



# The Shofar

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## Hatikvah (התקווה) & Chiddush (חידוש)

### The Hope and New Traditions

While Hatikvah is the anthem of the Jewish people, chiddush is the means by which Reform Jews keep hope alive.

- ❖ We are doing this for the next generation
- ❖ Our children should have better lives than ours
- ❖ Next year in Jerusalem

These expressions are the essence of every Jewish household. Looking toward the future with hope, is ingrained in our Jewish belief system. Having a societal outlook is also part of our Jewish mindset – you don't act for strictly personal reasons; you act for the betterment of humanity.

In the Torah, there are countless examples of how Judaism is based around the idea of hope for all. Though Moses doubted whether he was the appropriate person to lead the Jews forward, there was never a lack of hope for Jews to have a better future. Although the Jews were enslaved by Pharaoh, there was always Hatikvah that this was a temporary situation and we would find our way to freedom. Although Haman, viceroy to the Persian ruler, plotted to exterminate the Jews throughout the empire, we never accepted our fate. We found a way to survive. Mordechai kept Jewish hope alive and with the assistance of extended family (cousin Queen Esther) saved the Jewish people from extermination.

Jewish hope is also very apparent in our modern society. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks said that,

It is no accident that so many Jews are economists fighting poverty, or doctors fighting disease, or lawyers fighting injustice, in all cases refusing to see these things as inevitable. It is no accident that after the Holocaust Jews did not call it *Al Naqba*, nursing resentment and revenge, but instead turned to the future, building a nation whose national anthem is [Hatikvah](#), “the hope.”

In an April 20, 1945 BBC recording, Hatikvah was sung by Jewish survivors of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camps in Germany during their first synagogue Shabbat service, five days after liberation. Those survivors who had

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We would love to include any good news you have to share in our **Tell and Kvell** section. Please let us know of weddings, births, awards, etc.

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Please contact Hasson Caterers to consider having your simcha at Temple Or Elohim. **(516) 937-0120 or 0121**

**Thoughts & Prayers:**

We offer our prayers of healing and heartfelt thoughts to acknowledge those of us who have had an illness or are in need of healing (mind, body and soul).

Please do not hesitate to contact Rav Judy, Cantor Katz or our Caring Committee.

**Sponsor an Oneg:**

A special way to celebrate your family's simcha is by sponsoring a Friday night oneg. Your sponsorship will be acknowledged in the pamphlet and announced from the Bimah. You will not only be making a wonderful gesture on behalf of your family, but will be helping out your Temple as well.

**Please call Deena Yaris at (516) 433-0771.**

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**STREAMED (see page 15)**

**Services Schedule:**

Fri.	Jan 1	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	Jan 2	Shabbat Shalom	
Fri.	Jan 8	Musical Erev Shabbat Service Featuring Nishamah	7:30 PM
Sat.	Jan 9	Shabbat Shalom	
Fri.	Jan 15	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	Jan 16	Shabbat Shalom	
Fri.	Jan 22	Erev Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Sat.	Jan 23	Shabbat Shalom	
Fri.	Jan 29	Erev Shabbat Service & Consecration	7:30 PM
Sat.	Jan 30	Shabbat Shalom	

**Keep Handy for Reference:**

**CALL AND TELL US** If there is a death or illness in the family  
 Daytime – Temple Office (516)433-9888  
 Otherwise – Rav Judy (516)662-0194 or Cantor Katz at (516)849-1332

Consultations with the clergy before final scheduling of services will help ensure availability.

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Deluxe Satin	\$24/dozen
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Please contact **Susan Bloomberg at (516)639-3982.**

## ***President's Message:***



Happy New Year all! With the start of a new year, the temptation is to wipe the memory banks of the tzuris we all suffered in 2020, wait for the vaccine and look upon the past year as just a blip on the screen. However, our wonderful December Hanukkah celebrations, a combination of in-person, zooming and streaming brought home another lesson: we should not forget 2020, even as we look forward to some semblance of normalcy in the year to come.

