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FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

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Tu B'Shevat

New Year of the Trees

15 Shevat 5781

January 28, 2021



The name of this festival is actually its date: “Tu” is a pronunciation of the Hebrew letters for the number 15, and it falls in the Hebrew month of Shevat.

Traditionally, Tu B'Shevat was not a Jewish festival. Rather, it marked an important date for Jewish farmers in ancient times. The Torah states, “When you enter the land [of Israel] and plant any tree for food, you shall regard its fruit as forbidden. Three years it shall be forbidden for you, not to be eaten” (Leviticus 19:23). The fruit of the fourth year was to be offered to the priests in the Temple as a gift of gratitude for the bounty of the land, and the fifth-year fruit—and all subsequent fruit—was finally for the farmer. This law, however, raised the question of how farmers were to mark the “birthday” of a tree. The Rabbis therefore established the 15th of the month of Shevat as a general “birthday” for all trees, regardless of when they were actually planted.

Fruit trees were awarded special status in the Torah because of their importance in sustaining life and as a symbol of God's divine favor.

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FROM OUR RABBI



Chanukah and the Festival of Lights is our central celebration this month. The poet Judah Halevi (12th century Spain) believed that for each person to have light in the lives

and be a light unto others, we should awaken with the imagery of God and nature in front of us. We know this from a short poem that he wrote:

"To You the stars of morning sin
for their lights from You lights spring.
Day and night the mighty angels
praises to You great name bring.
So Your holy people: Every dawn their
songs from Your house ring," Siddur
Sim Shalom For Weekdays [seventh
printing] page 28.

According to Halevi, within the morning stars, God's light can be found. In other words, when we awake in the morning, we should look at the Godliness of nature. In essence, Halevi is reminding us that the light of God should shine brightly within us from the start of the day. Why is this important? It is important. It adds a layer to the lighting of the Chanukah candles. The candles themselves are to "publicize the miracle of Chanukah" (Pirseumi Nisa). The candles within us are to signify our acceptance of God's statutes and commandments.

The question that we need to ask is, will finding the light within us and with God bring joy into our lives, just like the candles do for the holiday of Chanukah? Millay Csikszentmihalyi, the Hungarian-American psychologist who theorized about "the school of flow," once said, "A joyful life is an individual creation that cannot be copied from a recipe." In other words, only we can find our inner paths towards joy, for nobody else knows us as we know ourselves. This would also include our relationships with God instead of those scripted by others.

The question that we must ask based upon our conclusion above is, how do we know which voices we need to listen to in relation to our inner paths

towards joy? Vincent Van Gogh offered up an answer to this question when he said, "If you hear a voice within you say, 'You cannot paint,' then by all means paint and that voice will be silenced." While Van Gogh might have been speaking about art, I believe that his advice is applicable across the spectrum.

In short, the voice that we need to listen to is solely internal and never external. That voice is in essence, the Shamash to our Chanukiyot. For as Maimonides once said, and I paraphrase, "we can't take care of others before we take care of ourselves." Thereby, let us find "our joy" so that we can live a joyful life and help build a joyful world at the same time. If we are able to do this, then the season/festival of lights will truly be bright.

B'Shalom and Friendship,
Rabbi Andrew Bloom

FROM OUR ADMINISTRATOR

Welcome, 2021! I doubt I am the lone voice in stating that I am glad 2020 is behind us. (Not that my 2020 was completely bad – I got to join all of you!) Let's hope the separation and isolation will soon end as well. I would welcome the buzz of activity in CAS halls and rooms.



Let me provide some synagogue news for you:

- Our new routers are in place to utilize high-speed fiber lines.
- Chanukah Drive-In Shabbat on December 11 gave our community another chance to gather and take home delicious mushroom barley soup, latkes, and cookies.
- Chanukah Chai-Lights on December 12 was a meaningful family event held safely on zoom.
- Our Ladies Auxiliary held two programs in December – I hope you joined the book club or played bingo via zoom.
- I understand there is concern about membership. Our membership losses are primarily related to deaths. Those that do not stem from a variety of reasons – moving and personal safety are the top two. The staff has reached out to those who have resigned.
- CAS daily minyanim services on weekdays are running smoothly. As a reminder, you MUST sign in if you attend, so we have contact tracing information should a COVID-19 case arise.

