The Bulletin

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Security Tip of the Month

Be alert and aware! While you are walking, keep your mind on what is going on around you. Knowing who is near is the first step to being secure. If someone makes you feel uncomfortable, move in the direction of other people.



February Recipe from Maria

Israeli Salad (4 Servings)

- Finely dice 2-4 Cucumbers
- 4 large tomatoes
- 1 green pepper
- 1 red pepper
- 1 small onion, mix in bowl
- Add 2 tbsp olive oil, 1 tbsp lemon juice,

and salt and pepper to taste

• Serve immediately





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Special points of interest

• Evening Minyans: Online Only

- Opportunities to engage with CAS
- Our new Office Administrator



Learning: A Lifelong Occupation

Learning & Engagement Center

Enjoy these CAS opportunities with your friends

Rabbi Adult sessions: The Torah within us & the connection with the past and the present.

Tuesdays 10:30am & 6:30 pm

££C Sunday, February 5

Tu B'Shevat Seder

Sunday, March 5

♦ Purim Grand Celebration

We are already into our second month of this calendar year! Tu Bi'Shevat actually starts on Sunday, February 5th and is celebrated on Monday,

February 6th! On this day it is customary to partake of fruits from the Holy Land including grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates. All of which I love in some form or another!

What a wonderful way to start this normally gloomy month. Remembering these gifts reminds us to reflect on the lessons we can derive from our botanical analogue. If we understand the saying "Man is a Tree of the Field" then this will help us understand the bounty of the Holy Land. We also will appreciate what we have received. This is a great lesson, to never take anything for granted. The earth below our feet, the shelters we build, the fruits that fill our bellies, and our spirituality with God. We should continue to pass along all that we have been blessed to receive and remember there are many who have nothing.

Our family of families here at CAS, is also a blessing for all of us and we should encourage these friendships and relationships as to enlarge our hearts and Congregation. We can do more as a collective good than alone, let's continue this year with brotherhood and sisterhood and expand our goals to help build a better Jewish community for us all to enjoy.

B'Shalom.

Foster

After a long and restful winter break with family and loved ones, we start 2023 full of energy looking forward to a great year ahead.

Students returned to their classrooms to continue their planned curriculum, after completing morning prayer, together as one united school community.

As an adult, modeling charitable acts is a wonderful way to teach our students the Jewish value of Tzedakah. This leads to a marked increase in a child's self-esteem, feelings of a common bond and empowerment.

When our students are included in Tzedakah projects, they discover they make a difference in the world.

Last year the LEC students collected \$325 which were donated to the "Make a Wish Foundation". This year our goal is to reach the same or more than last year's results – going from strength to strength.

The LEC year-long projects are:

- 1. Tzedakah box project Collecting money for charity.
- 2. Toiletry donation for the Fort Worth homeless shelter.

A very special event coming up at the LEC is Tu-B'Shevat, also known as the "the new year for trees", is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our connection to the environment.

In Israel, the holiday of Tu B'Shevat arrives along with the early signs of spring, on the fifteenth ("Tu") day of the month of

Shevat. This is perfect timing as the trees are beginning to blossom for the coming year.

On February 5th, we will celebrate the Tu-B'shevat Seder and eat the seven significant species of the land of Israel: Wheat, Grapes, Barley, Figs, Pomegranates, Olives, and Dates. LEC students will learn and explore this holiday through educational activities.

Students will then have the opportunity to plant seeds of parsley in our Star of David flowerbed, so it is ready to eat just in time for Passover.

On Tu B'Shevat we show our gratitude to all that trees and the environment that sustains us. We'll give back to our environment by making bird feeders and hanging them on our trees and organize a park clean-up to collect litter.

The students will also craft some beautiful tree-inspired artwork which will be on display for all to see on the wall close to the main office.

Save the date! March 5th - Purim grand celebration!

Best regards, Fani Kiselstein LEC Principal





The Magid of Dubna who was famous for his wonderful parables. Once when he visited a local town, people asked him to relate some of his famous parables. But the Magid was quiet. This was unusual for him for he always had a lot to say about every subject. However, people kept on asking him for his words of wisdom.

Finally the Magid gave in "I will tell you a parable," he said "A man once came home from a fair bringing with him a goat. He told his wife that "now we will have as much milk as we want." The wife was so excited that she immediately went to the barn to milk the goat. A while later she returned, and said what kind of a goat did you bring. It won't give a drop of milk she lamented. What do you want? her husband replied. The goat is tired and hungry. How do you expect her to give milk. First feed her and let her rest and you will see that she will give you as much milk, as you want.