First, we learned, or more accurately, re-learned how much we need each other and to stay connected to each other. Many of us were forced to spend so much time at home, whether due to sickness, government shutdowns, underlying COVID risk factors, working remotely or loss of employment altogether. Yet we drew strength from each other. Each time we received a call from our Rabbi, Cantor, Director of Education or any of our fellow Temple members to see how we were doing or just to chat, it felt like we had been thrown a lifeline. Each time we joined our fellow members for an event, be it in person outside, by stream or by zoom, the world brightened.

Second, we must always look for new ways to stay connected. In nicer weather we found ways to hold Temple events outside in a safe manner, both on Temple grounds and off. The streaming of Shabbat services only started at our Temple about two years ago and what a godsend it was! It enabled us to continue Friday Night and Bar/Bat Mitzvah services even during the worst of the pandemic. Even after services re-opened to in-person prayer, the combination of those coming to Temple and those streaming led to overall greater attendance. The Cantor was able to stream his annual concert last May and interact with his audience by text between songs. Mrs. Tract quickly shifted to on-line, virtual learning last March and it is now an option for families along with in-person learning during this school year. We all learned how to zoom a meeting and our Board, Executive Board, Committees, NOW and Men's Club kept right on going.

Finally, the travails of the past year showed that when we work together as a team we can thrive. The only reason that we were able to keep our Temple going even when the building was closed and then SAFELY re-open our sanctuary and our school, is that a lot of dedicated volunteers devoted incredible amounts of time to make that happen. Due to their tremendous efforts, unlike most Reform Temples here on Long Island, we were able to offer all of our Congregants the option of attending at least one High Holy Day service in person.

We of course pray for a quick end to the COVID19 pandemic and that all of our safety procedures and protocols will become a thing of the past. But, if we can retain the memory of how the pandemic made us value the Temple and each other so much more than before, we will be stronger than ever as we move into the future.

***Neil Miller***, President

## **Online Donations Made Easy**

To make a donation on-line, go to the home page of our Temple's website, [orelohim.com](http://orelohim.com), scroll down to the "Donate Now" button and click on it. You will be brought to a different webpage. Fill in Account (credit card) Information. Then, fill in your Billing Information. At the end of this section there is a required field entitled "Purpose of Donation" which has a drop-down menu of 6 listings. If the donation does not fit any of the first 4 options, then click on either "Specific Purpose" or "Other". Then, underneath the "Purpose of Donation" line, there is another required field entitled "Donation Details". You should enter the particular reason for the donation, for example "High Holiday Appeal", "High Holiday Card" or "Honey From Your Heart". Complete the transaction. THANK YOU for thinking about donating to our Temple!

***Please read this notice before writing a check to Rabbi's or Cantor's Discretionary Fund!***

On the latest version of the Donations Form, there are instructions for the wording of the "Payable To" line on your check. The form is included in the Shofar every month. Please follow the instructions on the form; it will save us time and effort and Rabbi or Cantor will receive the funds so much sooner! Thank you for your cooperation.

Goldie and Robin

***Rabbi's Corner:***

Happy Secular New Year to all! We are all glad to bid farewell to the secular year 2020 and look forward to restored health and vigor in the New Year. Though the calendar has indicated a change in the year, we must remember that for a while longer (a short while, I hope) COVID19 protocols remain in place.



Still, we have much to celebrate. Each Jewish month provides unique commemorations and celebrations. During Shvat, the month which coincides with the second half of January, we celebrate Shabbat Shira, the Sabbath of Song and Tu B'Shvat, the 15<sup>th</sup> of Shvat, the New Year for Trees.

Cantor Katz and I are planning a special service with music and teaching to celebrate all Jewish music offers us. Much of what attracted me to Reform Judaism initially was the deeply beautiful synagogue music that combined the best of the Jewish and secular world. We still hear it today in Cantor Katz's selections each Shabbat. I am eager to hear more along with you this month.