Speaking of COVID-19 cases, please know that the CAS protocols have us operating at a less than 30% capacity. Every protocol initiated for the High Holy Days ensures your safety in the facility. We want you here, and we want you safe. Following the CAS guidelines in conjunction with the State of Texas and CDC guidelines means we have done and are doing everything right.

We have a few months of winter, of COVID-19 vaccinations, and continued safety protocols, but I believe we will be stronger on the other side. Please stay safe and know we miss you.

Pattie Wood, CAS Administrator

FROM OUR HAZZAN



In Parashat Beshalach, we find two songs. The more well-known and elaborate of the two is known as Shirat Hayam ("The Song of the Sea") and includes Exodus 15:1-18. This song has come to be identified with the Israelites expression of faith and their recognition of God's role as protector and warrior. You can even notice in the Torah scroll that there is a special flow to the spacing of the text.

Shirat Hayam has become a focal point of our tradition and liturgy. It is included in our prayer books and recited each morning during the P'sukei D'Zimra ("Verses of Song") section of our morning prayers. When we arrive at Shirat Hayam during the weekly reading of the Torah portion, we honor it by standing and singing it with a special melody.

The second song is much shorter. It appears right after Shirat Hayam. In Exodus 15:20-21, we find these verses: "Then Miriam the prophetess, Aaron's sister, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her in dance with timbrels. And Miriam chanted for them: Sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously; Horse and driver He has hurled into the sea."

The song of Miriam, recorded in one lone verse, speaks volumes. Some scholars claim that these two songs are one and the same. The 13th-century French scholar Hezekiah ben Manoah, better known as the Chizkuni, argues that since the Torah uses words sparingly, it did not repeat the entire song but merely alluded to the first line suggesting the rest to follow.

However, these two songs serve different functions. Shirat Hayam is a record of events when the Israelites had full faith in God and trust in Moses, their leader, whereas Miriam's song functions more like prayer, with words more like our liturgy.

Let's look at the length: just one verse. In Eastern religions, one word or phrase can serve as a focal point of prayer. Reciting the word, again and again, the worshipper can get lost in the experience of the sound. In the Hasidic tradition, this is how we use the Niggun. The repetitive melody becomes a meditation, stirring the soul and captivating the heart. One might imagine the women as swirling colors, dancing on the shores of the sea, timbrels in hand, singing to God.

We can also consider the structure. Miriam's song has an urgency to it. Shirat Hayam begins Az yashir Moshe (then Moses will sing). Miriam's song is written in the present tense, in the plural imperative: Shiru ladonai, sing to God now. Midrash recognizes this, stating that when Israel emerged from the sea, the angels came to sing to God first. But God said, let my children sing first because they are of flesh and blood. They must sing now before they die. But you, as long as you desire, you remain alive and can sing. Miriam grabbed the moment.

Now, let's consider the instruments. The biblical commentator Rashi wonders where the women found these drums. Could it be that the Israelite women, rushing

from their Egyptian homes in the middle of the night with only a few precious belongings and some matzah to eat, brought drums with them?

Rashi quotes a Midrash to explain: With drums and dancing, "The righteous women of that generation were confident that God would do miracles for them; so they brought drums with them from Egypt."

Since they were willing to drag these instruments all the way from Egypt, we can surmise that music must have played a central role in ancient worship. If we look through the Book of Psalms, it becomes clear that music was a focal point of Israelite prayer. Psalm 92 reads, "A song for Shabbat: Sing to God with a ten-stringed harp with a voice and lyre together." Psalm 150 states, "Praise God with the blast of the horn, with the violin and harp, with timbrel and dance, with lute and pipe, with resounding cymbals, with loud clashing cymbals." In the ancient temple, the Levites would accompany the sacrificial offerings with singing and musical instruments.

We don't need to be told to sing and make music when we pray. For many people, it comes naturally. Music helps to bind us to one another and God. It lifts the spirit, evoking the passion and celebration of Miriam at the shores of the sea. May we each be able to free ourselves from our fears and inhibitions and let the music from within us help to connect us to one another and God.

Hazzan Jeffrey Weber

CANTORS CONCERT

4 PM SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021



A Tenor, a Baritone, and a Soprano walk into a Zoom concert. Is it a murder of crows? A gaggle of geese? No! It's a Concert of Cantors!

The CAS Programming Committee invites you to a one-of-a-kind **musical event Sunday, January 31 at 4:00 pm**. There's no football that day, so nothing should keep you from enjoying this fabulous concert.

