

**We stand
with
Israel**



**Middletown, Connecticut
December 2023 kisle/tevet 5784**



Dear friends,

It is incredible to think it has been a month since October 7th, and the attack on Israel by Hamas.

Thirty days, *shloshim* in Hebrew, is an important marker. If shivah marks the week of most intense mourning, *shloshim* marks a moment of reinsertion in the new reality. Rabbi Chaim Shreiber explained why this time frame matters: “The Jewish calendar is based on the moon. Just as the moon waxes and wanes in a cyclical period, the 30 days of mourning are an opportunity for the closing of a full emotional circle. The process begins with the funeral and the first days of shiva, when one can’t even see a glimmer of light. With the passing of time, the light returns in stages, and waxes more and more. Thirty

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

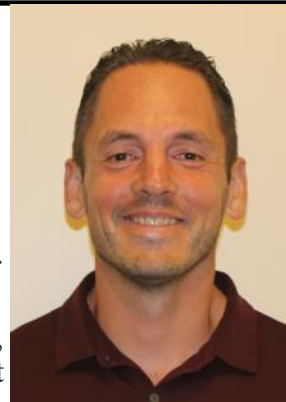
If you or anyone you know is ill or in need of support, please let our Bikur Cholim (Compassionate Care) Committee know!

Contact Michelle Grossman
at rickandmichelle360@gmail.com
or Joanna in the office.

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A Life Changing Trip to Israel

*Adam Finkelstein
President*



I have never been to Israel. Not yet anyway.

At this time last year though, a close friend made her first trip. She came home a changed person, inspired by what she had seen, learned, and the people she had met.

If you met Rebecca Wilansky or heard any of the tributes to her in the last ten weeks, you know she was absolutely full of life, always positive, and enthusiastic. It was almost impossible to be around her and not have fun. While she left us far too soon, she left behind a legacy of living life to its fullest.

A great example is when she applied to take a trip to Israel with a group of women, none of whom she had ever met before, through the Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford. As her husband Frank told me, the trip meant so much to her that she would want to share it.

If she were still with us, I am quite sure she would insist, actually. In fact, I can almost hear her in my head saying this month’s Kolot article would be written by the vice-president. She would have said it playfully, and yet meant it very literally.

Instead, Frank has given me permission to share some of the pictures and notes Rebecca sent to close friends within our congregation in a running group

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HANUKKAH GIFT FAIR

Hanukkah is coming. Don't miss out on the opportunity to get your holiday shopping done early!



**9:30am-
12:30 pm**

**Sunday,
December 3rd**

****Special arrangements** can be made to view our holiday merchandise by contacting the temple office. We have many new items to offer, so come visit us for your holiday purchases!**

www.adathisraelct.org

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chat that lasted throughout her trip.

It began on November 12th, when she sent us a text from the airport that simply read “It’s go time :)”

About 12 hours later, we received our first picture, taken from a window seat of the airplane overlooking the wing with the moon close behind. The message read, “I’m here kids :)”

For the next ten days we were treated to constant updates with pictures of where she was visiting, the friends she was making, and videos of the celebrations she was participating in ranging from Tsfat to Old Jerusalem.



Her trip meant so much to her that she not only agreed to be our vice-president

shortly after she returned, she also joined with other women from her group to form a new organization, Yaysh, that is spearheading future trips to Israel similar to the one she attended. She was even planning a return trip to Israel in 2025.



She also encouraged me to do the same. We even talked about planning a trip for our families and opening it up to members of the congregation.



I regret there won’t be a chance to take that trip together, but I am grateful that I was able to share in her trip in some small way and have the memories of her transformational experience illuminate my thoughts at a time when so many of us are keeping Israel and Jews around the world in our prayers. I am grateful she experienced such an incredible and powerful trip to Israel before the events of October 7, 2023. I am hopeful trips to Israel like Rebecca experienced will be returning soon at a time when Israel finds and can have a lasting peace and be the Promised Land Jews have always envisioned and dreamed.



Samuel Auerbach Library Update (Lending Library)

Our new Samuel Auerbach Library now located in the Nester Center is almost complete and ready to welcome new lenders. Working with Nancy Schwartz, Dave Shulman and myself to reorganize all the books properly and add some new books from the B’nai Abraham’s library, we have completed filling our bookcases. There is even a bookcase in the Board Room in the Nester Center that houses all the books that our Book Club has read that you can borrowed if you haven’t had the opportunity to read them.

In order to move all the books, additional bookcases were needed to be purchased for the Nester Center. Thank you to our wonderful donors, Marc and Roberta Glass for enabling us to purchase what we needed. With all the new books that have come our way, we find again that another bookcase is needed to be placed in the Library. The cost of the additional bookcase is \$275. Thanks to a donation from Marshal and Laurie Press of \$100, we will only need another \$175 to finish our library completely.

