



The Shofar

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Hannukah Celebrated TOEACRC Style

TOEACRC Style simply means that we go above and beyond to connect with each other. We gathered together to celebrate 2021 Hannukah in many ways. We united in front of our Temple to light our great menorah, sing songs and gather in prayer. We joined ZOOM calls and lit our individual menorahs while celebrating in song and reinforcing our friendships with each other. We also experienced a wonderful musical Shabbat featuring Nishamah, our Temple Band, in celebration of 2021 Hannukah. We truly are a family.



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1:00-6:30 PM Mondays & Thursdays

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We encourage our members to submit articles, photos and simchas for us to include in future issues.

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.

Please forward all such information to:

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Catering Information:

Our expanded and redecorated Temple can accommodate your celebration: Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Kiddush, Havdalah Service, Luncheon, Wedding, Bris and all other types of parties.

Shawn and Scott will be happy to help you plan a memorable occasion for your family.

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.

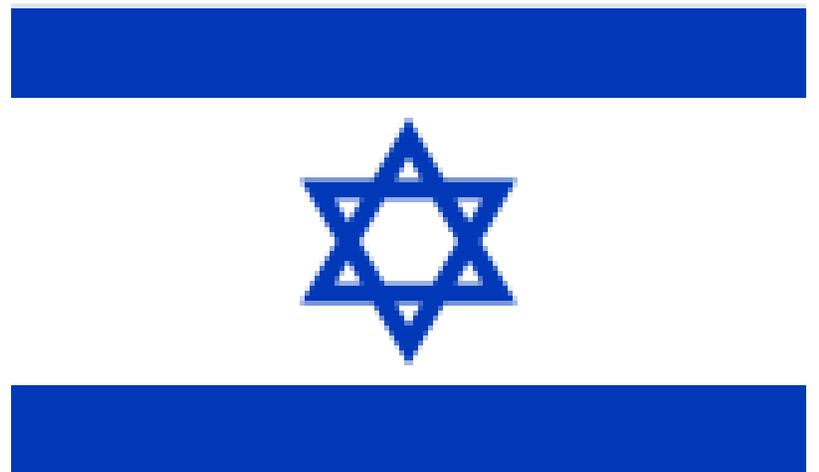
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Services Schedule:

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| Fri. | Jan 7 | Erev Shabbat Service | 7:30 PM |
| Sat. | Jan 8 | Torah Study with Rabbi | 10:30 AM |
| Fri. | Jan 14 | Erev Shabbat Service | 7:30 PM |
| Sat. | Jan 15 | Torah Study with Rabbi | 10:30 AM |
| Fri. | Jan 21 | Young Family Shabbat | 6:00 PM |
| | | Tu B'Shevat Erev Shabbat Svs | 7:30 PM |
| Sat. | Jan 22 | Torah Study with Rabbi | 10:30 AM |
| Fri. | Jan 28 | Musical Erev Shabbat Service Featuring Nishamah | 7:30 PM |
| Sat. | Jan 29 | Torah Study with Rabbi | 10:30 AM |



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.



Baskets on the Bimah

A great way to honor a simcha is by sponsoring a basket on the bimah.

Proceeds go to assist local needy families. Any congregant can have a basket displayed on the bimah for Shabbat by bringing a minimum of \$36 to the Temple Office, at least one week in advance.

President's Message:

My New Year's Tradition



Our Temple was filled with joy during Hannukah in late November and early December. There is nothing as gratifying as seeing happy children in our building. Mrs. Tract arranged for two different puppet shows on two different days during the holiday, each aimed at a different age group. After each, the kids joined other members outside our building with our clergy and Mrs. Tract as we lit our huge electric menorah, sang the Hannukah and gave out latkes and applesauce to all present. At the following special Shabbat Hannukah service, we were able to bring our menorahs and candles, light them up and enjoy Hannukah music with Cantor David and Nishamah, as well as enjoy a special Oneg, with more latkes of course!

As always, such celebrations happen only through teamwork. Mrs. Tract worked overtime with Rabbi Judy, Cantor David, our custodians and volunteers who cooked up and distributed the latkes and broadcast the menorah lighting on Facebook. These celebrations bonded us all together and brought 2021 to a wonderful close.

Now on to 2022! As I am an early riser (a blessing and a curse), I have developed my own personal January 1 tradition. Before most of the world has awoken, I spend the morning sending personalized texts to family and friends to wish them a happy new year. It makes both me and the recipients feel good and it gets the secular new year off on the right foot.