Tu B'Shvat provides us with connections to the earth in general and the land of Israel in particular. This New Year for Trees is discussed in the Talmud and still celebrated today. The Jewish National Fund popularized the holiday in Jewish Schools worldwide and helped us all connect to the land and then the state of Israel. Remember that Tu B'Shvat is the harbinger of spring in Israel and that even for us, spring is not far off.

During January, we also remember Martin Luther King, Jr. and his contribution to America. He was a friend to the nascent State of Israel as well. Let us carry on in his tradition embracing non-violent methods of bringing true equality to the United States. His influence on my parents' beliefs also contributed to my embrace of the Reform Movement and my penchant for social justice work.

With these special moments as our introduction, we have much to celebrate in the new secular year.

***Rabbi Judy***

***Cantor's Message:***

Well, what can we say? As I sat down to write this month's Shofar article, I reflected on the last year as well as what's ahead for all of us and especially our Temple.

Never in a lifetime would I have imagined that I would have experienced what the whole world has experienced in the last year. We have seen movies about it and heard about it in the past hundreds of years. Never before would I have thought that in my life time, I would experience a worldwide pandemic that completely changed everyone's life.

As we head into the new year it is challenging to not focus solely on the last year and truth be told it seems like more than a year has passed. In addition, our own country is going through some of the most challenging times since the civil rights movement of the 60's. Through it all, our Temple has maintained its strength and purpose in the world. It has done so in remarkable fashion. Throughout the entire year, since the virus became the number one focus of everyone's life, our Temple kept its doors open, its services running and our kids learning from Hebrew school active.

Words cannot express how proud it makes me feel to be a part of this Temple and community. Our own members of our congregation remained actively involved in temple life and were constantly available for others, supporting and caring for those who were in need, got sick and in need of life cycle events. Our board and committees never missed a beat providing continuous programming and events for our Temple. The Commitment to community and our Temple by all of these people was truly inspiring.

As we head into 2021, I believe we need our Temple even more. All of us need a place to be able to retreat to. A place to go where we can feel at ease and comforted at any time we may need, in good times or bad. This is what our Temple does for us.

I feel it has been a privilege and honor to be Cantor of our Temple throughout this time. It has made me feel so good to be a part of such an amazing temple and community. I thank you all for having me as your Cantor and trusting me to be a part of our amazing team that includes Rabbi Judy and Deborah Tract. I feel so lucky to be in a community of such caring and thoughtful people.

Thank you all for helping me and everyone else to get through the last year.

I wish only happiness, prosperity and most of all, good health to you all for the next year.

***Cantor Katz***



**The Board of Directors  
wish everyone a  
HAPPY & HEALTHY  
secular New Year!!**



## ***Religious School:***

Shalom Friends,



I would like to begin by thanking our Temple Family for your outpouring of support following the passing of my dear father, Rabbi Bennett Hermann. Temple life and his congregants were the center of my experience growing up in a Rabbi's house. While we are all busy with our activities, family, children, jobs and more, a temple is very important. Belonging to a synagogue brings people together in times of simcha (celebration) and in grief. Our Temple Family, staff, Executive Board, Board of Trustees and our AMAZING Rabbi Judy and Cantor Katz continue to be a source of strength and comfort for me and my family. A heartfelt thank you for the donations, calls, cards, text messages and dinners. We are forever grateful. May my dear father's memory forever be for a blessing.

While we are in the cold winter months in New York, Israel is preparing for Spring. Tu b'shevat begins on January 27-28, 2021. The New Year of Trees marks the end of the rainy season in Israel and begins the blooming of trees that provide an abundance of edible fruit and beautiful flowers. One way we celebrate this wonderful holiday is to support JNF-Jewish National Fund. By contributing to JNF, more trees are planted in Israel. JNF has planted millions of trees and built hundreds of agricultural settlements. On January 29, 2020, we will celebrate Tu b'shevat with a festive service and Consecration. We will acknowledge our fabulous students who are in their first year of Religious School. Halfway through the year, our new students are acclimating and embracing their Jewish studies.