Once the money is raised and the bookcase is purchased, the library will be open for business.

Then we will work on hours of operation and publish it in Kolot. The library will be on the honor system – take a book and bring it back when done enjoying it,

Thank you in advance for your considering a donation big or small. Keep watching for more information about this exciting event.

Eileen Daling

"Make books your companions; let your bookshelves be your gardens: bask in their beauty, gather their fruit, pluck their roses, take their spices and myrrh. And when your soul be weary, change from garden to garden, and from prospect to prospect.

~ Ibn Tibbon, c* 1120-1190 ? Spanish Jewish scholar

EARLY RISERS MINYAN

December 6th
7:00am



 Adath Israel
Celebrate Jewish Life

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days is an important period of time, a time for renewal and grasping a new reality.”

I feel that I aged much in these thirty days. Maybe even thirty years. I feel both thirty years wiser and thirty years sadder. And what have we learned in these thirty days?

First, during those moments of darkness, there was bravery. And that bravery was not only “give me a truck and a gun and let me go rescue people”, as the stories of Israel Ziv, Noam and Gali Tibon, and Yigal Singer tell us. There was the bravery of sending grenades back to the terrorists, as Aner Shapira did, as he defended his friend Hersh Goldberg Polin and more than 20 other people trapped in a bomb shelter. All those you can Google.

But then there was the bravery of Shlomo Ron, a story that did not make the headlines here in America because it is of a different type of bravery, a quiet type, keeping in part with the character of Shlomo, whose story I only learned because of a post on Facebook by Hadas Goz. Shlomo was not armed with a weapon, but with an intense love for his daughters, his wife, and his grandson. He also loved theater, music, art and poetry, and books. He was old, quite ill, with glasses, a moustache, and a gentle soul. When the terrorists came to Nahal Oz, his kibbutz, Shlomo went at first with the family—wife, daughters and grandson—to the *ma’amad*, the safe room. But as they began understanding what the situation was, thanks to the internal messaging system in the kibbutz, Shlomo went out of the *ma’amad*, and waited, sitting in the living room, for the terrorists. His hope, his plan, was that the terrorists would think that in this house lived an old man, alone, and they would kill him and move on. And this is what happened—he was able to save his beloved family.

Another thing I have learned is that the best thing to say is the obvious: there are no words. Because, many times there is nothing to be said—no words of comfort and certainly no platitudes. *Ayn milim*, say the Israelis: There are no words. There is just showing up however you are able: letters, emails, calls, drawings, donations. Yehuda Kurtzer, the president of Shalom Hartman Institute, had a trip scheduled for October 14 that had been planned months in advance. He did not cancel it, as he never cancels trips to Israel, nor did ElAl, which was, just by chance, the airline he was flying that week. All the others had cancelled. And

Yehuda spoke on the podcast *Identity/Crisis* about his experience that week—how every person, including the server at the restaurant, was glad that he was there. And how he felt this was “nothing...I don’t want accolades for just showing up” but then he understood it is like when you show up for shiva. It’s not like you changed anything, but you showed up, and the family knows. The same thing happened to Yehuda Kurtzer, and the same thing happens every time you show up.

The son of one of my best friends is in the IDF. And I know that the only thing I can do is to be there with him, as he (and I, to a much lesser degree) breathe relief every time the “boy” is able to send a message that he is fine. And the “boy” – well, I have watched him grow up since age 6. He is a young father right now, and like most able-bodied young men and women, is serving. I call his father twice a week, and we commiserate. And let me tell you, Psalm 140 has never been so needed in my daily davening, never so full of meaning as it is now.

There is also the incredible resilience and initiative of our sisters and brothers in Israel; something we can all learn. How out of the same groups that were protesting the government, sprung a tight net of help. In the podcast *Can We Talk* a recent episode called “The Women’s War Room,” featured the feminist organization *Bonot Alternativa* (Building an Alternative) and how they shifted their work to be providers of services and goods for people of all political stripes. It has been said that in Israel the institutions are fragile, while the sense of community is strong, and this month has definitely shown that.