Sometimes I wonder. Why don't I do the same thing on Rosh Hashanah morning? After all, it's supposed to be our new year. Perhaps it stems from the confusion I had as a child celebrating two New Year's days each year. I simply do not have a satisfactory answer to my own question.

I do know this; since joining our Temple over 18 years ago, I have confidence as Rosh Hashanah approaches that I will be seeing so many of my friends in temple throughout the High Holy Days. Sending them a text to wish them a happy new year at that time would seem superfluous. On the secular New Year's Eve/New Year's Day, Laura and I might spend a little time with a small group of friends and may run into some congregants on a shivery January Shabbat, but it is nothing like the warm, wonderful throngs I see at our Temple on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. I like to think that my personalized January 1 texts keep me connected.

Any excuse to stay connected to each other, especially as we still navigate our way through COVID-19 and its variants, is a good one. Find your own method. Find an excuse to pick up a phone, send a text or e-mail or write a good old-fashioned letter to a friend or family member. Come to Temple on a Friday night to hang out with old friends and meet new people. In the end, all we have is each other.

Stay warm and safe.

Neil Miller, President

Yarmulkes:

Order yarmulkes for your Bar/Bat Mitzvah or Wedding at discounted prices from NOW (formerly Sisterhood).

There is a tremendous variety of colors available. FREE IMPRINTING IN SILVER OR GOLD for orders of 5 dozen or more. If more than one color or less than 5 dozen are ordered there's an additional fee. A charge of \$15 for shipping and processing is added to all orders.

Please contact
Susan Bloomberg at (516)639-3982.

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| Satin | \$23/dozen |
| Deluxe Satin | \$25/dozen |
| Suede | \$35/dozen |
| Embossed Suede | \$37/dozen |
| Velvet | \$30/dozen |
| Moire | \$25/dozen |
| Raw Silk | \$28/dozen |

Rabbi's Corner:

Happy Secular New Year! May 2022 be a year of health and happiness for us all. I hope that Temple figures in to your New Year's resolutions. This is the time to reinvigorate your life and participating in any of our myriad and varied activities, services and classes can do just that. Attend a Friday Shabbat service in-person or virtually. Know that there is an open invitation to all Shabbat morning services when a Bar or Bat Mitzvah is occurring. The sense of community at all our services is palpable. Do join in! N.O.W. and Men's Club have full schedules of meetings and activities just waiting for you; our Adult Education, Lunch n Learn, Torah Study, Meditation with the Cantor and Torah Chanting Classes always have room for you. No previous experience is required for any of these classes. Come, enjoy and learn with us.



The second Rabbi's Reading Group will meet on Thursday, Jan.27th. We will discuss the book *People Love Dead Jews* by Dara Horn. This thought-provoking collection of essays is prizewinning novelist, Dara Horn's response to a myriad of requests to respond to waves of deadly anti-Semitic attacks. Horn realized she was continually asked to write about dead Jews and never living ones. Her challenging book is both personal and profound. I am sure we will all have much to say. Read the whole book, listen to it (available on Audible) or read just a couple of the essays. Think, as well, about what Jewish stories you would prefer to promote. I anticipate a respectful and robust conversation.

I look forward to your participation in our Temple's life. Follow us through The Shofar, our website, Facebook pages and Constant Contact emails. My door is always open - drop by and say hello!

Rabbi Judy**Online Donations Made Easy**

To make a donation on-line, go to the home page of our Temple's website, 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". 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

Cantor's Message:

Happy New Year!

Each January 1st, do you find yourself saying, "Wow, another year has already passed. Where is the time going?" I know I do. It seems that each year goes quicker, and it gets more and more challenging to "find the time" to do everything we need to do. Why is this so? Aren't we still doing all the same things we have done before? Has our life really gone "faster"?



Truth be told, time is simply time. We all know that it cannot go faster or slower. It is US and our approach toward our lives that is the culprit. As we get older it seems that we tend to see the days differently. Most scholars of the human condition attribute this to us becoming more aware of the fact that we are getting older and there is less time left for us. Not in a morbid way but in the sense that we realize what is more important in life as we get older.

So, what can we do this year to feel less like "time" is controlling us and feel more like we are getting the most out of our life? One of the easiest and simplest ways to find more balance in your life and time for yourself, is to rest one day of the week - Shabbat! I believe that our sages created the day of Shabbat as a rest day not only because it says in the Torah that God rested but because they knew that all of us, even thousands of years later, would still be the same humans and that we would need to slow down once a week, to take a rest and recharge ourselves.

