

Community with a Purpose: Torah, T'fillah, Gimlut Hasadim (Torah, Prayer, and Acts of Lovingkindness)

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

6:00 PM: Kabbalat Shabbat

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00 AM: Service  
Va'era (Exodus 6:2-9:35)

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

6:00 PM: Kabbalat Shabbat

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00 AM: Service  
Bo (Ex. 10:1-13:16)

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

6:00 PM: Kabbalat Shabbat

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

9:00 AM: Service  
Shabbat Shira. B'shalach (Ex.13:17-17:16)  
**Light Kiddush Lunch 'N Learn on the Speeches  
of Martin Luther King, Jr.**

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

7:30 PM: Kabbalat Shabbat  
**Oneg Discussion Series: "Living as a Jew in  
Castro's Cuba"**

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

9:00 AM: Service  
Yitro (Ex. 18:1-20:23)  
**Learners' Minyan, 10:00 am**

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

6:00 PM: Kabbalat Shabbat

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:00 AM: Service  
Shabbat Shekalim. Vayakhel (Ex. 35:1-38:20)

**EVERY SATURDAY**  
**Free babysitting: 9:30 - 11:00 am.**

**Tot Shabbat**  
**(age 3 -Kindergarten):**  
**10:00 - 11:00 am**

## SPECIAL EVENTS IN JANUARY

### Family Living Brunch

**Sunday, January 5, 10:00 am**  
**Topic: Osteoporosis**

### Baby Shower for Adina Robbins and the Babies at Wesley House

**Sunday, January 26, 3:00 pm**

### Men's Club Breakfast Meeting

**Sunday, January 19th, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Speaker Jeff Kitchen from Edward Jones  
Investments**

*Look inside for more information on these events.*

## YASHER KOACH TO OUR TORAH READERS

Please contact Daniel Weiner or Rabbi Robbins if you would like to read Torah at one of our services (all levels of experience welcome) or learn to read Torah.

11/30: Max Zweben, Ari Zweben, Daniel Zweben,  
Orna Wiseman, Gary Kaplan, Alan Zweben  
Hannah Zweben

12/1: Charlie Elofer

12/2-6: Michael Ponn

12/7: Rabbi, Fran Stier, Peggy DeProphetis  
Mitch Ross

12/14: Wendy Dignazio, Amy Graham,  
Rise Skobeloff

12/21: Michael Ponn, Gary Kaplan

12/28: Louis Stesis, Fran Stier, Sara Stesis

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## THE RABBI'S CORNER

I “discovered” something truly shocking to me in services this morning, as I read of Jacob preparing to leave the land of Israel to join his son Joseph in Egypt. We spend only two months of our year reading Torah portions that take place in the land of Israel! The land of Israel is such a focus of Jewish life, yet we spend such relatively little time existing in its space as we go through the yearly Torah readings. As I write on December 12, as the “people of the book” we will not reenter the land of Israel until after next Simchat Torah in October 2003.

As it has been throughout our history as a people, Israel has remained elusive from our grasp, both physically and spiritually. The 2000-year exile from the land of Israel, which ended with Israeli statehood, is only the latest proof of that fact. Even in ancient times, Jews maintained sovereignty in the land of Israel for only short periods.

The reasons behind our physical separation from the land have much to do with our separation from the spiritual Israel. Israel is not just a homeland for us as Jews. It is not just a place we can call our own. It is much more than that, a place that we as Jews must work to manifest the ideals of our tradition. It is a whole manner of being, in which we most live out the best of our tradition.

In ancient times, the Israelites needed to have the experience of slavery for hundreds of years, redemption by God, wandering for 40 years, and nation-building before they were ready to enter the land and shape Jewish society in its most natural habitat. Throughout the rest of Jewish history, Jews have needed to be at the right place in time to participate in the building of Jewish life in our chosen land. Most generations of Jews have had to rely only on their dreams to connect to the land. Now, 55 years into Israeli statehood, the Jewish people are in the midst of the great experiment of living once again sovereign, in a Jewish society, in the State of Israel.

