song joyously, as if we were standing on the banks of the sea having personally experienced the miracle. I remember the first time I chanted this text on my *Bat Mitzvah*. As the entire congregation rose, I felt as if we were the Israelites celebrating the moment when God rescued us at the sea.

There are two forms of the *Shirat HaYam* melody: Ashkenazic and Sephardic. I would venture to guess that our congregation is more familiar with the Ashkenazic version which is often sung in the form of a call and response melody. Many have described the Ashkenazic variation to sound free flowing and improvisatory and the Sephardic variation to sound more metrical and structured. Although one might say that the Ashkenazic and Sephardic versions sound quite different, when looking at both melodies notated, it becomes apparent that both melodies are closely related, however, it is unclear which of the two melodies came first.

This year, *Shabbat Shira* falls on the Shabbat of January 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, and in honor of this Sabbath of Song, you are invited to join us at CAS as we celebrate Shabbat through music for our second **Rockin' Ruach Shabbat** service, which will take place on **Friday evening, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**. The "Ruach Stars" musicians and myself will come together to lead us all in a lively, family-oriented Shabbat service with piano, upright bass, and guitar. There will be an *oneg* to follow. You won't want to miss this fabulous service!!



## FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Do you speak to G-d or do you speak with G-d? Do you receive an answer? And if this occurs, would you tell anyone? Interestingly how often an individual speaks to G-d when there is a horrific event, when confronted with an illness, seeking assistance in the location of a lost item or when stopped by the highway patrol. Many speak to G-d quietly through prayer on a

daily basis, some more than others, while there are those that may find an avenue of conversation that is a bit more removed.

I was taught early on that we do not make deals with G-d, we do not ask for something and then pledge to show up for services, or to perform acts of contrition, or acts of charity. I heard over and over that "G-d helps those that help themselves." Talking or praying to G-d will not improve a test score or a final grade, but that hard work and study will accomplish the need. There are houses of worship where individuals may speak in tongues, may be a bit charismatic with lots of song and arm waving, where folks move back and forth, and sway left and right. We tend to spend a lot of time on our feet and I have always found it interesting to watch fellow congregants sway to their internal musical beat, and have noticed that those that are swaying, do so in unison. Those that pray must be speaking to G-d.

I once asked a Rabbi if he speaks to G-d and he said, "Yes." I asked if G-d answers him and again he responded in the affirmative. I then asked if G-d speaks to him, and again I received a positive answer, but this time with clarification; he does not tell anyone that G-d speaks to him. The more I thought of this response, I realized that we perceive it to be a rational practice for an individual to speak to G-d, and for G-d to answer our questions or prayers. We tend to consider a different reaction when someone tells us that G-d speaks to them, that they hear the voice, and that they follow what they are told to do. We hear so often that someone has prayed on an issue prior to making a decision. So, it appears that it is OK to listen to G-d but not tell anyone about what we hear.

Something happens inside each of us as we step into the synagogue. We may experience transformation for a few hours, or we may dwell on memories of sitting in a synagogue with family or friends that are no longer with us. We may even remember something that occurred in our youth. No matter what thoughts we have, most manage not necessarily to speak to G-d, but to 'think to G-d.' How often do you ask for something using only your mind and not audible words? Many pray silently, and think to G-d. Once again, do you speak to G-d, or do you think to G-d? Visit us on some Shabbat morning, spend time with your extended family and let me know how you believe you may communicate with G-d. If nothing else, enjoy time in a deeply rooted tradition and with friends. Spend some time in sanctuary.



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# DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