I can hear you now, "Yeah right! So easy for Cantor to say, when he is not a Swim or Lacrosse Taxi, a Dance Mom, Baseball coach, or the one who does all the shopping, cleaning and schlepping!" Believe me, I understand. It is not an easy life to lead. We all want to make sure everything is covered and our families are taken care of. But what about YOU, the most important part of the equation? Caring for oneself is the most important thing we can do and we need some rest to be able to do it.

So how about this for the new year; try to make a commitment spending more time taking care of yourself. Make your health and peace of mind the most important issue you have to deal with. Start by taking some time to rest a little more. If you cannot make it the exact day of Shabbat, then make your own little Shabbat.

Give yourself 20 minutes more in the morning to stop and have a nice cup of tea and relax slightly before you go out into the world. Do a short "stillness" meditation for ten minutes before hitting the LIE! Better yet, attend our meditation classes on Tuesdays. Hang out with your kids just before they go to sleep for 10 minutes more and just hug them or talk. Whatever it is, try and become more aware of HOW you are going through this life and what you are doing in each moment. It is rarely "what" we are doing, but even more, "how" we are doing it!

This is the way of the Kabbalistic tradition as well. The Kabbalistic tradition believes that the entire universe is being created moment by moment; That every single moment is new and there is no such thing as "same stuff, different day." We have far more control of our lives and our peace of mind than we think. We must slow down and be in life as it happens.

My wish for you in this new year is that you find more time for YOU; That you become healthier and stronger and more rested than you ever have before, simply because you choose to make yourself the most important piece of the puzzle. After all, wasn't it one of the simplest yet profound statements from our very own tradition that asks us to consider the following: "If I am not for myself then who will be? If I am only for myself, what am I? And if not NOW, when?"

The most important thing we can do in our lives is to take care of ourselves, find a balance in our lives and do it NOW, not later. Then we will truly begin to feel as if we are getting the most out of our lives and be the best we can be for others.

B'shalom,
Cantor Katz

Religious School:

Shalom Parents!

2022 has arrived. Hard to believe that in three months it will be two years since we began living a "new normal", due to Covid. However, our Religious School has not missed a beat. Despite protocols, masks, social distancing and more, our children continue to learn and receive a solid Jewish education, thanks to our caring teachers.



During these past few months, I have noticed how much our children are growing up and how they are learning to adapt to change. This is a lesson that requires maturity, acceptance and positivity. I am so proud and appreciative of all their efforts. Our Bat/ Bar Mitzvah students continue to work diligently while keeping up with their public-school studies and extracurricular activities. They are excelling!

This past November and December we had a wonderful week in our Religious School celebrating the Festival of Lights - Hannukah. Our children were entertained by the well-known and amazing Hagit Agnon and her theatrical entertainers. Hands-on live entertainment filled our social hall with music, colorful lights, amazing puppets, songs and audience participation. It was so nice to see so many of our lower grade families and grandparents on November 30 join our children for our celebration. The smiles, laughter and multi-generations of family made the holiday extra special. Thank you to our School Board Co-President Susan Bloomberg for generously providing our kids and families with jelly-filled munchkins! A treat enjoyed by all! Our synagogue also held two nights of in-person, outside candle lightings that brought many people together. Our Temple's very tall and beautiful Menorah shined brightly on all. Again, thank you to Marc Weiner for his generous donation of this magnificent Menorah. Our families also got to enjoy delicious latkes graciously donated by our Temple President Neil Miller and definitely appreciated by everyone. Yes! It's true....our Temple goes the extra mile! Thank you to everyone who came to prepare the latkes!

The children went home with bags filled with symbolic Hannukah gifts that are just a token of our utmost appreciation and admiration for our students.

The children continue to learn about the holidays, the state of Israel, Torah and Prophets, as well as the skills needed to read Hebrew and prayer study. Soon we will begin our work to prepare to lead Shabbat services. Each grade will lead a Shabbat service on a Friday evening. As the children begin their preparation to lead a service with prayers in Hebrew, they are gaining the skills necessary to be able to ascend to the Bema without fear for their own Bat/Bar Mitzvah.