We are privileged to be Jews at this moment in time, able to participate in the building of the State of Israel. It is a wonderful, yet flawed entity. Its flaws, and the dangers it faces, must not make us turn our backs on our responsibility as Jews to participate in its ongoing creation. We must not only contribute financially to Israel, but we must continue to invest our energies in the causes – peace and security, economic vibrancy, religious pluralism, Israeli-Arab relations, amongst others – which are at the core of its existence. And we must continue to visit and maintain the connection that can only be fostered by our presence in the streets of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

As a community, Ohev Shalom is a proud lover of Israel. Israel is talked about frequently in the halls, in services, and on our e-mail list. We its pain, celebrate its joys. Yet we must remember that, if not for our continued efforts and the efforts of Jews worldwide, Israel is in mortal danger.

We spend much too much time during our yearly Torah cycle away from the land of Israel. In our activism, our support, our visits, and our contributions, we must keep our feet very much in that special land. It is our responsibility as Jews to make sure that our time there is not again short.

*B'shalom,*  
Rabbi Mark Robbins

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## ANNOUNCING EXCITING, NEW ADULT ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### LUNCH 'N LEARN, JANUARY 9

*On Thursday, January 9th, between 12:15 and 1:15, Rabbi Robbins will lead a discussion on "Maimonides and the Discipline of Self-Care." Please bring a dairy lunch. Beverages will be provided. The class will meet in Rabbi Robbins' office.*

### "CHOREOGRAPHY OF THE SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE: DOING AN ALIYAH AND MUCH MORE"

#### 2 SUNDAY MORNINGS, JANUARY 26 & FEBRUARY 2, 10:30 - 12:15

*Do you want to feel more at home in services? Do you get confused when to bow and when to stand? Do you want to learn how to do an aliyah? Do you have ANY other questions about the ritual and pageantry of Shabbat mornings at Ohev Shalom? If the answer to any of the above is "yes," this course is for you. Rabbi Robbins will lead a survey of many of these issues, and go in depth into a couple of core issues. This class will take place in the sanctuary.*

### MLK SHABBAT KIDDUSH LUNCH' LEARN, JANUARY 18

#### "MARTIN LUTHER KING, HIS SPEECHES, AND HIS PROPHECY"

*We will read together excerpts from Dr. King's speeches and writings and discuss how they harmonize with Jewish tradition.*

#### "LIVING LIFE AS A JEW IN CASTRO'S CUBA"

#### ONEG SHABBAT DISCUSSION SERIES, JANUARY 24, 7:30 PM

*WE WILL BE JOINED BY ARTURO LOPEZ LEVY, A JEW FROM HAVANA, who is studying international relations at Columbia University's School for International and Public Affairs. Services will begin at 7:30 pm, with Levy's discussion and an oneg following services.*

#### LEARNERS' MINYAN BEGINS AGAIN! JANUARY 25, 10:00 AM!

*Join us for a monthly learners' minyan, during the last hour of the regular Shabbat morning service, at 10:00 am, in the youth lounge. We will learn the order of the service, the meaning of the prayers, and Shabbat tunes – as well as practice some synagogue skills such as having an aliyah. We will also discuss briefly the weekly Torah reading. Take advantage of this opportunity to have a guided tour through the Shabbat morning service.*

#### "BACKSTAGE" TRIP TO THE JUDAIC COLLECTION OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

*Enjoy a guided tour through the fascinating Jewish book collection of the Library. The tour will be scheduled on a Thursday, date to be announced at a later time. Please call Peggy de Prophetis (610-544-5295, pdeprop1@swarthmore.edu) to indicate your interest.*

Always wanted to learn how to read Torah or Haftarah? Want to join Ohev's TLC (Torah Laying Corps)? The Ohev Library has just acquired two editions of the phenomenal software, "Trope Trainer." This makes it fun and easy to learn trope (Torah and Haftarah melodies), at your own pace. This can be supplemented by tutorials with Rabbi Robbins. Want to test it out? Go to Kinnor.com. Or call Rabbi Robbins at the synagogue.