In addition to our own Hazzan Jeffrey Weber (the Tenor), we will be hearing from Cantor Asa Fradkin (the Baritone) of Congregation Beth El in Bethesda MD, and Cantor Sheri Allen (the Soprano) of Congregation Beth Shalom in Arlington.

These three amazing vocalists will entertain us via Zoom with solos and combined choral numbers. We will delight to Broadway show tunes, thrill to a melodic opera aria, kvell over Hebrew music, and tap our feet to some pop numbers. This promises to be a concert we will talk about for a long time. Zoom pre-registration will be required, so stay tuned for that information.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Silver Lining

They say that everything has a silver lining. When Sir Alexander Fleming came home from being away and discovered penicillin growing on a dish he had in the refrigerator, a wonder drug was the silver lining (instead of being admonished by his wife). When Sandy Koufax was a young pitcher for the Dodgers he had to pitch both parts of a doubleheader. Because of that, he had to pitch "easier" and all of a sudden, he found control, and an incredible career was his silver lining. Many say the silver lining of our 20th-century wars is the growth of the aeronautical career field.

With that in mind, let's talk about the silver lining that has come out of the pandemic of 2020. First, let's look at our country and the world. We have led the way in creating several new vaccines and therapeutics in record time. While the number of people who have lost their lives is huge; it is nothing compared to the numbers from 1918 and the Spanish Flu. That is because of faster learning, better science, and much better communication developed in the past 100 years.

So, what has been the silver lining for our Shul? I think there have been several. First, we can now hold services digitally (over the internet). We do it well, including for the High Holy Days. We have learned how to do an outdoor service, and you responded well. We have become increasingly more generous. (By the way, that is happening in congregations throughout the country). And, we have most importantly learned to lean on each other. The silver lining is a regular calling of our congregants by each other. Small groups of seniors coming together daily in their bubbles.

The silver lining of this pandemic most of all is growing closer to our community. In my case, it has allowed me to see things I have done wrong and given me a bit of time to get better. With six months left to go in my term as President, I will work hard for you to fix the things I have made worse and to amplify the things with which we are making progress. With your help and the guidance of our Rabbi and our faith, I will hope to give you a better last six months that we have the first.

Rich Hollander
President, Congregation Ahavath Sholom
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CAS Board of Directors meetings are open to all congregants.

Meeting dates are listed in the monthly calendar in each Bulletin and are typically held in the synagogue building. Meetings are currently convened remotely (e.g., using Zoom during the COVID-19 epidemic). Please notify the CAS office if you need electronic access information.

LEARNING & ENGAGEMENT CENTER



Kislev, the third Jewish month, came and went in a flash. At the school, Kislev was full of candles, clay menorahs, clay dreidels, plastic dreidels, chocolate gelt, singing, and sufganiyot. Thank you to our president, Rich Hollander, and his wife Terri, for their well-organized sufganiyot making tutorial. The students took ownership of their dough making and gobbled up the oily balls of fluffy fried dough. There were plenty of sufganiyot to take home and share with the family. Virtual students also received ingredients to make sufganiyot at home with their families.

Although January seems early to start learning about Passover, we will introduce the topic of freedom through Martin Luther King Day. We are all familiar with some of the iconic lines from the Reverend Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech. At the LEC we will also review at least three examples of verses from Tanach, the Hebrew Bible, that Reverend King used to inspire Americans to pursue justice. I hope our students are inspired by the beauty and drama of the imagery:

"Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain...."

כל-גיא, ינשא, וכל-הר וגבעה, ישפל;

והיה העקב למישור, והרכסים לבקעה.

ונגלה, כבוד יהוה; וראו כל-בשר יחדו, כי פי יהוה דבר.

Isaiah 40:4-5

בערב, יליו בכי; ולבקר רנה

"...weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning."

Psalms 30:5

**But let justice well up as waters,
and righteousness as a mighty stream.**

ויגל כמים, משפט
ויצדקה, כנחל איתן;

Amos 5:24

Also, in January is another possible reminder of Passover, Tu B'Shvat (the 15th Day of the 5th Jewish month of the year). Originally it was a new year for the trees, a day to count how old your fruit trees were so you could know whether they are ready to use in tithing. Today, we celebrate Tu B'Shvat as a day to be aware of nature and God's gifts to us.