By now you have seen the flyer about our exciting trip to Israel! I am thrilled and look forward to the possibility of leading our families to Israel this summer with Cantor David Katz. A heartfelt thank you to our very own Religious School moms - Stephanie Kaufman and Stefanie Horowitz, two amazing travel agents. They have worked very hard for the last six months to create and present an amazing trip of a lifetime to Israel for August 2022. Please do not hesitate to call or email me regarding any questions. This trip consists of a full itinerary to all the major sites that your children have learned about in the classroom here at TOEACRC.

This promises to be an amazing opportunity to see Israel, creating memories that will last forever. So, who's boarding El Al with us this summer? 😊

Thank you to everyone who has generously been donating to our Snack Shack and to all those who contributed to our annual John Theissen Toy Drive. Your contributions and generosity are greatly appreciated.

May 2022 bring each of you and your family a wonderful, healthy and fantastic year.

B'Shalom,
Deborah E. Tract, Director of Education

N.O.W. (Network of Women)**Robin Grossman**, President of N.O.W.Handson64@aol.com

**From our home to yours
Network Of Women (N.O.W.)
Wishes you a very
Happy New Year!**

Men's Club

It's winter and with winter comes cold weather and long nights. However, it is also a time to get together, stay warm and enjoy the company of those who are near and dear.



By the time you read this, the holidays will be over and we will be starting 2022, hoping that the new year brings you prosperity, lots of happiness and most importantly, good health. As we know, 2021 was a difficult year for many.

Here at the Men's Club, we continue to plan fun and enjoyable events for our members. The evening of Saturday, March 5th is a highlight on our events calendar...Comedy Night. It has always been a great evening of food and laughter right here at the Temple and it beats schlepping into Manhattan and paying an arm and a leg for a night out. All are welcome!

More great events will be scheduled over the next few months, including attending a ballgame at Citifield in the Spring. However, we need your support. Bring us your ideas, your suggestions and let us know what the Men's Club can do to bring us all together.

So, join us at our upcoming meetings.... January 4 and February 1, and become part of a great group of guys. We promise you will find comradery, great conversation and a place to come to and enjoy good times together.

Stay warm and stay safe!

Mark Starr

Co-President

Social Action Committee

Thanks to all who participated in our Christmas Day Meal Delivery Project. The first responders were so pleased to receive the delicious homecooked meals that we provided to them to show our appreciation for the essential work they do every day, but especially on Christmas.

Please remember that our Food Pantries need donations all year round. The Hatzilu Pantry needs Kosher non-perishable food & paper goods and cleaning supplies. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Susan Levine, Chair, Social Action CommitteeSusanlevine318@gmail.com

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Yahrzeits:**Week of January 1**

Joel Blank, Augusta Bloom, Irene Broderson, Benjamin Brody, Joseph Broxmeyer, Fannie Cohen, Anna Cooperman, Esther Davis, Isidor Dreier, Sylvia Emsig, Albert Fischer, Judith Freudenthal, Bonnie Gelbien, Kurt Gluckselig, Roen Goldberg, Roger Greenberg, Ann Grossman, Paul Grossman, Sidney Hahn, Beatrice Hantman, Ruth Herscovit, William Hoffman, Emma Hyman, Murray Kestenbaum, Rita Kohn, Joseph A. Lamel, Davida Lazer, Jesse Lebolt, Sandra Liebeskind, Milton Lomasky, Richard Middleman, Benjamin Edward Natelson, Veronica Natelson, Beckie Pincus, Bernard Reiss, Melvin Rosen, Lillian Rosenberg, Morris Rosenberg, Sigmund Rosenstock, Joseph Rothman, Charles Rudich, Ralph Schier, Harry Schroder, Esther Shankman, Dora Stein, Rebecca Stoller, Carol Tanenbaum, Lowell Tellerman, Selma Warshawsky, Sarah Wasserman, Elias Weiler, Sara Weinrib, Frances Weiss, Bertha Wilensky, Miriam Wohl, Gertrude Ziegler and Dora Zirin