## MEN'S CLUB NEWS

There will be a Men's Club meeting on Sunday, January 19th @ 9:30 a.m. at in the reception room at Ohev Shalom. It will be a breakfast meeting with a speaker from Edward Jones Investments. Jeff Kitchen will speak about what direction we should be going in the next 12 months with our investments. I'm sure everyone in the viewing audience could use some positive input on their finances. For the meager sum of \$5.00, you get a delicious breakfast supplied by Men's Club followed by valuable financial information along with the camaraderie and fellowship of our monthly meeting. I look forward to seeing a whole bunch of you there.

*Brad Ernest*  
Men's Club President

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**I am organizing the second annual father-child outing to a Phantoms game on February 23, 2003 against their arch-rivals, the Hershey Bears at 6:05 PM at the First Union Spectrum. Men's Club is sponsoring this event again. There surely will be no "kisses" exchanged between these two bitter opponents. By the way, wives and mothers are very welcome to attend and add a bit of class to the proceedings. Please contact me as soon as possible so I can reserve the tickets and food packages and get the best available seats. My phone # is 610-328-6290 or e-mail me at kbhorsinaround @b-2000.net**

*Brad Ernest*  
Men's Club President

## SISTERHOOD SCOOP

Happy New Year Woman of Ohev,

I hope you all had a happy and healthy new year. My latest assessment of events is once again centered around my childrens' school agenda and thankfully they are finally back in school and I have silence and sanity again at work.

This first moment of sanity is my chance to remind you to come to the **Family Living Brunch on Sunday, January 5th, at 10:00 a.m.** Please, if you have not sent in your RSVP's do so immediately. Elayne DeSimone has done a wonderful job of gathering the most up-to-date information on osteoporosis. All are welcome. Come for great food, and an opportunity to learn about a very pertinent topic.

See you then,  
*Judy Stall, President*

PS. Look for info about next month's Progressive Dinner on February 1st.

## NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Phone Tree.** Remember, if you get a message from the automated phone tree, and need to hear the message a second time, press the "\*" star key before the message ends and it will repeat.

**Email.** If you are not getting regular synagogue email, and wish to be added to the list, please let me know at congohev@icdc.com. Also, remember that we will include college students on email lists, as well as the SPARK mailing list if you give us the necessary information, including anticipated date of graduation.

**Don't forget you can make donations on-line** at our website. You can also make donations on our voice mail system any time of the day or night. When the voice mail system answers press 208 or ask to be transferred to Voice Mail Box 208.

## TREE OF LIFE

- ✧ In honor of friends, Bobby Bates, Amy Graham, Rabbi Kaplan, Karen Stesis, and Mort Wachs, for their service to Ohev Shalom, from Ivy and Gary Kaplan
- ✧ In honor of Sid Levinstein's 80th Birthday, with love, from Steve, Mark, Terry, and families
- ✧ In honor of Sue Evans and her academic and professional accomplishments with love from the Kaplan and Zweben families
- ✧ In loving memory of Jack Davidson, from the Godick, Kargen, Peimer, Tarkin, and Young families

## JEWISH WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY READING GROUP

Interested in joining The Jewish Women's Spirituality Reading Group? Contact Amy Pollack at 610-543-5431 (amypoldes@aol.com) Our next meeting is on Sunday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Penni Starer. New members always welcome!

