

**התאחדות**  
**קולות ח.ק. עדת ישראל**



**Middletown, Connecticut**  
**December 2021 Kislev-Tevet 5782**



## **CHANUKAH** **2021**

Dear friends,

What's blue  
and white and market-  
ed all over?

The answer is Chanukah. Believe it or not, it is just around the corner, as this year it begins on November 28<sup>th</sup> – and with it the season of spending. It is amazing how much Chanukah has changed since its inception: With oversized menorahs, plastic dreidels, and an abundance of presents, it's little wonder that so few actually know that Chanukah is actually a minor holiday. It is not mentioned in the Prophets or Writings, let alone in the Torah. Only the Catholic version of the Bible has the Books of Maccabees – not exactly your most authoritative Jewish source.

This holiday, which commemorates a Jewish military victory against the Syrians in 167 B.C., was

not canonized until some 400 years later – appearing in the Talmud, which discusses what it is – a holiday celebrating the miracle of long-lasting oil – and how to do it – increase a candle for each day. No blue and white packages are mentioned, nor gelt, nor dreidls.

But look at Chanukah today. Almost unrecognizable! The same way we transform ourselves as life goes on, so has Chanukah – particularly in America, and particularly because of Christmas. Rabbi Joshua Plaut, a historian who wrote a book called A Kosher Christmas: 'Tis the Season to Be Jewish calls this transformation the “Americanization of Chanukah”, which involves making it a highly commercialized holiday.

Rabbi Plaut affirms that historically European Jews always felt overwhelmed by Christmas, and either adamantly rejected it or embraced its traditions.

On one side, there are those among us who see Christmas in such a bad light that they call it by the name *Nittel Nakht*, the night of hanging. The idea of not studying Torah, and solely playing cards or chess during Christmas still exists in some communities. Among the Satmar, the term used for Christmas is *Bitel Nahkht*, a reference to *Bitul Torah* – the night of suspending of Torah study. There is a famous photograph of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the late Lubavitch rebbe, playing chess with his father-in-law – and their followers affirm it was taken on Christmas.

Yet, affirms rabbi Plaut, in Germany Jews began to relate differently to Christmas, as they assimilated into German society. Believe it or not, some

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at [rickandmichelle360@gmail.com](mailto:rickandmichelle360@gmail.com)  
or the rabbi (203) 543-7454  
or Joanna at the office.

*(Rabbi continued on p 3)*

# EARLY RISERS MINYAN



Adath Israel  
*Celebrate Jewish Life*

DECEMBER 1ST  
7:00AM



KIDDUSH BREAKFAST FOLLOWING SERVICES

(Rabbi Continued from page 1)

Jewish families had Christmas celebrations with all the trimmings: exchanging of gifts, elaborate dinners and trees. They accepted Christmas as a “cultural event”. Many German Jewish families carried their affinity for Christmas to the United States. In big American cities with large Jewish populations, Jews celebrated their secular version of Christmas with holiday wreaths on their doors and trees in their homes.

With time, as American Jews grew more comfortable in their own religious identity, a change took place – Chanukah acquired the trappings of Christmas, but with its own official colors (blue and white) and a tradition of gift giving (with some families giving eight gifts, one for every night of the holiday).

In a 1930's book entitled What Every Jewish Woman Should Know, good Jewish mothers are instructed that the children "be showered with gifts, Chanukah gifts, as a perhaps primitive, but effective means of making them immune against envy of the Christian children and their Christmas." No wonder that today Chanukah is treated by many as something like a Jewish Christmas: big, bold and laden. If not laden with content, certainly with gifts.

I would like to invite you to remember two things this Chanukah: first, that it is a holiday to be celebrated at home with family, a holiday to celebrate religious freedom – and a moment to think about how we maintain such freedom, how we maintain our own identity when facing the larger American culture.

And second, remind yourself and your family what family celebrations are all about: being together. Giving gifts should not supersede or be a substitute for the greatest gift you can give your loved ones: your time. Your self. Your companionship. Your ideas and values. Your presence. What we all need is connection – stuff is a very poor substitute for love.

Have a meaningful and happy Chanukah!

Rabbi Nelly Altenburger



## **THE LGBTQIA+ DEREKH**



### *Questioning the Intersection of Jewish and Queer Identities*

Location: Nester Center

Date/Time: December 12, 2021 @ 12:00pm

Description: This workshop and conversation space will guide participants through an exploration of Jewish and LGBTQIA+ identities.