Week of January 8

Celia Albin, Dorothy Altman, Howard Bertan, Jack Bohrer, Kate Chodos, Michael Cole, Dora Crown, Bessie Epstein, Joel Eshin, Cecile Feldmann, Henry Glick, Barry Glotzer, Ronald Goldberg, Eli Goldstein, David Harris, Irving Harris, Jerry Jainchill, Bernard Kaye, Warren Kolber, Lillian Lapidus, Benjamin Leshowitz, Gussie Leshowitz, Albert Lichtenstein, Lucille Malawista, Victor Margulies, Boris Moore, Ethel Polis, Kathleen Poulsen, Blanche Reyburn, Miriam Rose, Sylvia H. Rosenberg, Kurt Rosner, Anne Rubin, Eugene Rubin, Harry Schwartz, Irving Secol, Milton Seifman, J. Stanley Shaw, Morris Sklar, Samuel Solodkin, Samuel Spiegel, Arthur Stangel, Celia Weinberg, Evaline Weintraub, Shirley Weintraub, Michael Weiss and Harold Zahler

Week of January 15

Elsa Board, Tillie Braunstein, Jean Breitman, Fannie Burns, Solomon Chorost, Bessie Clark, Al Cohen, Louis Cooperman, Louis Davis, Tracy Fleisher, Anna Gelbien, Julius Geller, Morton Ginsburgh, Renee Glickman, Stanley Gold, Jennie Gorman, Hyman Grossman, Ruth Halpern, Norman Heilweil, Julian Juster, Rose Kaback, Morris Kahane, Ruth Kaplan, Isidore Katzman, Milton Kaufman, Morris Kenwood, Frank Kider, Nat Kutin, Abraham Lerner, Grace Magill, Toby Marx, Joseph Newman, William Oliver, Ann Oster, Roza Pinto, Mark Rosenberg, Molly Weiss Schneider, Sadie Schoenholtz, Dorothy Schwartz, Estera Serko, Irene Steinberg, Sally Syetta, Milton Winters and Ilene Zimmerman

Week of January 22

Joe Allen, Henry Balfour, Bernard Berfas, Abraham Blackman, Jay Brenner, Bessie Buchalter, Barnet Cohen, Louis J. Cohn, Marie Ettinger, Charles Fielding, Leon Fruitbine, Nora Goldring, Florence Goldstein, Anna Goodman, Bernard Gottfurcht, David Israel, Jean Jacobs, Ben Janower, Melvin Juster, Henry Kaplan, Richard Kaplan, Marilyn Kazan, Elizabeth Kenger, Sadie Kessler, Manny Krumholz, Irving Leventhal, Frances Menzin, Sidney Meyer, Carl Miller, Max Mitchel, Louis Nackman, Kate Napell, Jacob Neider, Renee Ostrove, Peter Rosenberg, Alfred Rossip, Nancy Saunders, Lew Schreiber, Eunice Schroder, Bernard Seltzer, Isadore Seltzer, Evelyn Sherman, Dora Siegel, William Slavin, Sylvia Smith, Selma Steinbach, Arthur Stern, Judith Stern, Leon Strauss, Anne Waco, Paul William Weinberger, Anna Weintraub, Molly Yaris, Paul Yaris and Stanley Zipp

Week of January 29

Gertrude Backman, Bessie Bernstein, Phyllis Besserman, Harold Bisom, Irma Bloch, David Brown, Albert Cohen, Sadie Cohen, Michael Deck, Jerome Deutschman, Nancy Harris Ellis, Rowie Finkelstein, Lila Fried, Louis Gelber, Frieda Gold, Dora Goldin, Abraham Goldstein, Robert Gordonson, Joseph G. Granofsky, Julius Herman, Sam Hersh, Benjamin Hill, Morris Hirsch, Norcia Katz, Arlene Kaye, Sophie Kerner, Robert Kislik, Herbert Koenigsberg, Murry J. Koenigsberg, Philip Lerner, Hilda Leventhal, Ira Levine, Pauline D. Levine, Daniel Levy, Stella Matzner, Nathan Nadelman, Shirley Osnowitz, Rose Pakula, Carl Potashnick, Isidor Reiss, Mary Reit, Muriel Ritter, Marion Saltz, Helen Schutz, Sam Siegel, Leonard Silpe, Joseph Spieler, Marilyn Taub, Maurice Temple, Ruth Tobias, Mildred Topper, Harrey Vigdor, Rose Weintraub, Lorraine Yager and Rebecca Zeid

Torah Notes:January 1: 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 8: 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 15: 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 Chamocha* "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.

January 22, Yitro, Exodus 18:1-20:23

The portion is named for Moses' father-in-law, Yitro (Jethro), who comes to the Israelite camp with Moses' wife Zipporah and their two sons. Yitro watches Moses working in his role as judge and convinces him to create a hierarchy of courts filled with many judges. The newly liberated Israelites walk through the desert until they arrive at Mount Sinai. They agree to God's law and prepare for God's holy instructions. On the third day of preparation, Moses begins to climb up Mt. Sinai. He receives the Ten Commandments, all of which appear in this Torah portion.