Unfortunately, no one offered to be this month's Ohev Observer. We have received some very positive feedback on this new column, however, and would love to see it continue. If you would like to be next month's observer, please contact Amy Pollack at 610-543-5431. (amypoldes@aol.com)

## JEWISH FEDERATION OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JEWISH CAMPS

We at the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia believe that Jewish overnight camps provide a caring environment for children to help them develop socially physically, and Jewishly. They allow Jewish youth a fun and rewarding summer experience in which they can establish friendships with other children of Jewish backgrounds and develop a personal understanding of their Jewish heritage. In order to make this experience more accessible to the Jewish Community of Greater Philadelphia\*, the Federation has made scholarship funds available to assist families in need to obtain a Jewish overnight camping experience for their children. Need-based scholarships are available through the camps listed, and families are encouraged to contact the individual camps.

For more information, please contact Raechel Hammer at (215) 832-0815. Currently participating camps include:

Camp Achim	Camps Mogen Avraham	Camp Ramah in the Poconos
Camp Agudah/Bnos (B'nai B'rith) Perlman	Camp Morasha	Camp Ramah (New England)
Camp BBYO	Camp Moshava	Ramah Keshet
Camp Chaverim	Camp Naarim	Camp Romimu
Camp Dora Golding	Camp Ner Israel for the Hearing Impaired	Camp Shomna
Camp Galil	NJ and EPA Young Judea Camps	USY on Wheels
Camp Harlam	NJ YM-YWHA Camps	Camp Yesharim
HASC	Pinemere Camp	Yeshiva Gedolah/Zichron Moshe
Kutz Camp		

*\*Scholarships are only available to families living in Philadelphia, Bucks, Montgomery Chester, and Delaware Counties. New Jersey residents should contact their local Federations about possible scholarship availability.*

## NEW MEMBER MENTORING PROGRAM TO BEGIN

*When we were new members...*

Remember the first time you and your family came into Ohev Shalom and probably didn't know a soul there? Well, I do and that is why as membership participation chairperson I feel it is imperative to have a committee of people who will act as mentors to all the new families. Each person or family on the committee will be given the name of one new member family to contact and get to know so that they will not walk into our synagogue alone. The mentor family will, on an ongoing basis, contact the new member family to remind them of all the comings and goings at Ohev and in this way we hope to see some of the new families at our functions and services. If you have any interest in joining this mentor committee please call me, whether it be to ask a question or to offer your time to a new family who just might become good friends. We have all been there, so please pick up the phone and help out in what is sure to be a very pleasurable experience. Singles as well as family units are equally wanted as mentors.

*Karen Ernest*  
(610) 328-6290  
kbhorsinaround@b-2000.net

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: JANUARY

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Kaplan	1/1	31st anniversary
Drs. Roy & Riva Marcus	1/5	18th anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. William Kellman	1/7	70th anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Barnett	1/7	35th anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Ozer	1/9	49th anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. Benito Grauman	1/10	50th anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. George Smith	1/11	55th anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Shapero	1/15	53rd anniversary
Dr. & Mrs. Keith Wapner	1/16	21st anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Seidman	1/24	49th anniversary

This month, there are four couples celebrating 50 years or more together.  
MAZAL TOV!

## FROM THE EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR, JESSICA WEINBERG

Believe it or not, Tu B'Shevat is coming up fast. The holiday for celebrating the coming of spring and the budding of the trees falls on January 18th this year, which correlates to the 15th day of Shevat on the Jewish lunar calendar. It is hard to believe that in the dead of our winter, the seasons in Israel are beginning to change, but this holiday gives us a chance to experience a little renewal of our own. It is refreshing to sing songs about almond blossoms and olive trees. It is rejuvenating to taste all of the fruits of spring and summer. It is spirit-lifting to eat drink and be merry at a seder with all of our friends and relatives.

Since prehistoric time humans have held huge festivals in mid-winter to combat the depression of a cold winter. Tu B'shevat, while a modern Jewish celebration, hearkens back to that natural desire to hasten the coming of spring. Many of the haggadot that have been compiled for Tu B'shevat include guided meditations, singing, dancing, and LOTS of wine drinking—all designed to warm the body and the soul.