## Birthdays

2-Jan	Carol-Ann Schwartz	12-Jan	Nan Udell	21-Jan	Joe Feldstein
3-Jan	Earl Givant	13-Jan	Hedy Collins	21-Jan	Talya Galaganov
4-Jan	Marcia Garoon	13-Jan	Jacob Dackman	21-Jan	Loli Kantor
5-Jan	Ellen Appel	13-Jan	Ina Singer	22-Jan	Dr. Nancy Faigin
5-Jan	Tommy Paul	14-Jan	Michelle Youngblood	22-Jan	Daniel Goldstein
5-Jan	Elaine Silverberg	15-Jan	Eleonora Bond	23-Jan	Michael Dworkin
5-Jan	Mark Ulrich	17-Jan	Greta Beckerman	24-Jan	Edrie Goldstein
6-Jan	Rafael Michan	17-Jan	Dr. Etta Miller	25-Jan	Cecily Renov
7-Jan	Shoshana Howard	18-Jan	Dr. Louis Cristol	26-Jan	Aleksandr Gershengoren
7-Jan	Lea Varelans	19-Jan	Dr. Arnold Barkman	26-Jan	Jason Marks
8-Jan	Elaine Moss	19-Jan	Valerie Kaye	29-Jan	Rebecca Isgur
9-Jan	Jerry Stein	19-Jan	Harry Labovitz	29-Jan	Arlene Lamark
10-Jan	Bernard Appel	19-Jan	Gary Stoddard	29-Jan	Alvin Luskey
11-Jan	Elaine Daiches	20-Jan	Dr. Allen Schuster	29-Jan	Ricki Schuster

## Wedding Anniversaries

		Years
1-Jan	Jerry and Robin Stein	39
6-Jan	Robert and Marilyn Hyer	45
13-Jan	Marvin and Laurie Blum	34
14-Jan	James and Elaine Stanton	25
18-Jan	Daniel and Daina Eckles	21
25-Jan	Larry and Elaine Daiches	43
28-Jan	Jack and Joyce Gerrick	57
29-Jan	Barry and Dolores Schneider	46
30-Jan	Sergei and Marianna Chunkovsky	9

## Children's Birthdays

8-Jan	Melanie Smith	19-Jan	Misty Berman
11-Jan	Matthew Bumpus	21-Jan	Molly Corso
17-Jan	Sarah Alpert	22-Jan	Noah Eckles
17-Jan	Netta Horowitz	25-Jan	Michael Fine
		30-Jan	Ariella Listig

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### ***Mazal Tov!***

To Pearl McFarland who is now a "Great, Great Grandmother." Sophia Dawn Dickson was born on November 1, weighing in at 8 pounds, 14 ounces and 21 inches long.

Parents are Angelia (Pearl's great-grand daughter) and John Dickson, grandparent is Edward Holland (Pearl's grandson), and great-grandmother is Celya Holland (Pearl's daughter).

Pearl's family is five generations strong.



To new grandparents, Marina and Rafael Michan on the birth of Sofia Ema Oropeza. Sofia was born on Wednesday, Dec. 19 and, as her granddad says, is "super healthy."

Proud parents are Joel and Daniella (Michan) Oropeza. Proud sisters and new aunts are Jessica and Elizabeth Michan.

### **Our Condolences**

To Rebecca and Dr. Louis Cristol and their entire family on the loss of Rebecca's mother, Augusta Whitman.

To Barbara and Morton Herman and the Zarrow Family of Tulsa, Oklahoma, on the loss of Scott Zarrow.


To David Karsner, Fred Karsner and his partner, Carolyn, Diana Levin and her husband, Rick, Andy Karsner and his wife, Maria, Danielle Young and her husband Russell, and their entire family on the loss of Blanche Karsner

### **Thinking of You**

**Alyce Alter, Gary Kaftan, Sima Kisin,  
Susan Margolis, Irv Raffel, Barbara Rubin  
and Michelle Youngblood**

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# Yahrzeits—MAY THEIR MEMORIES ALWAYS BE A BLESSING