January 29: Mishpatim, Exodus 21:1-24:18

Roughly translated as "laws" or "judgements" the Torah portion *Mishpatim* contains civil and criminal laws, as well as ritual-related provisions. The Torah discusses slavery, serfdom and injury law. Laws about theft, property, idolatry, false rumors and treatment of an enemy also appear in this text. There is particular focus on how we treat those most vulnerable in our society, which at that time included strangers, orphans and widows. Finally, the text turns to ritual matters such as Shabbat and the three festivals (Sukkot, Pesach and Shavuot). God then instructs Moses on how to approach Mount Sinai so that he can receive the Ten Commandments.

We Sorrowfully mourn the passing of:

Our member Carolyn Jaenisch
Wife of Steven Chestler and mother of Gregory and Caitlin



Our member Harold Finkelstein
Husband of Marilyn Finkelstein and father of Ronald Finkelstein
Ellen Patcoff and Paula Rosenthal



Belle Graham
Mother of our member Russell Graham



Our member Harvey Eisenberg



January Birthdays

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| 1 David Katz | 10 Rita Wasserman | 22 Dylan Steiner |
| 1 Rachel Katz | 11 Diane Corey | 23 Craig Goldstein |
| 1 Linda Peller | 11 Arlene Roth | 23 Ian Topple |
| 1 B. Caitlyn Schwartz | 11 Debra Schwartz | 23 Eric Wolff |
| 2 Marcine Marcus | 12 Sam Braunstein | 23 Harry Woodrow |
| 3 Tracee Cohen | 12 Arlene Horowitz | 24 Benjamin Shahaf |
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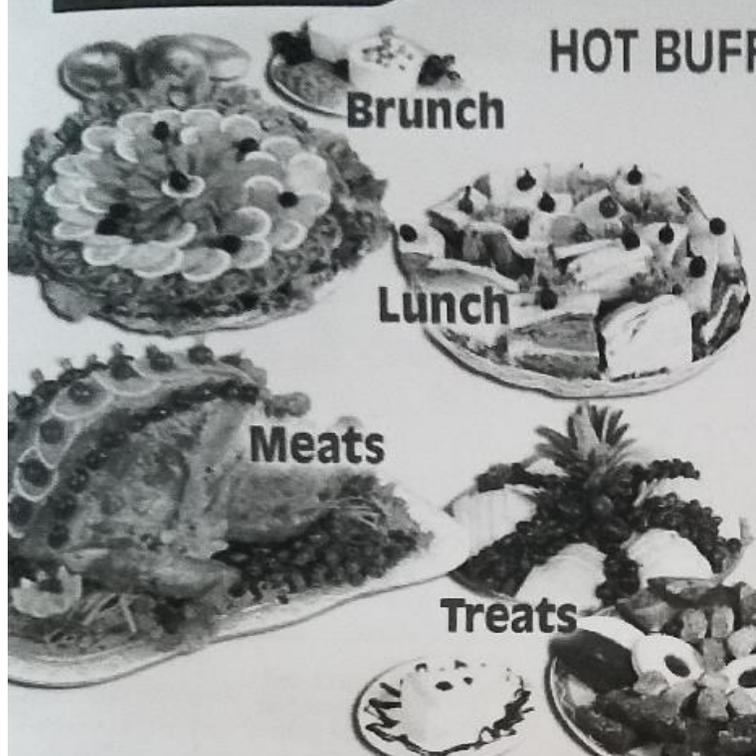
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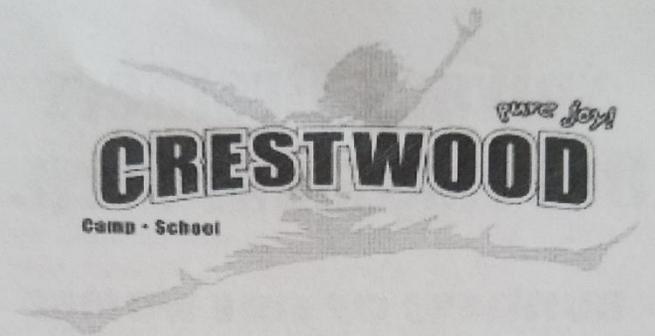
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