The last thing I will say about lessons of this month is quite simple, but we as a people seem to have forgotten: we are all together in this. This past year has been a difficult one for Israel and for Israeli-American relations. *Eretz Nehederet*, a satirical show similar to *Saturday Night Live*, put it succinctly in a one-minute skit. In it, the scene is the soldiers boarding the bus, all in uniform, as the roll-caller calls them. But not by individual names, which is actually how it is done. The sketch used all the political camps, using all the name-calling of the past year: “anarchists, Bibists, traitors, messianists, backstabbers of the country, destroyers of democracy, Arab-lovers, bigots, criminals, entitled people wearing Rolexes, dykes destroying the army, first

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 Adath Israel
Celebrate Jewish Life



**WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 13TH
5:30 - 7:30 PM**

ADATH ISRAEL'S COMMUNITY
HANUKKAH
CELEBRATION/CANDLELIGHTING

Bring your own menorah and candles to light at 5:45 followed by latke bar and light dinner. Activities include story time, driedles and songs. Free and open to all with suggested donation of one can of food for Amazing Grace Food Pantry.

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3MD34Au>

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Israel, second Israel, fifth-columnists"...and all are boarding the bus. Because when push comes to shove, we are all in this together.

The grief of the attack has morphed into a position of clear-eyed unity of many camps, even in those critical of Israel's politicians, politics, and policies. Ephi Shoham is such a person: he, too, was a leader in the protests, and then his organization Brothers and Sisters in Arms also morphed into social services. And then, his three sons were called for army duty. He could—and it would be quite expected, were he an American—he could have said: I don't trust the Israeli Government, I will not allow my sons to fight for its wars. He could, but he didn't. He is able to compartmentalize between what it means to be an angry citizen, frustrated with his government, and a responsible citizen helping to fill in the gaps that the government cannot; and a loyal citizen who sends his sons to defend his country.

In that sense we too, in the diaspora, feel it. In the diaspora, we have a sense, too, of how Jews are seen by certain groups, regardless of their like or dislike of Israel. We are all together in this. Here, the kind of battle we are in for is a battle of information, critical thinking, and moral compass. It is important to realize what Hamas stands for; how there are thousands of innocent lives on the line, both among Israelis and among Palestinians, and what the geopolitics of the region are. It is important to be able to articulate our values and our stand. And above all, we should always remember that ours is a people who affirm life, the value of life, and the value of living. Ours is a people for whom that small piece of land—remember, all we are talking about fits inside the state of New Jersey—is beloved, despite all its problems.

As Bono sang, "There is no end to grief . . . and there is no end to love."

May we continue to grow in our understanding and learning of all aspects of this war, and may we find ways to show up for Israel and to help all those affected by the war. Please refer to the next column for suggestions.

Warmly,

Rabbi Nelly



TIKKUN OLAM OPPORTUNITIES

Ways You Can Help

Mosaic United. This is a site where you can get informed on ways to combat antisemitism and anti-Zionism online and offline. <https://mosaicunited.org/>

Bonot Alternativa. The aforementioned group helping women directly impacted by the war. They have 100,000 volunteers to open ad hoc community-care centers for the displaced. <https://www.bonot.org/aid-israel>

Brothers and Sisters in Arms. All donations go toward procuring and distributing supplies to civilians and security personnel in the conflict zones. <https://www.ahimlaneshek.org/donate-2023>

UnXeptable. The pro-democracy protest group founded by Israeli expatriates in Silicon Valley is seeking volunteers to host Israelis who are stuck abroad, organizing Bring Them Home rallies for the hostages and highlighting organizations seeking donations. unxeptable.org/crisis

Magen David Adom. Donations support paramedics, EMTs, first responders and first-aid providers in Israel. afmda.org

United Hatzalah. This nonprofit, fully volunteer emergency medical service organization provides help throughout Israel free of charge. israelrescue.org

ERAN: Emotional First Aid. The group runs a 24-hour crisis hotline for mental health emergencies in Israel. en.eran.org.il

Israel Trauma Coalition. The organization and its member groups, especially ERAN and NATAL, have expanded their mental health crisis services due to the large number of requests for help. israeltraumacoalition.org/en

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Shabbat L'chol Adat

Saturday, December 16, 9:30am
Tot Shabbat, 11:30am

Shabbat for the whole community

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NATAL. Israel Trauma Center for Victims of Terror and War. This Israeli organization offers mental health treatment for PTSD and other trauma related to war and terror. natal.org.il/en

The Jewish Agency's Fund for the Victims of Terror. Your donation will directly help Israelis affected by terror attacks: <https://www.jewishagency.org/>

Friends of Israeli Defense Forces. Critical Needs that your gift to FIDF can go toward: temporary field hospitals, intensive care ambulances, hygiene kits, plasma kits: <https://www.fidf.org/>

IsraAid. Founded in 2001, IsraAid is the largest humanitarian aid organization based in Israel: <https://www.israaid.org/>



Compassionate Care A.K.A. 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 who 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.