The reminder to Passover, you ask? The Seder, not the Passover Seder, but the Tu B'Shvat Seder. In the next newsletter, I'll explain the Tu B'Shvat Seder and how we celebrated at the school to make our Tu B'Shvat a memorable new year for the trees and us.

Beh'Shalom 
Becky Bar-Lev Henning, M.A.
Principal, LEC

CONGREGATION AHAVATH SHOLOM

Diamonds in the Rough

By Hollace Ava Weiner

The \$22 train tickets doled out by a New York charity to transport Sam Zalefsky's penniless family to Fort Worth in 1911 turned into a sound long-term investment. Zalefsky, a Russian immigrant, barely eked out a living as a housepainter and wallpaper hanger. But his two young sons—Morris Bernard, 9, and William, 7, who shortened their last name to Zale—channeled their immigrant drive and family ties into a business that grew into an international retail jewelry chain.

The Zalefskys were among 72 families who resettled in Fort Worth between 1903 and 1915 under the sponsorship of the Industrial Removal Office, a Progressive Era nonprofit with a jarring, impersonal name. The agency's goal was to "remove" poor Jewish emigres from urban "industrial" slums that bred crime, disease, anti-Semitism, and radical politics. The agency relocated them to wholesome small-town environments west of the Hudson.

In Fort Worth, the B'nai B'rith lodge coordinated the effort. Its volunteer placement director was Uriah Meyer "U.M." Simon, an attorney, real estate investor, and an immigrant himself. Simon had compassion for the refugees yet understood the discomfort they generated among their American-born neighbors. From among the dozens of applications he received for "removal" approval, he most often gave the nod to immigrants with relatives already entrenched in the city. The chain migration of families provided a safety net.

When Sam Zalefsky's IRO application crossed Simon's desk in 1911, he learned that the housepainter's wife, Libby, had two brothers in Fort Worth—Sam and Julius Kruger. The Krugers were Main Street jewelers who catered to the carriage trade. The brothers were eager to reunite with their sister, brother-in-law, and nephews.

On January 31, 1911, in a telegram on file at the American Jewish Historical Society in Manhattan, Simon instructed the IRO's New York office: "Please send at once Sam Zalewisky [sic] and family, relatives able to provide work, but cannot contribute toward transportation. . . . If it is possible for you to send him I believe it will be desirable."

In Fort Worth, Sam Zalefsky is remembered as the Yiddish-speaking immigrant who painted the interior of the shul, then located at 819 Taylor Street. The housepainter's young sons helped support the family by selling chewing gum, making buttons, and digging up sand, sometimes earning \$3 a week. Though poor, the Zalefsky family had a pushke that they filled with extra coins to help those even less fortunate. Morris dropped out of school after seventh grade and went to work at his uncle Sam Kruger's jewelry store at 1309 Main Street, polishing fingerprints from watches on display.

Oil was discovered in 1918 on ranchland surrounding Burkburnett. Nearby Wichita Falls, a railroad junction, grew into a boom town. Sam Kruger was offered the city's lucrative Hamilton watch franchise. In those days, train conductors proudly consulted Hamilton pocket watches, the most technically advanced timekeepers made in the U.S. Their pocket watches had to be professionally wound once a week.



Libby and her sons, Morris Bernard and William.

When Kruger jewelers moved to Wichita Falls, the Zalefsky family followed. Morris worked for his uncle and in 1922 was promoted branch manager in Burkburnett. That's when Morris Bernard Zalefsky changed his name to a more professional and American-sounding moniker—M.B. Zale.

Ready to be his own boss, in 1923 M.B. Zale rented space inside a drugstore in Graham, 60 miles south of Wichita Falls. He might have remained there, but on Oct. 19, 1923, the Ku Klux Klan staged a rally and cross-burning across the street from the boarding house where he lived. Zale moved out. He returned to Wichita Falls where his uncle was moving from a small jewelry shop into a larger storefront. Zale subleased the old location.

Partnering with his younger brother William, on March 29, 1924, the boys launched Zale Jewelry Co. Their business plan was far different than their uncle's, whose wealthy customers paid full price at the time of purchase. The brothers wanted to attract oilfield roughnecks, ranch hands, and schoolteachers. To bring luxury to the masses, they introduced to the jewelry trade the concept of layaway. Customers paid as little as a dollar down and a dollar a week for gold watches and sparkling diamond rings. "Buy them now—Pay later," Zale's advertised in the Wichita Daily Times.