The week of January 11 we will have virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences. In the coming week, you will receive an e-mail to schedule your conference. It is important to communicate with your child's teacher regarding his or her progress. The children continue to excel and persevere. They are remarkable kids, which is a reflection of you, their parents. Thank you for your continued partnership with our Religious School as we navigate these uncharted waters. Thank you to our Covid Safety Task Team, led by Steve Finkelstein, for maintaining safety and executing protocols that permit us to safely educate in person. Kudos to our Clergy, teachers and office staff for your continuous dedication to our children. Our temple President, Neil Miller, has made visits to our Religious School and has expressed admiration for our children and their cheerfulness.

May you all be well and stay safe,  
B'Shalom,

***Deborah E. Tract***, Director of Education

## **Social Action Committee**

A special thank you to all who cooked homemade delicious food and delivered it to essential workers at our local precincts and hospitals on Christmas Day.

Please remember that our Food Pantries need donations all year round. The Hatzilu Pantry needs Kosher non-perishable food & paper goods/cleaning supplies (which are not covered by SNAPs formerly Food Stamps). Thanks in advance for your generosity!

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## **N.O.W.** (Network of Women)



This month's inspiration came from an editorial cartoon by Joe Heller. Picture this: a man sitting in his recliner while his wife is sitting at the table with a writing implement, paper and a coffee mug. The page is blank and she sighs, "I got nothing." The gentleman replies, "Maybe you should skip the brag letter for 2020."

Any of you ever write a brag letter or as I describe it "a catch-up synopsis"? I am not using this space for any brags, but rather using it as a reflection as we turn the calendar page to January 1, 2021. I normally write this type of reflection article as the last article of the fiscal year but January 2021 seems a bit more fitting. No need to remind you that 2020 was filled with too many stories of the novel Covid19 virus. I bring to your attention how far we've actually come since the beginning of such trying and unusual times. I, like many of you, thought this was going away a few months after its introduction to us back in March. However, it chose a different, more vigorous path and we here at the Temple, had to be innovative, creative and flexible to continue to bring you your programs, meetings, services, lectures, etc. N.O.W. was no different. We started off in July with a very small group of ladies creating a plan to keep our calendar full and our organization running as best we could. We met for three months in person following CDC guidelines. We "mingled" and continued our Temple friendships that so many had longed for since being on "pause". We did so over wine and a goody bag, 6 feet apart, with a mask and music. We raised funds through Honey From YOUR Heart, we met and continue to meet monthly for a book club discussion; all genres, all ages, male and female. We've adorned your homes with fall flowers (if you ordered them!), we rewrote the bylaws, we played games and as cheesy as it sounds, we did arts and crafts. What we don't do is argue. What we do is make things happen. It starts with an idea and we try our best even if it is with a twist for modification purposes for zoom. We've adapted and this is our new normal.

I hope to see more of you each month now that all of our meetings are via Zoom. Watch for weekly emails sent to you via constant contact for links not only to our meetings but to all Temple meetings, services and programs. From my family to yours I wish you a very happy and healthy 2021.

### **NOW for the News:**

\*Next meeting is January 13th at 7:30 pm. There might be a cookie swap happening in the near future so keep an eye out for emails and info on Facebook. All will be Covid19 safe.

\*Don't forget to order your 2021 Mah Jongg card. See flyer at the end of the Shofar! \$9 for regular print and \$10 for large print.

\*Thank you to all who attended the last Book Club discussion on December 30<sup>th</sup>. At the time of this writing, the next book has not been picked so again please watch for emails and FB updates. We welcome Roberta Feinstein, Andrea Lomasky and Beverly Silpe as they are the newest members to join our discussion! Of course, we have and always welcome our "founders".

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## Men's Club

Happy Secular New Year! Mark Heller and I hope everyone is healthy as we enter into a new and hopefully better year - 2021.



The Men's Club Shabbat Service was held on Friday night, November 13th. For me, the approximately 20 other guys who participated, active Men's Club members who watched from home and (based on the feedback we got) the people who attended in person, it was a great success. Yes, unfortunately there were technical problems with the streaming but it went pretty smoothly, especially considering how little time we had to prepare. Most importantly, it was a terrific "bonding" and overall experience for the Men's Club. Thank you to all the guys who participated and supported us by attending/watching, and a special shout out to Mark Natelson who chaired the committee that put it all together.