Michelle Grossman is the contact person for Compassionate Care. She can be reached at 203-558-4937 or rickandmichelle360@gmail.com.



Use the morning minyan as a reason...you don't even have to leave the comfort of your home.

You can attend on Zoom. Rabbi Altenburger has said that you would count toward the minyan if (1) you were in a live picture or (2) your voice was heard by the community. So, if you're not "ready for prime time," you can count with just your voice, or if you are uncomfortable with the Hebrew, you can "mute" the audio and just watch what is happening. In this way you can expose yourself to the morning minyan from the comfort of your home, help the community maintain a 100 plus-year tradition of the daily minyan and slowly become more comfortable with this part of Judaic life. If you are interested the Zoom information appears elsewhere in the bulletin and you can contact Joanna in the office for a prayer book to have at home. Check the service schedule for the time of the minyan (it is generally 8am weekdays, 9am Sundays and 9:30 on Saturday). You are not required to make a commitment...just show up whenever you feel like it...you will meet some very nice people!

Phil Saxe

December Moments in Jewish History



12/02/1763 Touro Synagogue Consecrated in Newport, Rhode Island

12/07/1847 Birthday of academic and educator Rabbi Solomon Schechter

12/19/1831 Jews Granted Equality by Governing Council in Jamaica

12/31/1908 Birthday of Famed Nazi Hunter Simon Wiesenthal

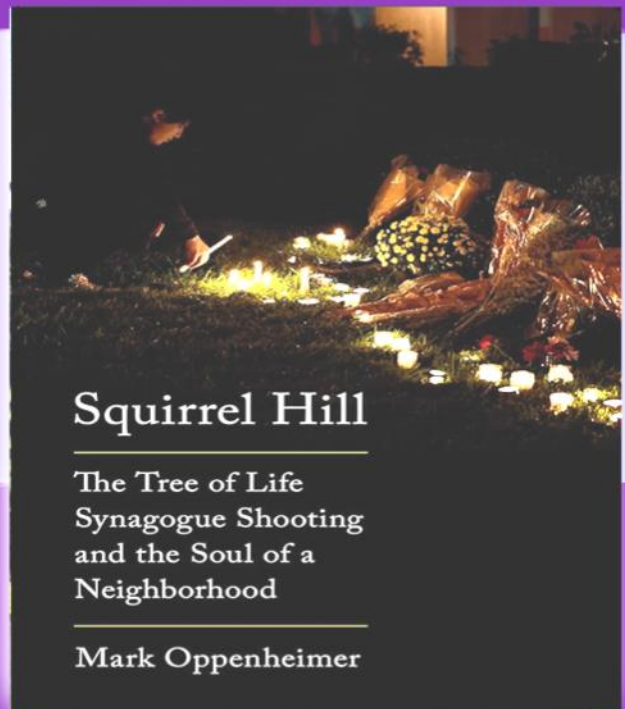


Book Club

December 26th * 7:00pm **Zoom and In Person**

Squirrel Hill: The Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting and the Soul of a Neighborhood
by Mark Oppenheimer

Zoom Info
Meeting ID: 886 4652 0065
Passcode: 196174



Squirrel Hill

The Tree of Life
Synagogue Shooting
and the Soul of a
Neighborhood

Mark Oppenheimer



Adath Israel Book Club
is free and open to
anyone who desires
great discussions about
fascinating books
on Jewish topics

For more information, please contact
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or Holly Simon: hfpsimon@icloud.com
860-395-8989



Volunteer Corner

The synagogue administrative office is always looking for volunteers. Sometimes there are specific tasks that need to be accomplished on a monthly basis and other times they are one and done tasks. The following is a list of some of those various tasks that you might find you are available to help accomplish. Your time and commitment is very much appreciated. Maybe you will even work with a member you've never met before and make a new friend.

If you find a task that you would be available to assist with, please contact me, Eileen Daling at edaling21@att.net and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your dedication to Adath Israel

Recurring Tasks:

Computer knowledge to layout our monthly newsletter – Kolot

Assemble monthly and/or other mailings.

Help to shop for/prepare food for our monthly Pray-Eat-Sing and other dinners and events.

If you would be willing to assist with any one time tasks, provided you are available when contacted (i.e. Purim Carnival, Hanukkah Candle Lighting, Fundraising events, etc.) please also contact me and we will keep you in mind and/or contact you when these and other like tasks need volunteers.



Kolot Due Dates

| Kolot Issue | Article Due Date |
|-------------|------------------|
| January | 12/4 |
| February | 1/8 |
| March | 2/5 |
| April | 3/4 |
| May | 4/8 |
| June | 5/6 |



Countdown to Chanukah and 2024!