Together, we will question:

- ◇ How do LGBTQIA+ individuals exist as both proud Jews and openly proud members of the queer
- ◇ community?
- ◇ What is the purpose of bringing Jewish and queer identities together?
- ◇ What can the points of intersection reveal about how Jewish, LGBTQIA+ individuals are supported by their communities?

This event will be facilitated by Will Blumberg (*he/they*), Wesleyan Class of '22.

All identities and affiliations are encouraged to participate, including allies of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Light refreshments will be served.

Recommended for ages 12+

RSVP to the office or use this link:

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## **D'VAR TORAH**

*by Jonah Devin Young  
(Offered November 6)*

Shabbat shalom!

I'd like to thank all of you for coming to my bar mitzvah. The name of my parsha is Tol'dot which is about the brothers Jacob and Esau both trying to get their father Isaac's blessing. Jacob comes out on top by outsmarting Esau.



My first question about my reading is why did Isaac stay in Israel his entire life whereas others who led the Jewish people travelled around. For example, Moses brought the Jewish people out of Egypt and across the desert. Jacob moved to Egypt, Abraham traveled to Haran and later to Canaan, Noah travels to Ararat on the flood. Isaac did not leave Israel because he had no reason to leave. Isaac didn't have anything dramatic happen while he oversaw the Jewish people, he just watched over them and made sure they were safe. Travelling is important because you can learn things in other places and benefit yourself as well as others.

My second question is why didn't Rebekah tell Isaac that God said Jacob would be better? I think Rebecca didn't tell Isaac because Esau needed his love as well and if he knew that God had said Jacob was better, Isaac would have not loved Esau. It was important for Esau to be loved as well so he wouldn't grow up hating his brother. I feel that it shouldn't matter if Jacob will lead the Jewish people. A parent

shouldn't love one child more than others, Esau could still do great things.

My third question is why wasn't Isaac mad at Jacob for tricking him into giving him the blessing and then giving him an even greater blessing as a reward? I think Isaac gave Jacob the blessing to lead the Jewish people because he was smart and could trick Isaac into giving him the blessing and tricking his brother into giving him his birthright. Isaac knew the Jewish people needed someone smart to lead them. Being smart is good for a leader because they can make good decisions for the Jewish people. Leaders also need to know how to help others.

Another lesson I learned from this for my own future is that Esau gave away his birthright for some food and had it come back to bite him because what you do in the dark always comes to light. I also learned that being smart is better than being strong. If you can outsmart your enemy you can beat your enemy no matter how big fast or strong your opponent might be.

Something special that I'm doing for my bar mitzvah is to remember a child killed in the Holocaust. One and a half million Jewish children were lost during the Holocaust before they had a chance to grow into Jewish adults, many before their own call to the Torah. Kurt Jong was one of these children. As with all the children remembered by the "Remember Us" project, Kurt's name and information has been given to only one Bar or Bat Mitzvah person. I am the only one who has been given and accepted the responsibility and honor of remembering him. He was murdered at Auschwitz in October 1942 when he was just 10 years old. I have made a commitment to saying the kaddish prayer on the anniversary of my bar mitzvah each year for the rest of my life so I never forget and therefore he will never be forgotten. Our Jewish tradition tells us that after we die we live on in the memories of other people. As long as I remember Kurt, there will always be a part of him that the Nazis couldn't kill.

I'd like to give thanks to my mom for pushing to be the best Jewish man I can be. I'd like to thank my Mimi for always believing in me. Thank you, Adath Israel, for helping me learn and be where I am right now. Thank you to Mrs. Bennet for being there for me no matter what. And thanks to Rabbi Nelly and Rabbi Haaz for giving me the opportunity to stand in front of you all and read Torah.

Shabbat shalom!



# Adath Israel

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## SHABBAT L'CHOL ADAT

### DECEMBER 11TH \* 9:30AM

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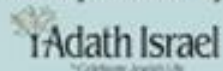


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<u>Issue</u>	<u>Article Due Date</u>
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March	2/7
April	3/7
May	4/11
June	5/9



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# PRAY EAT SING

**JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6:00 PM**  
**RSVP: DECEMBER 30**

**Free to members; others \$10.00 per person or \$18/family**

## **IT'S NEWS**

### **B'RUCHIM HABA'IM! WELCOME to our newest members**

Cantor Re'ut Ben-Zeev



### **MAZAL TOV!**

Kol HaKavod to Jonah Young on becoming a Bar Mitzvah. Mazal tov to his family.