The moral here is that no matter what sort of stranger is in front of us we must treat that stranger with respect and dignity and as a creation of God. When we read the story of Abraham and the strangers: This weeks Parsha, Vayeira, begins, "And the Lord appeared to him (Abraham) while he sat at the door of the tent in the heat of the day. And he (Abraham) lifted his eyes and saw three men standing before him."

Abraham ran to meet them and pleaded with them to come into his tent. The Torah describes in great detail how Abraham attended to his guests; "Let now be fetched a little water to wash your feet and recline under the tree...And I will fetch bread...And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine flour, knead it and make cakes. And Abraham ran and fetched a tender and good calf... And he took curd and milk and the calf which he has prepared and set it before them... and they ate."

Although Abraham: was in the presence of God, yet as soon as the three travelers appeared, Abraham ran toward them in order to offer them hospitality. The question that each of us have to ask in life is, Who should we offer this hospitality to and why is offering hospitality to guests greater than being in the Divine Presence?

The Answer to first part-to whom do we extend hospitality is, to almost everyone. While we should not extend hospitality to someone who wants to hurt us we must extend hospitality to all others. For, Judaism teaches us that all men are created in God's image and if this is so than why should we treat anyone differently, irrespective of who they are, where they come from and what they do. Does this require anything spectacular from us? No, but it does build bridges and makes our society a little nicer place to live in. This definitely is important in todays times.

Consequently, we can conclude as to the second part of our question, that opening up or doors to others, is the first step in opening up our hearts to God. For He (God) doesn't play favorites, nor should we.

B'Shalom and Friendship,

Rabbi Andrew Bloom

Schedule of Services

Most in-person and online

- Morning Minyan: M—F
 - 6:55 am
 - 9:00 am National Holidays
 - 6:45 am Rosh Chodesh
- Evening Minyan: M-Th
 - 6:00 pm
 - Online Only
- Kabbalat Shabbat: Friday
 - 6:00 pm
- Shabbat Morning
 - 9:30 am

Yahrzeits—We Remember

Wed., Feb. 1 10 Shevat Leona Gordon Nathan Goldstuck Leo Kahn Elaine Stocker Harvery Gilbert

Thurs., Feb. 2 11 Shevat Dorothea Weinstein Pearl Rubin

Fri., Feb. 3 12 Shevat Max Slovin Michael Shlizerman Sara Faro Ann Herzfeld

Sat., Feb. 4
13 Shevat
Sam Menscher
Jimmy Wisch
Colleen Owen
Ben Rubin
Joe Zoblotsky

Sun., Feb. 5
14 Shevat
Ted Herman
Mon., Feb. 6
15 Shevat
Etta Bloom

Irma Hollander Alberto Listig

Marvin Prager

Reva Lustig

Tues., Feb. 7

16 Shevat Myer Singer Jack Cohn

Wed., Feb. 8 17 Shevat Louis Tuck Lucille Walderman Charles Anton Levsha Elgurt Jacob Tentenbaum

Thurs., Feb. 9 18 Shevat Esther Tuck Sheldon Labovitz

Fri., Feb. 10
19 Shevat
James Owen II
Joan Blumberg
Yetta Morris
Moshe Goikhman
Esther Rosen
Bess Mehl

Sat., Feb. 11
20 Shevat
Jerome Levy
Mary Nations
Sophie Myers
Morris Schwartz
Edwin Bond
Isadore Rosenthal
Shirley Anton
A.J. (Bob) Kboudi

Sun., Feb. 12 21 Shevat Thomas Taylor Harry Leva Ernest Stanley

Mon., Feb. 13 22 Shevat Dolly Lipshitz Thomas Sankary

Tues., Feb. 14 23 Shevat Berta Kessler Irwin Raffel

Wed., Feb. 15 24 Shevat Max Kaplan David Rubin Ruby Solomon

Thurs., Feb. 16 25 Shevat Joseph Hirshowitz Marilynn Belcher David Gilbert

Fri., Feb. 17
26 Shevat
David Meltzer
Dore Goldstein
Celia Karasic
Daniel Kamins, D.O.
Bertha Nussbaum

Sat., Feb. 18 27 Shevat Neil Michel Anna Levy A.L. Abramowitz Jacob Aarnow Ronnie Linn Charles Dwortz Meyer Friedman

Sun., Feb. 19
28 Shevat
Joe Vermillion
Bernard Benjamin
Sarah Sack
Harriet Kruger
Richard Lippman
Daisy Wolens Silverberg

Mon., Feb. 20 29 Shevat Beverley Moses Abe Kruger Ida Rosen

Tues., Feb. 21 30 Shevat Sally Nesoff Eunice Caughey Robert Lidell Jakob Kirschner Selma Richard

Wed., Feb. 22 1 Adar Sheyna Khayt Ida Nudleman Dora Gilula Danny Glazer Hava Shafir Joseph Coggan