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

Many thanks to all who participated on November 14th in the discussion of *Incident at San Miguel* by A.J. Sidransky. What a story of intertwined, family and politics in a moment in Cuban history!

On December 26th, we will discuss *Squirrel Hill: The Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting and the Soul of a Neighborhood* by Mark Oppenheimer. Karen Swartz, originally from that part of Pennsylvania, will lead the discussion.

The Book Club meetings are held at The Nester Center at 7 p.m. as well as via Zoom. We are using a hybrid model to maximize attendance. Come join us!

Meeting ID: 886 4652 0065

Passcode: 196174

Happy 2024! Stay tuned for book selections in the new year!

Whatever your holidays may hold in store, we hope you are able to steal some quiet time for yourself where you can relax and lose yourself in a book! Happy Reading!

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JEW OF THE WORLD * SPEAKER SERIES *

SUNDAYS 4 PM

**Adath Israel is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom Meeting
for an international journey exploring Judaism
around the world.**

**Discover how communities and individuals
deal with their own challenges and joys of being Jewish.**

1/07/24 – Argentina: Yael Silberstein



Yael Silberstein - from Argentina, she received her Bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of Buenos Aires. She has completed graduate courses in fundraising at San Andrés University. Currently, she works as the Senior Fundraiser in Institutional Development for the Association Mutual Israelita Argentina (AMIA). In her free time, she plays soccer for Maccabi, a social and athletic Jewish club and volunteers at "leladeinu" – a youth organization

2/4/24 – Taiwan: Rabbi Cody Bahir

3/3/24 - Paraguay: Mijal Kohan

3/31/24 – Uganda: Jonathan Mwosuko

4/28/24 – Sweden: Rabbi Jeremy Gerber

**Join Zoom Meeting:
Meeting ID: 876 6553 5045
Passcode: 994884**



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Max Weiss
Max Hibino
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Marilyn Finkelstein
Adam Login
Ellie Bruno
Bob Venetianer
Irene Silberstein
Jonathan Goodman
David Schwarz
Alvin Wolfgram
Linda Savitsky
Marc Glass
Richard Parks
Elizabeth Beit

Did we leave someone off the list?
Please call the office, and let us make it right.

5784 Annual Giving Campaign

We are incredibly grateful to our members and friends who have participated this year's Annual Giving Campaign. Their support promotes the vitality of Adath Israel, allowing us to improve our facilities and enhance our cultural, educational, and spiritual offerings.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

**Ruth & Mike Sigal, Hinda Niemeyer,
Rabbi Michael Kohn, Anita Hennessey,
Ruth & Sherwin Borsuk, Irena May,
Susan & Doug Miller, David & Teresa Shulman,
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David & Anne Willis, Stephen & Carol Shapiro,
Marc & Jean Nemeth, and Jack & Linda Adler**

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

[Zoom Info](#)