I have always looked forward to Tu B'Shevat. There was an adventure trip with my mom to the gourmet supermarket, to find a new fruit that we had never tasted before. Finally being old enough to pour my own juice, and then finally being old enough to drink real wine. Preparing plates of fruits for each of the four categories – those with shells and pits, those with shells and no pits, those with just pits, and those that are entirely edible. I loved that once a year we danced with our friends in a circle around the kitchen table singing “Mayim” at the top of our lungs. But most of all, I loved doing it all while the snow piled up outside all around us. It was like simultaneously honoring and snubbing God's gifts of nature.

If there is one holiday that we as Jews can share with the entire world it is Tu B'Shevat. It's like the “Jewish Earth Day,” and its concepts and celebrations are completely non-denominational in nature. I would encourage you all to have a little mid-winter fun, and invite some friends over for a little table dancing! And don't forget to plant some parsley in a pot on Tu B'Shevat. It will grow in time to be used as carpas for your Passover seder!

If you are looking for information and directions for making a Tu B'Shevat seder you can contact me at the synagogue. Or, if you would like to attend our Mispallelim seders, you can drop in on Sunday January 12th.

## YOUTH CALENDAR

January 11th: Chaverim (4th-7th) Slumber Party

January 25th: All youth groups pool party at the Kaiserman JCC

Jan 31st- Feb 1st USY (8th-12th) Etched in Stone Shabbaton and dance at Har Zion

## ACTS OF LOVINGKINDNESS “G'MILUT HASADIM”

### גְּמִילוּת הַסְּדִים

Each month, *The Spark* would like to feature new opportunities for us to do mitzvot, good deeds to aid in Tikkun Olam, repairing the world. Do you have a cause that you would like mentioned? If so, email it to Amy Pollack at [amypoldes@aol.com](mailto:amypoldes@aol.com) by the seventh of the month.

Many thanks to everyone who brought turkeys and other fixings for Thanksgiving dinners. In all, we drove the makings of 28 dinners down to CityTeam Ministries in Chester and enabled families in need to celebrate Thanksgiving. To find out more about CityTeam, see [www.Cityteam.org/chester](http://www.Cityteam.org/chester).

Many thanks, also, to all the families who are donating gifts of new toys and clothing to our two “adopted” families from the Women's Association for Women's Alternatives (WAWA). Every item on our families' wish lists has been pledged. WAWA helps families in Delaware County with histories of abuse and neglect move on to stable, independent, self-sufficient lives. To learn more, see <http://womensassoc.org/>.

**Baby Shower! On Sunday, January 26th at 3:00 p.m., Social Action will be holding a joint shower for Adina Robbins and the 12 babies and toddlers of Wesley House, a homeless shelter in Chester.** The shower will be at the home of Steve Maurer and Fran Stier, 206 Benjamin West Ave, Swarthmore. RSVP to Elayne DeSimone at 610-892-2888 or [ElayneD@aol.com](mailto:ElayneD@aol.com). At the Robbins' request, if you would like to purchase a gift, please do so only for the children at Wesley House. For ages and sizes, email Fran Stier at [franstier@comcast.net](mailto:franstier@comcast.net).

# "BASIFRIYAH"... IN THE LIBRARY

בספרייה



The Library has been blessed with several generous donations of new materials this month. We are extremely grateful to the Zweben family, who generously donated the following materials to the Library in honor of Hannah's Bat Mitzvah:

## Children's:

Burstein, Chaya. *Jewish Holidays and Traditions*

Fishman, Cathy Goldberg. *On Hanukkah*

Kimmel, Eric. *Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins*

Kropf, Latifa Berry. *It's Challah Time!*

Lakin, Patricia. *Don't Forget*

Michelson, Richard. *Too Young for Yiddish*

Reudor. *The Hebrew Letters Tell Their Story*

Sasso, Sandy Eisenberg. *In G-d's Name*

Simon, Mary Manz. *Moses Crosses the Red Sea: A Story of Faith and Courage*

Simon, Mary Manz. *Miriam Watches Over Baby Moses: A Story of Faith and Loyalty*

## Young Adult:

Asher, Sandy. *With All My Heart, With All My Mind: Thirteen Stories About Growing Up Jewish*