By the 1980s, Zale Jewelry Co. had expanded worldwide to 1,500 stores. In 1986, a rival corporation engineered a hostile takeover. The Zale name remained, but the family was no longer part of the business.

The Zales continued to control the M.B. & Edna Zale Foundation, which had begun in 1951 and today has assets of more than \$30 million. The family foundation focuses on innovative programs that feed the hungry, help the homeless, provide healthcare, educate minorities, and assist the disenfranchised. The Zale boys, who came to Fort Worth with \$22 train tickets from a New York charity, proved to be diamonds in the rough.

(This article, by Ahavath Sholom's archivist, previously ran in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and is reprinted, with slight revisions, courtesy of the author.)

JANUARY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event
Fri. Jan. 1		New Year's Day—CAS Office is Closed 6 PM Evening Service Only
Sun. Jan. 3		LEC Winter Break
Mon. Jan. 4	6:30 pm	Executive Committee Meeting
Sun. Jan. 10	10:00 am	JWV Installation In-Person and Zoom
Mon. Jan. 11	6:30 pm	Board of Directors Meeting
Sun. Jan. 17	9:30 am	LEC In Person and Zoom
Mon. Jan. 18		Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Sun. Jan. 24	9:30 am	LEC Tu B'Shevat Program
	10:00 am	Ladies' Auxiliary Book Club <u>The Lost Shtetl</u> by Max Gross
Thu. Jan. 28		Tu B'Shevat
Sun. Jan. 31	9:30 am	LEC In Person and Zoom
Thu. Feb. 25		Megillah Reading
Fri. Feb. 26		Purim

SPECIAL EVENT



Jewish War Veterans Post 755
2021 Installation of Officers
10:00 AM January 10, 2021
Barnett Sanctuary
In-Person and via Zoom
Watch you email for Zoom Information

LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Ladies Auxiliary had a virtual Hanukkah get together on Sunday, December 13. After lighting our menorahs, we enjoyed games of bingo, friendship and fun.

Thank you Hedy Collins and LaJean Sturman for planning and organizing this event. We had a blast!!

Ladies' Auxiliary Book Club



The Lost Shtetl by Max Gross

10 AM Sunday, January 24th

(Watch your email for Zoom Information)

Author, Max Gross, Joins the Discussion

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THINK ABOUT YOUR HEALTH

In the midst of our rightful concern about the novel coronavirus, we must remember our health can be affected by more than just COVID-19. Dr. Murray Cohen provided us with wonderful facts to keep in mind as we sift through the information presented through media sources. We must be aware that long-established and known viruses and diseases can still attack our bodies. That said, please remember to consider the lives around you.

Our congregation has a large number of members over the age of 60. Most likely, you were vaccinated as a child (think measles, mumps, rubella or diphtheria, pertussis & tetanus). Our immunities from these vaccines diminish with time, which means you will want to talk with your doctors about whether you have active immunities. A blood test can be ordered by your physician to make that determination.

Additionally, please consider getting your flu shot or any other recommended preventative. If you need a vaccine, please do not wait. You do not want to compound one health concern with the potential of another. Stay safe; stay healthy.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

Please remain home if you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms. Please use your best judgment in following the guidelines from the CDC. It is our responsibility to ensure the safety of all.

ON SITE SERVICES INFORMATION

We're looking forward to seeing everyone as we phase into in-person meetings at CAS. At the same time, we want to ensure that we do this as safely and cautiously as is needed to protect human life by not spreading COVID-19.

WHAT TO EXPECT

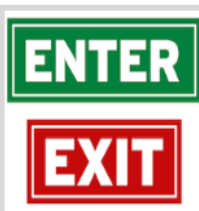


CLEANING: Cleaning and sanitizing will occur prior to and following Minyan and Shabbat services in the Barnett Sanctuary. Bathrooms will be cleaned daily with additional surface cleaning during Shabbat services.

FACE MASKS: You will be required to wear facial covering (covers both nose and mouth) unless medical necessity dictates or you are under 2 years old.



PEWS: Every third row is open. Please sit only as a household family unit with three seats between you and the next family unit.



ARRIVAL: When you arrive, please enter through the north doors. You will be provided a mask to wear if you do not have personal facial covering. You are asked to use hand sanitizer at the door. Ushers will assist with seating for Shabbat services.