### **TODAH RABAH**

Naomi Kamins for proofreading Kolot  
 Eva Bardwell for laying out Kolot  
 Sharon Slossberg & Merle Loza for assembling & mailing Kolot  
 Sharon Slossberg for also: returning bottles, folding programs, shredding documents  
 Michelle Grossman, Myra Finkelstein, and Nancy Schwartz for assembling College Student care packages  
 Stephanie Meadow for taking care of our eNews and blasts  
 Nancy Schwartz & Sam Bauer for assembling yahrtzeit letters  
 Harriet, Marcey, Aaron Thiela for all their grocery shopping  
 Aaron Thiela for washing towels from the kitchen  
 Michelle Grossman, Myra Finkelstein, and Nancy Schwartz for assembling gifts to our college students  
 Doris Feitelson & Aaron Thiela for help shredding documents

### **"Where there is no food there is no Torah"**

#### **Sponsoring a Kiddush**

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Rob Goldstein in celebration of his bar mitzvah anniversary

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### **SPEEDY RECOVERY**

We'd like to wish a "Refua Shleima" to the following:

Shana Adams, Katrina Axelrod, Seth Axelrod, Natalie Cheermen, Bernie Fabian, Sy Feldman, Paula Goldstein, Elaine Gross, Mark Itkin, Hal Kaplan, Jean Lawrence, Denise Levy, Hyime Paley, Irv Pincus, Rabbi Press, David Schwarz, Ruth Sigal, Joe Zaiantz, Fred Zierler, and Risa Zierler.



### **MAY GOD GIVE COMFORT TO**

Deepest sympathies to Rabbi Michael Kohn on the recent death of his mother, Selma Kohn.

## **Compassionate Care Aka Bikur Cholim Committee**

A core value of our Congregation is to provide care to our community.

This care often includes pastoral visits but our scope is much broader.

We can provide visits, calls, cards, transportation, shopping and food assistance, and, often more, when we know of the needs. We try to provide emotional support where helpful and connections for those who are isolated by whatever circumstances (alone at home, at a medical facility or nursing home). We do this confidentially and without cost or obligation.

We need your help to identify those who need assistance that we do not know about and the best way to contact them. Please reach out to us with as much information as you can share in confidence so that we can reach out and fulfill our desire to help those in need in our community.

For the time being, Michelle Grossman has agreed to be the contact person for Compassionate Care. She can be reached at **203-558-4937** or [rickandmichelle360@gmail.com](mailto:rickandmichelle360@gmail.com).

Help Us Help You!



## **ADATH ISRAEL BOOK CLUB**

This Hanukkah, let's rededicate ourselves to reading. May the light of the menorah brighten our spirits and show us new ways to explore and learn!

Special thanks to Mark Altenburger for suggesting *The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton* by Andrew Porwancher and leading the discussion at our October meeting. We certainly learned a lot about our Founding Fathers and the Colonial era – including the antisemitism and racial inequality at that time. What a fascinating read!

Our next Book Club meeting will be on **December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** This is a collaboration with the Meriden Public Library and will be a virtual discussion with *New York Times* Best Selling author, Meg Waite Clayton who wrote *The Last Train to London*. This historical fiction novel is based on a true story of the Kindertransport rescue of ten thousand children from Nazi-occupied Europe -- and one brave woman who helped them escape to safety and freedom. This presentation is made possible by generous donations to support Meriden Library's **Temple B'nai Abraham World War II Holocaust and Genocide Collection**. Registration will be required for this event and a special Zoom link will be provided by the Meriden Public Library. Stay tuned for details on how to register!

Happy Reading!