The Men's Club-hosted walk around Eisenhower Park on Sunday morning, November 29th, was also a great success. Attendance was excellent - 24 Men's Club members and significant others. The weather was about perfect for late November (see picture below). Oh, excuse me, there were **26** participants - we cannot forget "Rosie" and "Roscoe," the two cute canines who accompanied us.

The next Men's Club event will be a Zoom get-together while watching football. Most likely, it will be held on the last day of the regular season, Sunday January 3rd, at 1:00 pm. The Jets, who may be shooting for 0-16 and the #1 draft pick by then, will be playing the Pats and at the same time, the Giants, who may be shooting for the division championship in the pathetic NFC East, will be going up against the Cowboys.

Stay safe everyone!  
Ed Temple

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\*Please consider joining in on the Purim fun and send "portions" to your friends. The Shalach Manot order form will be at the end of this issue of the Shofar.

\*Please consider us for your Judaica needs such as yarmulkes for all occasions, Tallit for those special moments and lifetime gift giving and so much more. Our showcase is updated seasonally thanks to Sue Zichlin and Susan Bloomberg. A special thank you to Goldie for handling in person orders and sales!

\*If you wish to be a part of the N.O.W. Shabbat service that will take place May 14<sup>th</sup> please contact Ann Middleman at [channad215@gmail.com](mailto:channad215@gmail.com) or Barbara Feinstein at [barbfein0616@aol.com](mailto:barbfein0616@aol.com).

\*Unfortunately, we are postponing our annual AED/CPR certification and recertification class. New date to be determined.

Any thoughts, comments or ideas please feel free to contact me!

In the meantime, be well and cheers to you in 2021!

Robin Grossman, President of N.O.W.  
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the strength felt it necessary to tell the world that they still had hope. I highly suggest listening to the broadcast. It is very inspirational (<https://youtu.be/syUSmEbGLs4>). There is also a more recent video of concentration camp survivors singing Hatikvah at Auschwitz that is mesmerizing (<https://youtu.be/chqD52D5VW0>).

Jews always have hope. Reform Jews keep hope alive by being adaptable to chiddush. We make the best of the present-day situations while maintaining Hatikvah. This year our congregation rose to the challenge by immediately initiating the streaming of all religious services (so people could attend at home), continuing to have B'nei Mitzvah sevcies (within NYS guidelines) and introducing zoom meetings (so everyone can stay connected) – our chiddush. Creating chiddush does not mean that we abandon the old ways, rather it opens our world to new possibilities and experiences.

Although many of our holidays are to commemorate and retell the stories of how we Jews overcame adversity, the true moral of these stories is that we never gave up. As Jews, we have been through a lot: from Adam and Eve being expelled from the Garden of Eden, to slavery under the Pharaoh's regime, to the Holocaust to the COVID 19 Pandemic. Throughout it all Hatikvah has remained constant and has propelled us to not just survive, but flourish.

As 2021 starts, our world has renewed hope of ending this pandemic. Vaccines are starting to be administered. Let us have hope for everyone to enjoy a healthy 2021!

Esther Reich

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### HATIKVAH LYRICS

The official text of the national anthem corresponds to the first stanza and amended refrain of the original nine-stanza poem by Naftali Herz Imber. Along with the original Hebrew, the corresponding transliteration and English translation are listed below.