<p><b>Tuesday, Jan. 1, 19 Tevet</b> Harry Blackstone Rebecca Finkelstein Dr. William N. Goone Robert Greer Nettie Klemow Andrew Kutler Solomon Kutler Gedaliah Pereversky Abraham Rothfleish Beatrice Schwartz</p> <p><b>Wednesday, Jan. 2, 20 Tevet</b> Nettie Bailin Marilou Berman Mary S. Friedman Mona Golin Max Greenberg Hannah W. Sandler Sylvia Schweiger</p> <p><b>Thursday, Jan. 3, 21 Tevet</b> Stanley Barnett David Falkowitz Bessie Fendler Aaron Rovinsky Rebecca L. Victor Jenny Weiss</p> <p><b>Friday, Jan. 4, 22 Tevet</b> Tessie Gratch George Joseph Mike Rovinsky Max Rubin Irv Solomon Joseph Wolffson</p> <p><b>Saturday, Jan. 5, 23 Tevet</b> Julius Bailin Louis Engler Lyusya G. Falkovich Rabbi Philip Graubart Esther Gryder Lola Kantor Benjamin Kaplan Irvin Leva Rose Luskey Charles K. Raker Hyman Sankary Barry Stern</p> <p><b>Sunday, Jan 6, 24 Tevet</b> Abraham Baum William Beleck Charlsa S. Church Morris Cohen</p>	<p><b>Sunday, Jan 6, 24 Tevet</b> Louis Engelberg Jerome Kantor Sylvia Krakover Rose Label Robert Margolis Dr. Philip Sheinberg</p> <p><b>Monday, Jan. 7, 25 Tevet</b> Anne Cohen Lieba D. Daiches Samuel S. Deifik Lillie H. Deutch Anna Gurkoff Abe Hertz Yale Kahalnik Julius Solomon</p> <p><b>Tuesday, Jan. 8, 26 Tevet</b> Leopold Cohen Rose Fuller Jeno Lacko Sara Lysyansky Jennie Motley Ethel Walensky Edward Wecker</p> <p><b>Wednesday, Jan. 9, 27 Tevet</b> Julius Cohn Easer Falkowitz Stanley Feinberg Anna Friedman Sophya Nosanovskaya Gertrude Pozez Dena Rabinowitz Sophie Rovinsky Morris Weinberg Leon Weingarten</p> <p><b>Thursday, Jan. 10, 28 Tevet</b> Gad Cuperman Myer Oberstein Pauline Oberstein Bertha Wolf Sarah Zodon</p> <p><b>Friday, Jan. 11, 29 Tevet</b> Lillie C. Anton Harriet H. Belcher Hilda Blum Abraham "Abe" Cohen Blanche A. Goldberg Sidney Korenman Sidney Skibell Norman Spigel Bernard Youngworth</p>	<p><b>Saturday, Jan. 12, 1 Shevat</b> Nathan Ginsberg Jacob Goldberg Harold Goodman Gertie Salsberg Lillian B. Towne</p> <p><b>Sunday, Jan. 13, 2 Shevat</b> Yetta Fein Elisa Mitrani Harry Rovinsky Isidor Sack</p> <p><b>Monday, Jan. 14, 3 Shevat</b> Julius Cohen Eli Echert Bella Falkovich Burnhardt Fane Helen Friedman Norman W. Rudman Sam Simon</p> <p><b>Tuesday, Jan. 15, 4 Shevat</b> Herbert Blackman Ida Goldstein Nat Gray Abe M. Herman Martin Pawgan Eleanor Rapport Joseph Sher Bella Victor Harris Zuckerman</p> <p><b>Wednesday, Jan. 16, 5 Shevat</b> Joseph C. Jacobs Emanuel Kaikov</p> <p><b>Thursday, Jan. 17, 6 Shevat</b> Leo Berman Marcia Bockstein Eva Cooper Saul Gresky Irving Levinson Ike Sandler</p> <p><b>Friday, Jan. 18, 7 Shevat</b> Marcos Hazan-Cohen Lillian Klotzman Murray Pliskin Sol (Sine) Stepinoff Gertrude L. Weinstein</p>	<p><b>Saturday, Jan. 19, 8 Shevat</b> Donald Herman Ken Meer Aaron Sandler</p> <p><b>Sunday, Jan. 20, 9 Shevat</b> Rachel L. Bernstein Nathan Falkowitz Jacob Goodstein Lena Persky Max Robin Baruch Vinokurov</p> <p><b>Monday, Jan. 21, 10 Shevat</b> Dr. Harvey Gilbert Sam Gilbert Max E. Goldberg Nathan Goldstocker Leona Gordon Leo Kahn Elaine Stocker</p> <p><b>Tuesday, Jan. 22, 11 Shevat</b> Meyer Attias Edith S. Kornbleet Pearl Rubin Dorothea Weinstein</p> <p><b>Wednesday, Jan. 23, 12 Shevat</b> Sara Faro Ann Herzfeld Florence Sherman Michael Shlizerman Max Slovin Sol Witt</p> <p><b>Thursday, Jan. 24, 13 Shevat</b> Eva Engler Kalman Givant Minnie Klorfine Albert Kreines Sam Menscher Colleen Owen Arthur H. Rosenthal Ben Rubin</p> <p><b>Thursday, Jan. 24, 13 Shevat</b> Esther Schwartz Saul Schwartz Jimmy Wisch Joe Zoblotsky</p>	<p><b>Friday, Jan. 25, 14 Shevat</b> Shirley Cowan</p> <p><b>Saturday, Jan. 26, 15 Shevat</b> Etta Blum Milton Carey Etta R. Freeman Julius Glickman Irma J. Hollander Charles Hurwitz Sam Hurwitz Reva Lustig Lazer Meyer Marvin Prager Henry Salam Benjamin Stocker</p> <p><b>Sunday, Jan. 27, 16 Shevat</b> Jack Frankrich</p> <p><b>Monday, Jan. 28, 17 Shevat</b> Charles Anton Levsha Elgurt Mitchell Karsner Ben Levenson Rose Saikin Jacob Tetenbaum Louis Tuck Lucille F. Walderman</p> <p><b>Tuesday, Jan. 29, 18 Shevat</b> Maxine S. Kruger Sheldon Labovitz Cantor Hyman Perras Bertha Schultz Esther Tuck</p> <p><b>Wednesday, Jan. 30, 19 Shevat</b> Joan N. Blumberg Moshe Goykman Bess Mehl Isadore Schultz Joe Weinberg</p> <p><b>Thursday, Jan. 31, 20 Shevat</b> Shirley G. Anton Bennie Goldstein Louis Kantrovich A.J. (Bob) Kboudi Jerome Levy Mary Nations Isadore D. Rosenthal Morris S. Schwartz</p>
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Dr. Jane Guzman Pawgan lectures about "Jews in America" Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. from Feb. 5 to Mar. 12 (except for Feb. 26).