You will register your attendance (in case a COVID-19 case arises). **EXITING:** Visiting with your friends and family is encouraged **OUTSIDE** the building. Ushers will dismiss by row beginning with the rear and moving forward.

List of Services (these are open to change based upon medical developments):

Schedule of Our Services

In-Person Services	Time	Online Services (Zoom, Facebook and CAS Website)	Time
Monday—Friday Morning Minyan	6:55 am	Kabbalat Shabbat (Friday)	6:00 pm
Monday—Thursday Evening Minyan	6:00 pm	Shabbat Morning (Saturday)	9:30 am
		Sunday Morning	9:00 am
Special Event Schedule			
Rosh Chodesh (New Month)	6:45 am	National Holidays	9:00 am

YAHREZITS - MAY THE MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONES BE A BLESSING FOREVER

Fri., Jan. 1 17 Tevet Samuel Davis L.G. Gilbert Robert Greer Harry Murad Minna Shosid	Wed., Jan. 6 (cnt.) 22 Tevet Joseph Wolffson Tessie Gratch Blanche Attias Karsner Malakah Zahirpour Sophie Rosenfeld Gratch	Mon., Jan. 11 (cnt.) 27 Tevet Morris Weinberg Leon Weingarten Anna Friedman Florine Green Lane Sophya Nosanovskaya Gertrude Pozez Dena Rabinowitz Sophie Rovinsky	Sun., Jan. 17 4 Shevat Abe Mitchell Herman Martin Pawgan Joseph Sher Harris Zuckerman Ida Goldstein Eleanor Rapport Bella Victor	Sun., Jan. 24 (cnt.) 11 Shevat Pearl Rubin Dorothea Weinstein
Sat., Jan. 2 18 Tevet Elliott Appel Alfred "Shuggie" Cohen Jack Gerrick Dave Hyman Lewis Robert Mothner Morris Star Max Weinberg Mary Frumkin Aranow Lena Lurie Dorene Zilberg	Thu., Jan. 7 23 Tevet Julius Bailin Louis Engler Benjamin Kaplan Irvin Leva Charles K. Raker Hyman Sankary Leroy Solomon Barry Stern Lyusya Gutman Falkovich Lola Kantor Rose Luskey Rabbi Phili Graubart	Tue., Jan. 12 28 Tevet Gad Cuperman Jerome Feldstein Arthur Irving Hofstein Myer Oberstein Pauline Oberstein Nancy Jane Bernstein Rakoover Bertha Wolf Sarah Zodon	Mon., Jan. 18 5 Shevat Joseph C. Jacobs Emanuel Kaikov David Morris An Kirschner Bogart	Mon., Jan. 25 12 Shevat Michael Shlizerman Max Slovin Sol Witt Sara Faro Ann Herzfeld Florence Sherman
Sun., Jan. 3 19 Tevet Dr. William N. Goone Harry Blackstone Irvin Gratch Andrew Kutler Solomon Kutler Gedaliah Pereversky Abraham Rothfleish Pepi Perl Birnfeld Avadic Rebecca Finkelstein Nettie Klemow Beatrice Schwartz Nettie Bender Petrofsky	Fri., Jan. 8 24 Tevet Dr. Philip Sheinberg Abraham Baum William Beleck Morris Cohen Louis Engelberg Jerome Kantor Robert Gary Margolis Charlsa Sarvis Church Sylvia Krakover Rose Label	Wed., Jan. 13 29 Tevet Abraham "Abe" Cohen Sidney Korenman Sidney Skibell Norman Spigel Dror Tadmor Bernard Youngworth Lillie Cohen Anton Harriet Hava Belcher Hilda Blum Blanche Abrams Goldberg	Tue., Jan. 19 6 Shevat Leo Berman Saul Gresky Irving Levinson Jerry Paul Ike Sandler Marcia Bockstein Eva Cooper	Tue., Jan. 26 13 Shevat Kalman Givant Albert Kreines Sam Menscher Arthur H. Rosenthal Ben Rubin Saul Schwartz Jimmy Wisch Joe Zoblotsky Eva Engler Shirley Grabstald Goodwin Minnie Klorfine Colleen Owen Esther Schwartz
Mon., Jan. 4 20 Tevet Max Greenberg Nettie Bailin Marilou Berman Mary Schuster Friedman Mona Golin Hannah Weber Sandler Sylvia Schweiger	Sat., Jan. 9 25 Tevet Elmer Hyman Collier Samuel Steve Deifik Abe Hertz Yale Kahalnik Julius Solomon Arlene Berman Anne Cohen Lieba Deborah Daiches Lillie Herman Deutch Anna Gurkoff Clara Notik	Thu., Jan. 14 1 Shevat Nathan Ginsberg Jacob Goldberg Harold Goodman Gertie Salsberg Lillian Brod Towne	Wed., Jan. 20 7 Shevat Marcos Hazan-Cohen Richard LeVine Murray Pliskin Sol (Sine) Stepinoff Lillian Klotzman Gertrude Levin Weinstein	Wed., Jan. 27 14 Shevat Ted Nathan Herman Shirley Cowan
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Birthdays