As long as in the heart, within,	<i>Kol od baleivav penimah</i>	כל עוד בלבב פנימה
The soul of a Jew still yearns,	<i>Nefesh Yehudi homiyah,</i>	נפש יהודי הומיה
And onward, towards the ends of the east,	<i>Ulfa'ate mizrach kadimah,</i>	ולפאתי מזרח קדימה
an eye still gazes toward Zion;	<i>Ayin letziyon tzofiyah</i>	עין לציון צופיה
Our hope is not yet lost,	<i>Od lo avdah tikvatenu,</i>	עוד לא אבדה תקונתנו
The two-thousand-year-old hope,	<i>Hatikvah bat shnot alpayim,</i>	התקוה בת שנות אלפים
To be a free nation in our land,	<i>Lihyot 'am chofshi be'artzenu,</i>	להיות עם חפשי בארצנו
The land of Zion and Jerusalem.	<i>Eretz Tziyon virushalayim.</i>	ארץ ציון וירושלים

*January Birthdays*

1 Nathan Jainchill	9 Steven Ackerman	15 Steven Clair	24 Brandon Wachs
1 David Katz	9 Stefani Horowitz	15 Penny Hutner	25 Leah Breslin
1 Rachel Katz	9 Gary Nackman	15 Jeffrey Newman	25 Perry Glickman
1 Linda Peller	9 Dylan Rogove	15 Mark Rosner	25 Mia Sommer
1 B. Caitlyn Schwartz	9 Michelle Savarino	15 Devi Sigler	25 Marla Suroff
2 Marcine Marcus	10 Emma Shapiro	17 Kenneth Schultz	25 Andrea Wiener
3 Blaire Lomasky	10 Rita Wasserman	18 Eric Moore	26 Cooper Gallow
3 Judy Natelson	11 Diane Corey	18 Ava Zucker	27 Brett Agulnick
4 Lucy Ethe-Sayers	11 Arlene Roth	18 Jack Zucker	27 Ariel Feldberg
4 Benjamin Hatz	12 Dennis Haber	19 Julie Elkins	27 Rifka Hart
4 Linda Ilan	12 Arlene Horowitz	19 Scott Horowitz	27 Enid Kotowitz
5 Judith Schanker	12 Arielle Wilner	20 David Pressman	28 Paul Adler
6 Jeffrey Finkelstein	13 Rikki Feinstein	20 Noah Zucker	28 Susan Bloomberg
6 Jonathan Finkelstein	13 Jonathon Mender	21 Kevin Breslin	28 Susan Cohen
6 Adam Goldberg	13 Bonnie Siegel	22 Amy Peller	28 Ethan Graber
7 Alexandra Damast	14 Sloane Barrie	23 David Brill	28 Debra Starr
7 Jordan Landsberg	14 Gayle Dolowich	23 Craig Goldstein	29 Brandon Kusnetz
8 Marc Agulnick	14 Audrey Newman	23 Ian Topple	30 Adam Lampert
8 Russell Graham	14 Hetti Perlmutter	23 Eric Wolff	30 Andrea Lomasky
8 Ethan Mogavero	14 Jami Schultz	23 Harry Woodrow	31 Ava Albicocco
8 Deborah Wactlar	15 Josh Bassin	24 Elizabeth Gold	31 Mitchel Senzon



**January Anniversaries**

- 23 Dennis & Barbara Weiss
- 25 Arthur & Barbara Katz
- 27 Jason & Jill Zeller



***Join Our Youth Choir***

- Have Fun
- Make Friends
- Learn Songs
- Perform During Services

***Join Our Adult Choir***

- Make friends
- Experience camaraderie
- Connect to your spiritual self
- Learn new renditions of songs
- Perform during services

*For additional information call the  
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***Yahrzeits:*****Week of January 2**

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**Torah Notes:****January 2** – Vayechi (Genesis 47:28-50:26)

The book of Genesis comes to a close, as Jacob's life comes to an end. Jacob blesses his grandchildren Ephraim and Menashe. Jacob offers his deathbed blessings and imparts instructions for his burial. Despite the huge rifts between them, Joseph and his brothers are able to forgive one another and together offer Jacob the burial he deserved. Years pass and Joseph also comes to the end of his days. He makes a deathbed prophecy of people Israel's future.