ROBERTA and HOLLY

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### **Author Visit: Meg Waite Clayton**

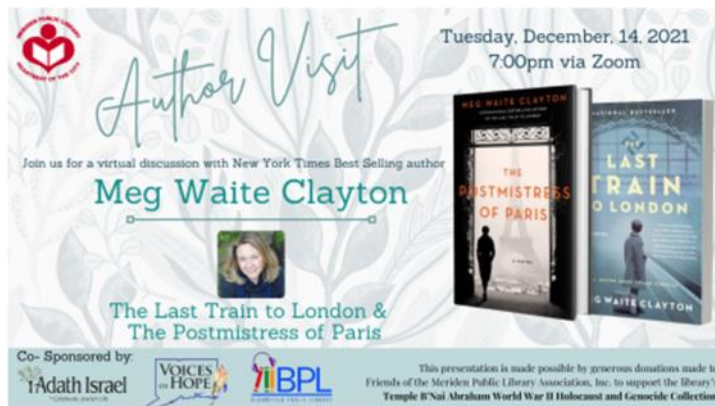
Registration: <https://meriden.librarycalendar.com/events/author-visit-meg-waite-clayton>

Event Details: Join us for a virtual discussion with New York Times best selling author, Meg Waite Clayton. Don't miss out on this opportunity to dive deeper into her novels *The Last Train to London* and *The Postmistress of Paris*.

This will be presented via Zoom. **Registration is required.**

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*This event is co-sponsored by Adath Israel, Voices of Hope and the Bloomfield Public Library.*



## TIKKUN OLAM AT ADATH ISRAEL

### JONAH YOUNG

*by Sam Bauer*

Jonah Young is 13 and has been a member of this synagogue for his whole life. He has been studying diligently for months and most recently had his bar-mitzvah on November 6th. Jonah is now a proud Jewish adult, and the subject of this Tikkun Olam Article.



His Torah portion on November 6th was Toldot, which details the relationship between Isaac and his two sons: Jacob and Esau. The torah tells us that Rebecca, Isaac's wife, was unable to conceive so he prayed to God so that they might have children. Rebecca did conceive and had twins, with Esau being born first. Isaac classically favors Esau as he grows up because Esau is a hunter and warrior, but Rebecca favors Jacob and conspires to steal Esau's birthright from him. There follows the classic story of Jacob tricking Esau into "selling" his birthright for a meal, but one detail is most retellings leave out is Rebecca was given a vision by God before the brothers were even born, telling her that the older child must serve the younger. How must it have felt to know that you are commanded to put one child over the other before they are even born? But Rebecca does as she is asked and has faith that God will provide for Esau too.

Jonah has done all of us a mitzvot by leading services and by teaching us about the Torah through

his perspective. This is Deuteronomy 6:7, "To learn Torah and to teach it." There is, however, another mitzvah here and the one closest to it amongst the 613 is Deuteronomy 20:3 "Not to panic and retreat during battle." I don't mean this literally but in the sense that Jonah put himself in the vulnerable position of leading the congregation and did not let nervousness get the better of him. He had faith, like Rebecca did, that God would provide through his lessons and through the support of his community. I will respond with a mitzvot of my own, Leviticus 19:32, "To honor those who teach and know Torah." Congratulations Jonah! I look forward to seeing more of you in the community and wish you all the success in the world.

### **CELEBRATE JEWISH LIFE THROUGH PRAYER**

All services are in-person & via Zoom

#### **Morning Minyan**

Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM

1st Wednesday of the month, 7:00 AM

Sunday, 9:00 AM

[Zoom Info](#)

Meeting ID: 863 5646 9422 Passcode: 679552

#### **Shabbat Services**

Friday, 7:00 PM

Monthly Pray-Eat-Sing Services, 6:00 PM

Saturday, 9:30 AM

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Meeting ID: 815 6727 3870 Passcode: 474612

All prayer services at Adath Israel are public events, open to the community as a whole. Members, guests, and other religious seekers who desire the warmth of Jewish prayer and the fellowship of being together are always welcome.



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The office is closed weekends, legal holidays, and Jewish holy days.

In the event of an emergency closing due to weather or public health the office will work remotely.