Chaikin, Miriam. *Angels Sweep the Desert Floor: Bible Legends About Moses in the Wilderness*

Gellman, Marc. *Bad Stuff in the News*

Hirschfelder, Arlene B. *Photo Odyssey: Solomon Carvalho's Remarkable Western Adventure*

Lester, Julius. *Pharaoh's Daughter: A Novel of Ancient Egypt*

Maguire, Gregory. *The Good Liar*

Manushkin, Fran. *Daughters of Fire*

Napoli, Donna Jo. *Stones in Water*

Rosen, Sybil. *Speed of Light*

Siegel, Danny. *Mitzvah Magic: What Kids Can Do to Change the World*

Waysman, Dvora. *Back of Beyond: A Bar Mitzvah Journey*

## Adult:

Berg, Michael. *The Way: Using the Wisdom of Kabbalah for Spiritual Transformation and Fulfillment*

Diner, Hasia R. *Her Works Praise Her: a History of Jewish Women in America From Colonial Times to the Present*

Ingram, Christine. *Vegetarian and Vegetable Cooking*

Fraser, Linda. *Vegetarian: The Best-Ever Recipe Collection*

Hoffman, Edward. *The Hebrew Alphabet: a Mystical Journey*

Jaffe-Gill, Ellen (ed.). *The Jewish Woman's Book of Wisdom: Thoughts From Prominent Jewish Women on Spirituality, Identity, Sisterhood, Family and Faith*

Klagsbrun, Francine. *The Fourth Commandment: Remember the Seventh Day*

Lebewohl, Sharon. *The 2nd Ave. Deli Cookbook: Recipes and Memories From Abe Lebewohl's Legendary Kitchen*

Nathan, Joan. *The Jewish Holiday Kitchen: 250 Recipes From Around the World to Make Your Celebrations Special*

Plaskow, Judith. *Standing Again at Sinai: Judaism From a Feminist Perspective*

## Audio/Video:

Carlebach, Shlomo. *Shabbos in Shomayim: the Final Album.* (Music cassettes)

*Fifty One Years, Fifty One Songs: Israel's Anniversary Album* (Music CDs)

Ginsburgh, Judy Caplan. *Shalom Yeladim (Hello Children).* (Music cassette)

*Jewish Odyssey.* (Music CD)

*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Video)

**The following children's books were generously donated by Josh and Jane Cohen:**

Benjamin, Alan. *Hanukkah*

Randall, Ronne. *My Hanukkah Book*

Herman, Gail. *Count the Days of Hanukkah*

Manushkin, Fran. *Latkes and Applesauce*

Carpenter, Steve. *Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel*

Gold, Margery. *John Speirs' Happy Hanukkah*

Gold, Margery. *My Hanukkah Book of Numbers*

Gold, Margery. *Hanukkah, Oh Hanukkah*

Sper, Emily. *Hanukkah A Counting Book.*

**Jessica Weinberg graciously donated:**

Fried, Stephen. *The New Rabbi : a Congregation Searches for Its Leader*

Thank you to all!

--Amy Graham

Library Committee Chairwoman

If you would like to submit a review of a book of Jewish interest, please email Amy Pollack at [amypoldes@aol.com](mailto:amypoldes@aol.com).