Meeting ID: 815 6727 3870 Passcode: 474612

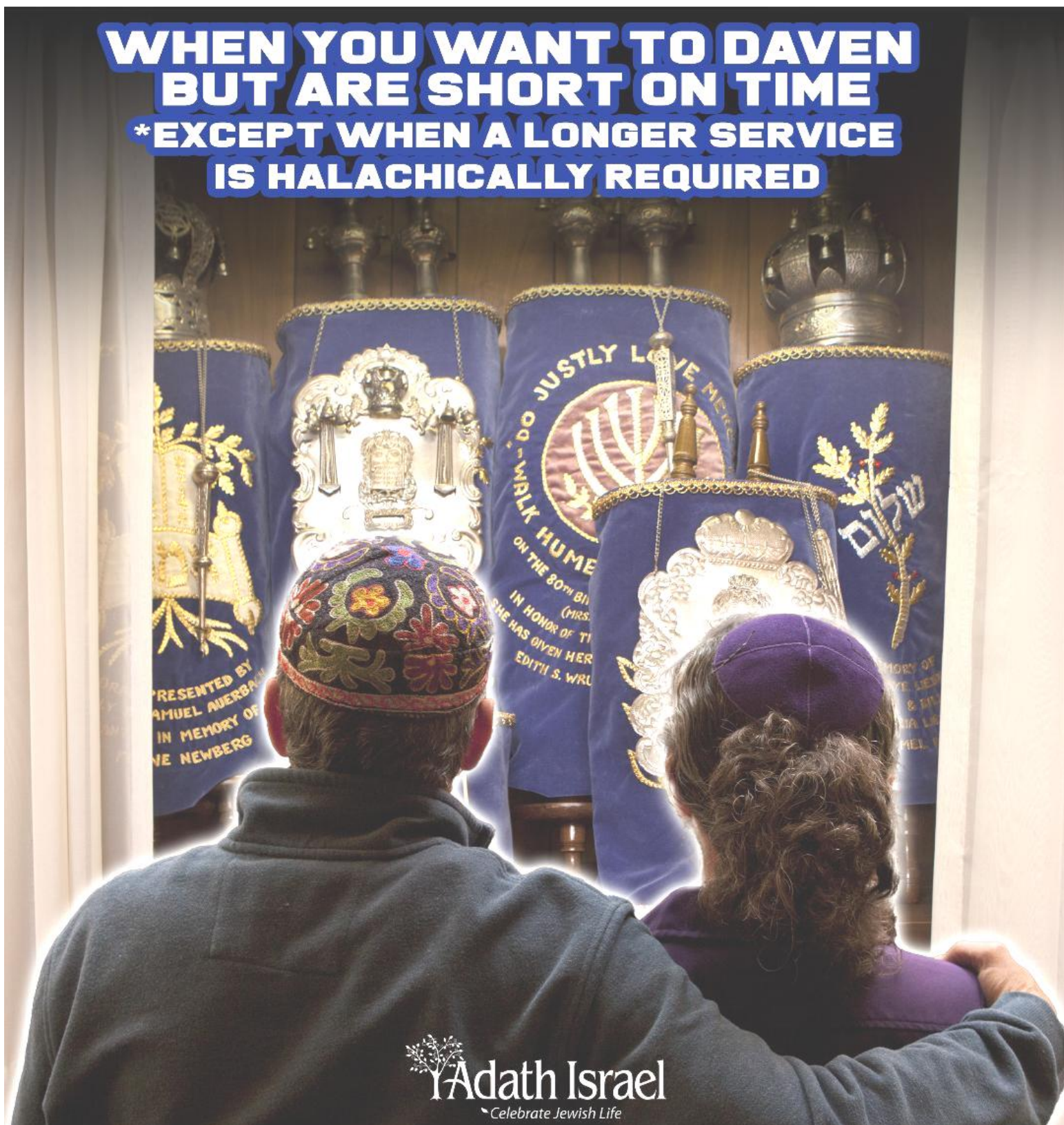
All prayer services at Adath Israel are public events, open to the community as a whole. Members, guests, and other religious seekers who desire the warmth of Jewish prayer and the fellowship of being together are always welcome.

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EXPRESS MINYAN

EVERY WEDNESDAY 8:00AM*

**WHEN YOU WANT TO DAVEN
BUT ARE SHORT ON TIME
*EXCEPT WHEN A LONGER SERVICE
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Provides scholarships to children of Adath Israel members attending an accredited college, university or school of higher learning

IN MEMORY OF

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Provides scholarships to children of Adath Israel members attending Jewish camp, Jewish content special programs, and trips to Israel

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Supports Torah repair

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Supports maintenance and enhancement of the cemetery

IN MEMORY OF

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Hyime Paley by Paulette Gewirtz

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ARTHUR & EDYTHE DIRECTOR FAMILY FUND

Supports music in the ritual, educational, and cultural gatherings at Adath Israel

IN MEMORY OF

Hyime Paley by

Judy Guzman

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ETERNAL LIGHT FUND

Supports the general operation of Adath Israel

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Michael & Shelley Barker

Donna & Mark Finkelstein

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Hyime Paley by Harriet & Dewey Deeton

Mark Finkelstein by The Thiela Family

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Supports the beautification of our synagogue building and grounds and the Nester Center

IN MEMORY OF

Hyime Paley by Marge Rosenblatt

LYNN BENNETT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Supports the upgrade of our religious school

Nina & David Horn

IN HONOR OF

Scott Levy on the wedding of his son, Gordon by Joanna Schnurman & Andy Bauer

Nathaniel & Elliot Altenburger being called to the Torah as B'nei Mitzvah by Ruth Kahn

IN MEMORY OF

Rebecca Wilansky by

Ruth & Mike Sigal

The Thiela Family

Joanna Schnurman & Andy Bauer

Eileen & Michael Daling

Howard May by Irena May

Hyime Paley by Myra & David Finkelstein

Mark Finkelstein by Myra & David Finkelstein

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Provides scholarships to children of Adath Israel members attending Jewish camp or travelling to Israel

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Come spend the Evening
with Comedian and Author
JOEL CHASNOFF

**Saturday, March 16, 2024
at 7:30 pm**

Advance reservation:
\$25 pp until March 1, 2024
After March 1, 2024:
only at the door: \$35 pp

**JOEL
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Call the synagogue office at (860) 346-4709 to make your advanced reservation.
Payment by check, credit card or drop off payment at the synagogue.