Jan 1	Margie Glazer	Jan 13	Tamara Garsek	Jan 21	Saul Shetty
Jan 1	Rosemary Rector	Jan 14	Rivka Marco	Jan 21	Talya Galaganov
Jan 1	Sandra Williams	Jan 17	Dr. Etta Miller	Jan 21	Loli Kantor
Jan 4	Marcia Garoon	Jan 19	Melvin Garsek	Jan 22	Dr. Nancy Faigin
Jan 4	Theodor Knitel	Jan 19	Dr. Arnold Barkman	Jan 22	Daniel Goldstein
Jan 5	Tommy Paul	Jan 19	Valerie Kaye	Jan 23	Susan Johnson
Jan 6	Beau Tinnin	Jan 19	Harry Labovitz	Jan 26	Aleksandr Gershengoren
Jan 7	Shoshana Howard	Jan 19	Regina Rog	Jan 29	Rebecca Isgur
Jan 7	Dr. Charles Paley	Jan 19	H. Gary Stoddard	Jan 29	Arlene Lamark
Jan 9	Dr. Jerry Stein	Jan 20	Steve Nudleman	Jan 29	Alvin Luskey
Jan 11	Elaine Daiches	Jan 20	Dr. Allen Schuster	Jan 31	Alana Tinnin
Jan 13	Hedy Collins	Jan 21	Molly Corso		

Anniversaries

Jan 1	Dr. Jerry and Robin Stein	47 Years	Jan 13	Marvin and Laurie Blum	42 Years
Jan 2	Dr. Myron and Rhonda Krupp	24 Years	Jan 25	Larry and Elaine Daiches	51 Years
Jan 5	Dr. Ariel and Faina Feldman	21 Years	Jan 26	Lewis and Josephine Bassist	32 Years

Yahrzeits Continued

Sat., Jan. 30 (cnt.)
17 Shevat
Levsha Elgurt
Rose Saikin
Lucille Fried Walderman

Sun., Jan. 31
18 Shevat
Cantor Hyman Perras
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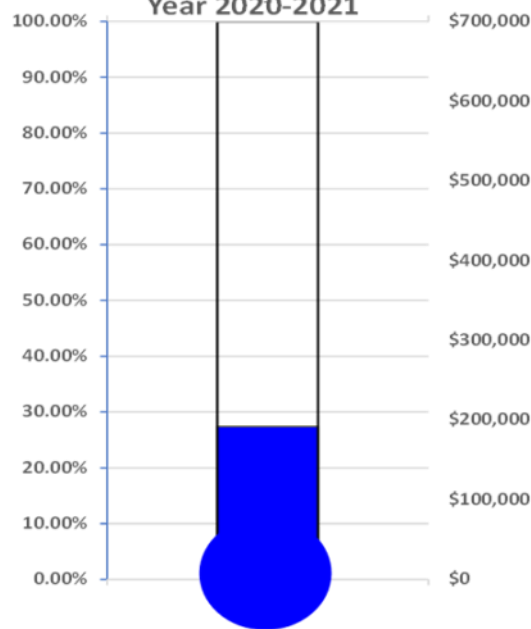
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- **Dishwasher** for the Brachman Parlor kitchen
- **Fig Tree**
- **Touchless Thermometer**

Any monetary donations for these items are greatly appreciated! This list will continue to grow and evolve, so know your donations are at work to make CAS reflect the welcome of the congregants.

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- **Webinar Team Members** - help with virtual services.
- **Key Verification** (We have a number of keys that are mislabeled or have old designations)

Contact Pattie Wood - Email: pattie.wood@ahavathsholom.org