**REMEMBER: THE LIBRARY NOW OFFERS SHABBAT CHECK-OUTS!**

## PERSONALS

### MAY GOD COMFORT:

David Saland on the death of his mother

Dorothy Zalkind on the death of her husband, Stanley

Edith Nemirotff on the death of her husband, Albert

Daniel Weiner on the death of his father

Nancy Rubenstein on the death of her husband Benjamin

Cheri Prince and Hannah Greenstine on the death of father and husband Morris Greenstine

### MAZAL TOV:

Robin Rizzo on her engagement to David Alpher

### REFUAH SHLEYMA (GET WELL):

Frances Lax, Don Levenstein  
Lorraine Gross

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Edith McFall, Jay Levenstein

### TODAH RABBAH (THANK YOU):

Don and Ruth Levinstein would like to thank all those who made donations and sent get well wishes during Don's recent surgery. He's doing well and thanks everyone.

## SICK OR IN THE HOSPITAL?

PLEASE LET OHEV KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO THE RABBI CAN VISIT AND THE COMMUNITY CAN SUPPORT YOU OR YOUR LOVED ONE.

## TODAH RABBAH

We extend an additional thank you for the donation made by Federation Day Care, Kehillah Early Learning Center, for their contribution to the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) device. The unit has been delivered and we are looking forward to CPR training. We hope many of our congregants will participate.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY: JANUARY

June Wapner	1/1	
Yigal Tzvi Yaron	1/2	18th birthday
Karen Zweben	1/3	
Erica Rosset	1/4	15th birthday
Gregory Lusty	1/4	15th birthday
Eli Yaron	1/5	
Maxwell Handen	1/6	1st birthday
Edith Gerber	1/6	
Ricardo Gelman	1/6	
Philip Economou	1/6	
Rhona Rennett	1/7	
Marion Taxin	1/8	
Joseph Rosenberg	1/8	
Ethan Graham	1/8	10th birthday
Karen Ernest	1/9	
Mitchell Allen	1/9	
Abigal Marcus	1/10	7th birthday
Joshua Manny	1/10	14th birthday
Gillian Prince	1/11	19th birthday
Clifford Cohen	1/11	
Stephen Stempler	1/12	
Julie Silverstein	1/15	
Alanna Shaffer	1/15	13th birthday
Cynthia Seiden	1/15	
Lauren Skalina	1/16	19th birthday
Rebecca Godick	1/16	18th birthday
Zachary Stall	1/17	13th birthday
Vivian Rosenblatt	1/17	
Pamela Rootenberg	1/18	
Ann Grumet Littman	1/18	
Laurie Krouse	1/18	
Emily Finsterbusch	1/18	7th birthday
Larry Edelstein	1/18	
Madlyn Wendell	1/19	13th birthday
Stephen Seidman,	1/19	
Zachary Norton	1/19	9th birthday
Albert Mendel	1/19	
Rebecca Marcus	1/19	11th birthday
Andrew Katz	1/20	14th birthday
Alison Isaacs	1/21	11th birthday
Shirlee Shapero	1/22	
Bruce Godick	1/22	
Marion Brody	1/22	
Sarah Barron	1/22	
Daniel Peimer	1/23	22nd birthday
Emily Fishman	1/23	15th birthday
David Weiss	1/24	
Merrill Mirman	1/24	
Larry Wiseman	1/25	
Jacqueline Whelpley	1/25	6th birthday
Richard Gordin	1/26	
Betty Ethridge	1/26	
Stephen Dignazio	1/26	15th birthday
Alexander Abramowitz	1/26	10th birthday
Jonathan Elon Kadoch	1/27	3rd birthday
Zelda Cherner	1/27	
Michael Dignazio	1/28	



## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR HIGH HOLY DAY APPEAL

As mentioned in last month's "Spark", we are grateful to the following congregants who pledged so generously to this year's High Holy Day appeal. If you made a pledge and don't see your name here, let us know. If you haven't made a pledge, please remember that we will be thanking all these congregants again at next year's high holy day services. Send in your pledge today and help us exceed our goal. *Todah Rabbah.*

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Abramowitz  
 Michael Adesman & Susan Weil  
 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Alfred  
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