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Torah Study with Rabbi Nelly

via Zoom

Every Wednesday - 10:30 AM

Zoom ID 837 9879 1910, Passcode 963942

Every Thursday - 6:00 PM

Zoom ID 887 326 428, Password 827527

Zoom info:

Shabbat Services:

Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

— Meeting ID: 815 6727 3870

— Meeting Passcode: 474612

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Sunday at 9 a.m. and Monday-Friday at 8 a.m.

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IT'S NEWS



**B'RUCHIM HABA'IM!
(WELCOME!)**
To Our Newest
Members: Marcy Wang and
Frederick Fooy

MAZAL TOV!

Brady Doweiko on being called
to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.
And to the entire Doweiko
Family.



Nathaniel & Elliott Altenburger on being called to the
Torah as b'nei mitzvah. And to the entire Altenburger
family.



**TODAH RABAH
THANK YOU!**

Acts of Kindness

Meals & Shopping:
Harriet, Marcey, and
Aaron Thiela

Picking up food at the Crown: Fred Zierler
Proofreading Kolot: Naomi Kamins & Phil Saxe
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Helping with mailings: Anita Hennessey and Eileen
Daling
Taking care of our eNews and blasts: Eileen Daling
Washing towels from the kitchen: Joanna Schnurman
Returning bottles: Eileen & Mike Daling
Helping with the Sunday Meals program at St.
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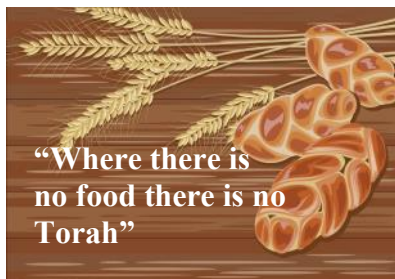
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Early Risers Minyan

Scott Levy
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IN HONOR OF

Joe Fine's Birthday by Alan & Dolores Zelazo
The 49th anniversary of his bar mitzvah by Rob
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Supporting Pray-Eat-Sing
Harriet, Marcey, and Aaron Thiela
Naomi & Richard Kamins
Phil Saxe
Fred & Risa Zierler

SPEEDY RECOVERY

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

Shana Adams,
Jack Adler,
Katrina Axelrod, Allen Caplan, Phyllis Frydenberg,
Anne Willis, Paula Goldstein, Stephen Shapiro,
David Schwarz, Daniel Merida, and
Rabbi Marshal Press.



MAY GOD GRANT COMFORT

IN MEMORIUM

Our sincerest condolences are extended to the
family of Mark Finkelstein who came to his eternal
rest on November 4 (21 cheshvan).

May the bereaved find comfort in our community's
support.

Office Hours

Monday: 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Tuesday: 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Thursday: 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Friday: 7:30 a.m.-Noon

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.

ADATH ISRAEL

EMERGENCY CANCELATION & CLOSING PROCEDURES

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL :

THE PRINCIPAL WILL CONTACT STAFF & STUDENTS' FAMILIES DIRECTLY.

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SHARE THE JOY WITH A SPONSORED ONEG OR KIDDUSH

Share a family simcha, honor a friend or relative, or remember a loved one by sponsoring a Friday night Oneg Shabbat or a Shabbat Morning Kiddush. This is a delightful way to let others in our community celebrate a special occasion or share a memory with you. Our hope is that you would be present which will only add to the occasion.

The new Kiddush menus will be prepared and tastefully arranged by the Crown Supermarket in West Hartford. **Please call the synagogue office at 860-346-4709 at least a week in advance to make ordering and pick-up arrangements with the office administrator.**

The following is a breakdown of the new menus and costs for a Shabbat Morning Kiddush:

Traditional Kiddush (up to 15 people): \$150 (16-30 people): \$225

Bagels, Tuna salad, Egg salad, cuke, tomato, & onion platter, lox spread, plain & chive cream cheese, fruit salad, pastry, cold & hot drinks

Deluxe Kiddush (up to 15 people): \$225 (16-30 people): \$350

Bagels, tuna salad, egg salad, lox & sliced veggie platter, whitefish salad, plain & chive cream cheese, sesame noodles, kugel, fruit salad, pastry, cold & hot drinks

Friday Night Oneg Shabbat (15 people): \$54

Pretzels, fruit, M&M's, pastry, cold & hot drinks

Prices for both a Kiddush and/or an Oneg Shabbat will be adjusted if there is a larger group in attendance for special life cycle events (Bar/Bat Mitzvah, baby naming, or wedding, etc.).