Thurs., Feb. 23 2 Adar Blake Sturman Fri., Feb. 24
3 Adar
Margaret Hecht
Aaron Kuperman
Marie Countiss
Sara Korman
Oscar Schweiger
Helen Collier
Sol Rome
Jennie Kriesberg

Sat., Feb. 25 4 Adar Sadie Paul

Sun., Feb. 26 5 Adar Howard Rector Marilou Labovitz Saul Balmuth Dorothy Glazer

Mon., Feb. 27 6 Adar Frieda Cristol Rose Perlmutter Celia Goldstucker Helen Schronk Felix Nussbaum Vivian Berg M.H. Herzfeld

Tues., Feb. 28 7 Adar Sidney Lippman Fred Boehm Tony Bergman Shirley Coplin Alexandra Berger

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1/7/2023 Regina Rog Joyce Abramowitz

1/13/2023 Diana Weinberg

1/21/2023 Tony Bearden Joyce Abramowitz





Shout Out to Our Fabulous CAS Catering Committee

Our CAS Catering Committee has been very busy since our last bulletin. They have provided catering for a Bar Mitzvah, a B'nai Mitzvah, a Baby Naming, a Shiva Dinner, a special birthday kiddush, and the Jewish Federation Hanukkah Event. Thank you for all you do CAS Catering Committee!!!



Naomi Rosenfield, Rhonda Krupp, Rebecca Isgur, Suzi Herman, and Dan Sturman

We Celebrate: Anniversaries



2/9	Justin Newhart and Jenna Sadowitz	1 Year
2/19	Yevgeniy and Rina Ostrinsky	18 Years
2/24	Josh and Jennifer Levi	16 Years
2/25	Ben and Suzanne Herman	55 Years

We Celebrate: Birthdays

2/1 2/1 2/2 2/2 2/4 2/5 2/6 2/6 2/7 2/7	Elinor Cooper Sondra Richard Scott Berger J.R. Faigin Stuart Isgur Jacob Torbatian Diana Caesar Mitchell Smith Sabrina Beleck Ben Herman	2/13 2/14 2/14 2/16 2/17 2/17 2/17 2/17 2/19	Michael Linn Michael Kuptsin Debby Rice Gloria Sepp Misha Galaganov Yetta Gresky Arthur Pawgan Lon Werner Aliyah Rodriguez	2/21 2/23 2/24 2/25 2/25 2/25 2/26 2/27	Zoe Pierce Ceil Canter Ary Kiselstein Alex Frank Janeen Nicholas Mark Rosenfield Hailey Seiden Shirley Cohen
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Roberta Dubbs B'nai B'rith Event To Be Held In February at CAS

B'nai B'rith presents a special evening in support of displaced Ukrainian Jews, featuring an authentic four course Ukrainian meal, wine, live music, dancing and entertainment by Dallasbased internationally acclaimed singer and musician Goga.

2/20

The event, open to the entire community, will be held on Sunday, February 19th, 6:00 – 9:00 pm, here at Ahavath Sholom.

Advance sale tickets are \$36, or \$45 at the door, with profits going to the B'nai B'rith Relief Fund to support Ukrainian Jews and fight antisemitism. Ukrainian vodka, caviar and a souvenir shot glass will be available for a \$14 additional

"After Russia invaded Ukraine, and in many cases destroyed their homes, thousands of Jews fled to Israel. Our B'nai B'rith Lodge decided to provide help by creating this fundraiser," said

Rich Hollander, president of the lodge. "It is our responsibility to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves. B'nai B'rith is the oldest Jewish organization in the United States. Please join us for this evening to support Ukrainian Jews."

Event donors include the Jobe and Helen Richards Foundation, Trustees Chicotsky Family; B'nai B'rith Senior Housing; Chicotsky's Liquor & Fine Wine; Sophia and Alex Nason; the Texas Jewish Post and the CAS Morning Minyan Mitzvah Fund.

RSVP by emailing Alex Nason at anason53@gmail.com



Although I have met many of you who have been so kind, gracious, and very helpful, I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I am an Indiana transplant. As a Purdue graduate working in Indianapolis I met my husband

Joshua, who's from Connecticut. We have a little boy, Homer Darrell Conrad. We also have two dogs, Eustis and Layla, as well as a cat named Tatum. Our family lives in Saginaw, and we attend services at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville.

Among my interests are music, dance theater, wine tastings and paintings. I am

especially a sports enthusiast and fan. As a former Purdue cheerleader, my Boilermakers are my favorite special team. I also follow the Kansas City Chiefs and the Boston Red Sox. I love country music and I love Texas.

I am looking forward to meeting each and every one of you and your families. Please come by my office or contact me if I can assist you in any way.

Sincerely,

Angyl McCool Congregation Ahavath Sholom Office Administrator







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