**Wishing you good health.**



december 2021  
kislev/tevet

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
* Candle lighting times for Middletown, CT	Events/Services marked Zoom are Zoom only		1 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School—Grades 3-7 5:30 p.m. Religious School Candle Lighting & Dinner  *4:52 p.m. Light 4 Candles <b>Hanukkah</b> 27 kislev	2 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom  *4:52 p.m. Light 5 Candles <b>Hanukkah</b> 28 kislev	3 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service  *4:02 p.m. Light 6 Candles before Shabbat begins <b>Hanukkah</b> 29 kislev	4 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services    Miketz *5:06 p.m. Light 7 Candles after Havdalah <b>Hanukkah</b> Rosh Chodesh 30 kislev
5 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School—All Grades 5 p.m. Community Hanukkah Program  *4:02 p.m. Light 8 Candles <b>Hanukkah</b> Rosh Chodesh 1 tevet	6 8 a.m. Minyan    <b>Hanukkah</b> 2 tevet	7 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Board Mtg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon   <b>3 tevet</b>	8 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School—Grades 3-7   <b>4 tevet</b>	9 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom   <b>5 tevet</b>	10 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service   *4:02 p.m. <b>6 tevet</b>	11 9:30 a.m. Shabbat L'chol Adat Morning Services      <b>Vayigash</b> 7 tevet
12 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School—All Grades    <b>8 tevet</b>	13 8 a.m. Minyan    <b>9 tevet</b>	14 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Book Club w/ Meriden Pub. Lib., Zoom 7:30 p.m. Al Anon  <b>Fast of 10th of Tevet</b> 10 tevet	15 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School—Grades 3-7   <b>11 tevet</b>	16 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom   <b>12 tevet</b>	17 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service   *4:04 p.m. <b>13 tevet</b>	18 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services 6:30 p.m. Sound Healing Service, Zoom     <b>Vayechi</b> 14 tevet
19 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School—All Grades   <b>15 tevet</b>	20 8 a.m. Minyan   <b>16 tevet</b>	21 Office closed 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon  <b>17 tevet</b>	22 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School—Grades 3-7  <b>18 tevet</b>	23 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom  <b>19 tevet</b>	24 Office closed 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service  *4:07 p.m. <b>20 tevet</b>	25 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services   Christmas <i>Shemot</i> 21 tevet
26 No Religious School 9 a.m. Minyan 9:30 a.m. Jewish War Veterans Brunch  <b>22 tevet</b>	27 8 a.m. Minyan   <b>23 tevet</b>	28 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon  <b>24 tevet</b>	29 No Religious School 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom  <b>25 tevet</b>	30 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom  <b>26 tevet</b>	31 Office closed 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service  *4:12 p.m. <b>27 tevet</b>	



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## tevet/shevat

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
						<b>1</b> 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services  New Year's Day <i>Va'era</i> <b>28 tevet</b>
<b>2</b> No Religious School 9 a.m. Minyan  <b>29 tevet</b>	<b>3</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>Rosh Chodesh</b> <b>1 shevat</b>	<b>4</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Board of Directors Mtg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon  <b>2 shevat</b>	<b>5</b> 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School—Grades 3-7  <b>3 shevat</b>	<b>6</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom  <b>4 shevat</b>	<b>7</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Pray-Eat-Sing Shabbat Evening Service & Dinner  *4:19 p.m. <b>5 shevat</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services  <b>Bo</b> <b>6 shevat</b>
<b>9</b> 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School—All Grades  <b>7 shevat</b>	<b>10</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>8 shevat</b>	<b>11</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon  <b>9 shevat</b>	<b>12</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School—Grades 3-7  <b>10 shevat</b>	<b>13</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom  <b>11 shevat</b>	<b>14</b> 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service  *4:26 p.m. <b>12 shevat</b>	<b>15</b> 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services 6:30 p.m. Sound Healing Service, Zoom  <b>Beshalach</b> <b>13 shevat</b>
<b>16</b> 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School—All Grades  <b>14 shevat</b>	<b>17</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  Martin Luther King Day <b>Tu B'shevat</b> <b>15 shevat</b>	<b>18</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Book Club 7:30 p.m. Al Anon  <b>16 shevat</b>	<b>19</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School—Grades 3-7  <b>17 shevat</b>	<b>20</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom  <b>18 shevat</b>	<b>21</b> 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening  *4:34 p.m. <b>19 shevat</b>	<b>22</b> 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services 5:45 p.m. Shabbat L'chol Adat Havdalah Program  <b>Yitro</b> <b>20 shevat</b>
<b>23</b> 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School—All Grades 9:30 a.m. Jewish War Veterans Brunch  <b>21 shevat</b>	<b>24</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>22 shevat</b>	<b>25</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon  <b>23 shevat</b>	<b>26</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School—Grades 3-7  <b>24 shevat</b>	<b>27</b> 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom  <b>25 shevat</b>	<b>28</b> 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service  *4:43 p.m. <b>26 shevat</b>	<b>29</b> 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services  <b>Mishpatim</b> <b>27 shevat</b>
<b>30</b> 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School—All Grades  <b>28 shevat</b>	<b>31</b> 8 a.m. Minyan  <b>29 shevat</b>					







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