**January 9** – Shemot (Exodus 1:1-6:1)

A new Egyptian Pharaoh rose to power who did not remember the once positive relationship between the Hebrews and the Egyptians. Seeing Hebrews as a threat, he turned them into slaves and ordered them to drown male children in the Nile River. Somehow, a Levite woman was able to keep her son alive by placing him in a basket on the Nile. Pharaoh's daughter found Moses and decided to raise him in the palace as her own. As Moses grows up, he begins to wonder about his true identity. Feeling a connection to the Hebrew people, he kills an Egyptian on their behalf. He then flees for his life to Midian, where he settles down and had children. Years later God's calls to him out of a burning bush, insisting that he return to Egypt. After a substantial protest, he agrees.

**January 16** - Vaera (Exodus 6:2-9:35)

God asks Moses and his brother Aaron to deliver the Hebrews from Egyptian bondage. After many years of slavery, the Hebrews aren't sure what to make of that promise. Moses and Aaron perform a miracle with a snake, and tell Pharaoh to let their people go. Again and again, Moses makes this plea. Each time Pharaoh fails to uphold his end of the bargain. This portion includes the first seven plagues.

**January 23** - Bo (Exodus 10:1-13:16)

The final three plagues rain down on Egypt, including locusts, and darkness. Before the final plague, God instructs Aaron and Moses about the Passover festival. God tells the people what to do to avoid being affected by the final and most gruesome plague yet: the death of the firstborn. After this plague, Pharaoh finally allows the Hebrews to leave Egypt. God repeats the commandments about Passover.

**January 30** – Beshalach (Exodus 13:17-17:16)

The story of the Exodus from Egypt reaches its climax, as the Hebrews flee. Pharaoh changes his mind about letting the people go and sends his army to retrieve them. The Hebrews come to the Sea of Reeds. Before them is a body of water too deep and too long to cross. Behind them are Egyptian soldiers. They are trapped. Suddenly, the water begins to part and the Hebrews are able to pass through as if on dry land. The water then closes behind them so that the Egyptian army cannot follow. As the Israelites reach the other side, they joyously sing the words *Mi Chamocho* "Who is like you, O God?" God provides the Hebrews with food called Manna. When the people complain about water, Moses hits a rock with his rod and water gushes out.

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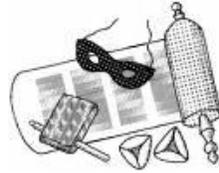
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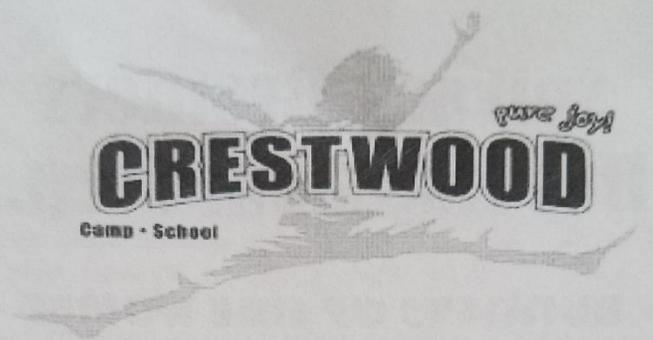
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3 Men's Club Zoom Football Party 1:00 PM	4 Religious School Resumes	5 Meditation with Cantor 12:30 PM Chant Torah with Cantor 1:30 PM  Men's Club meeting 7:30 PM	6	7	8 Erev Shabbat Svs featuring Nishamah 7:30 PM	9 Torah Study 10:30 AM
10	11 Finance Committee Meeting 7:30 PM	12 Meditation with Cantor 12:30 PM Chant Torah with Cantor 1:30 PM  Ritual Committee Meeting 7:30 PM	13 NOW Meeting 7:30 PM	14	15 Erev Shabbat Svs 7:30 PM	16 Torah Study 10:30 AM
17 Virtual Roundtable Rap 10:30 AM	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  No Religious School	19 Meditation with Cantor 12:30 PM Chant Torah with Cantor 1:30 PM  Membership Meeting 7:30	20 Executive Committee Meeting 8:00 PM	21	22 Erev Shabbat Svs 7:30 PM	23 Torah Study 10:30 AM
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