Find out more about Purim - Rabbi Andrew Bloom will offer a lecture on Sunday, February 17 at 10:00 a.m.

## Schedule of Services

Kabbalat Shabbat (Friday)	6:00 PM	Monday - Friday Morning	6:55 AM
Shabbat Morning (Saturday)	9:30 AM	Sunday and National Holiday Morning	9:00 AM
Junior Torah Troop	10:30 AM	Sunday - Thursday Evening	6:00 PM

Rosh Chodesh (New Month) 6:45 AM

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 19 Tevet	2 20 Tevet	3 21 Tevet	4 22 Tevet	5 23 Tevet
			1:30 p.m. Jewish Archive in the CAS Library		Candle Lighting Time 5:19 p.m.	Havdalah Time: 6:17 p.m.  Shemot
6 24 Tevet  No Religious School	7 25 Tevet	8 26 Tevet	9 27 Tevet	10 28 Tevet	11 29 Tevet	12 1 Shevat
7:00 p.m. Brite Divinity's Cristol Scholar Lecture			1:30 p.m. Jewish Archive in the CAS Library		Candle Lighting Time 5:24 p.m.	Havdalah Time: 6:23 p.m.  Va'Era Rosh Chodesh
13 2 Shevat  Religious School is BACK IN SESSION	14 3 Shevat	15 4 Shevat	16 5 Shevat	17 6 Shevat	18 7 Shevat	19 8 Shevat
		10:30 a.m. For Women Only with Rabbi Bloom	1:30 p.m. Jewish Archive in the CAS Library	7:00 p.m. Gil Eilan with an update on the Middle East	Candle Lighting Time 5:31 p.m.	Bar Mitzvah of Brian Kaye  Havdalah Time: 6:29 p.m.  Bo
20 9 Shevat  Religious School is BACK IN SESSION	21 10 Shevat	22 11 Shevat	23 12 Shevat	24 13 Shevat	25 14 Shevat	26 15 Shevat
	Martin Luther King Day	6:30 p.m. Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class 7:30 p.m. Meeting of the CAS Board of Directors	1:30 p.m. Jewish Archive in the CAS Library		Rockin' Ruach Shabbat  Candle Lighting Time 5:37 p.m.	Havdalah Time: 6:35 p.m.  Tu B'Shevat Beshalach Shabbat Shirah
27 16 Shevat	28 17 Shevat	29 18 Shevat	30 19 Shevat	31 20 Shevat		
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