Of course, you can always purchase the food, bring it to the synagogue and do the set up yourself while also following the synagogue's Kashrut guidelines. Some assistance may be available on the day of your Kiddush.





december 2023

kislev/tevet

| sunday | monday | tuesday | wednesday | thursday | friday | saturday |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| *Candle Lighting Times for Middletown, CT | | | | | 1 Office closed 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services *4:03 p.m. 18 kislev | 2 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services <i>Vayishlach</i> 19 kislev |
| 3 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 9:30 a.m. Hanukkah Fair 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots 20 kislev | 4 Office closed 8 a.m. Minyan 21 kislev | 5 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 22 kislev | 6 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School 23 kislev | 7 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study, Zoom Erev Hanukkah Light 1 candle 24 kislev | 8 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services *4:02 p.m. Hanukkah Light 2 candles before Shabbat begins 25 kislev | 9 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services <i>Vayeshev</i> Hanukkah Light 3 candles after Havdalah, 5:06 p.m. 26 kislev |
| 10 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots Hanukkah Light 4 candles 27 kislev | 11 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting Hanukkah Light 5 candles 28 kislev | 12 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon Hanukkah Light 6 candles 29 kislev | 13 8 a.m. Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School 5:30 p.m. Community Candle Lighting & Dinner Rosh Chodesh Hanukkah Light 7 candles 1 tevet | 14 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study, Zoom Hanukkah Light 8 candles 2 tevet | 15 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services *4:03 p.m. Hanukkah 3 tevet | 16 9:30 a.m. Shabbat L'chol Adat Morning Services 11:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat <i>Miketz</i> 4 tevet |
| 17 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 9:30 a.m. JWV Brunch 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots 5 tevet | 18 8 a.m. Minyan 6 tevet | 19 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 7 tevet | 20 8 a.m. Express Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School 8 tevet | 21 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study, Zoom 9 tevet | 22 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services *4:06 p.m. 10 tevet | 23 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services <i>Vayigash</i> 11 tevet |
| 24 No Religious School or Mazel Tots 9 a.m. Minyan 12 tevet | 25 Office closed 8 a.m. Minyan 13 tevet | 26 Office closed 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 14 tevet | 27 No Religious School 8 a.m. Express Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study, Zoom 15 tevet | 28 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study, Zoom 16 tevet | 29 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services *4:10 p.m. 17 tevet | 30 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services <i>Vayechi</i> 18 tevet |
| 31 No Religious School or Mazel Tots 9 a.m. Minyan 19 tevet | | | | | | |



january 2024

tevet/shevat

| sunday | monday | tuesday | wednesday | thursday | friday | saturday |
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| *Candle Lighting Times for Middletown, CT | 1 Office closed. 8 a.m. Minyan New Year's Day 20 tevet | 2 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 21 tevet | 3 7 a.m. Early Risers Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School 22 tevet | 4 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 23 tevet | 5 RSVP Deadline for Pray-Eat-Sing 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services *4:16 p.m. 24 tevet | 6 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services <i>Shemot</i> 25 tevet |
| 7 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots 26 tevet | 8 8 a.m. Minyan 7 Bd of Directors Mtg 27 tevet | 9 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7 p.m. Contribution Review Comm. 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 28 tevet | 10 8 a.m. Express Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School 29 tevet | 11 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom <i>Rosh Chodesh</i> 1 shevat | 12 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Pray-Eat-Sing Shabbat Evening Services & Dinner *4:23 p.m. 2 shevat | 13 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services 5:30 p.m. Havdalah L'chol Adat <i>Va'era</i> 3 shevat |
| 14 No Religious School or Mazel Tots 9 a.m. Minyan 4 shevat | 15 8 a.m. Minyan <i>Martin Luther King Day</i> 5 shevat | 16 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 6 shevat | 17 8 a.m. Express Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School 7 shevat | 18 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 8 shevat | 19 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services *4:31 p.m. 9 shevat | 20 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services <i>Bo</i> 10 shevat |
| 21 9 a.m. Minyan 9 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. Mazel Tots 11 shevat | 22 8 a.m. Minyan 12 shevat | 23 8 a.m. Minyan 11 a.m. Mah Jongg 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg 7:30 p.m. Al Anon 13 shevat | 24 8 a.m. Express Minyan 10:30 a.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom 4 p.m. Religious School 5:15 p.m. Tu B'shevat Dinner 14 shevat | 25 8 a.m. Minyan 6 p.m. Torah Study w/ Rabbi Nelly, Zoom <i>Tu B'shevat</i> 15 shevat | 26 8 a.m. Minyan 7 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services *4:40 p.m. 16 shevat | 27 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services <i>Shabbat Shirah Beshalach</i> 17 shevat |
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