



# The Bulletin

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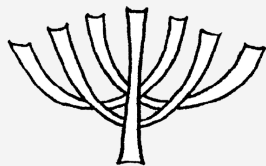
We are an open and welcoming community that blends Jewish traditions with modern life.

## Prayer for Our Country, by Rabbi Ayelet Cohen

Our God and God of our ancestors, bless this country and all who dwell within it  
Help us to experience the blessings of our lives and circumstances  
To be vigilant, compassionate, and brave  
Strengthen us when we are afraid  
Help us to channel our anger  
So that it motivates us to action  
Help us to feel our fear  
So that we do not become numb  
Help us to be generous with others  
So that we raise each other up  
Help us to be humble in our fear, knowing that as vulnerable as we feel there are those at greater risk,  
And that it is our holy work to stand with them  
Help us to taste the sweetness of liberty  
To not take for granted the freedoms won in generations past or in recent days  
To heal and nourish our democracy, that it may be like a tree planted by the water whose roots reach down to the stream  
It need not fear drought when it comes, its leaves are always green  
Source of all Life,  
Guide our leaders with righteousness  
Strengthen their hearts but keep them from hardening  
That they may use their influence and authority to speak truth and act for justice  
May all who dwell in this country share in its bounty, enjoy its freedoms and be protected by its laws  
May this nation use its power and wealth to be a voice for justice, peace and equality for all who dwell on earth  
May we be strong and have courage  
To be bold in our action and deep in our compassion  
To discern when we must listen and when we must act  
To uproot bigotry, intolerance, misogyny, racism, discrimination and violence in all its forms  
To celebrate the many faces of God reflected in the wondrous diversity of humanity  
To welcome the stranger and the immigrant and to honor the gifts of those who seek refuge and possibility here  
As they have since before this nation was born  
Let justice well up like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream

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Thank you to member **Bernice Freedman-Warnke** for providing this poem.



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The 15th of each month.  
 The Rabbi and the editor reserve  
 the right to reject submissions due  
 to space limitations or content.

**Due to COVID-19 the  
 Temple building  
 remains closed. We hope  
 to see you at our virtual  
 services and celebrations  
 held via ZOOM.**

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**The Rabbi returns from  
 sabbatical on February 17th.**

The Rabbi is not available by  
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 sabbatical. If you need  
 assistance, please contact  
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**FEBRUARY SAVE THE DATES:**

Saturday, February 20th, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Shabbat T’rumah Art Service.

Sunday, February 21st at 3:00 p.m., please join a presentation featuring Michael Craig Palmer, author of Eric Mendelsohn’s Synagogues in America. Mr. Palmer is a photographer whose work has explored the architectural legacy and relevance of the German Jewish exodus from Germany in the 1920s and 1930. ZOOM info. will be sent soon.

Sunday, February 28th at 3:00 p.m. Congregation Beth El invites you to a musical extravaganza: **Three Israeli tenors** (Kol Esperanza) will perform Broadway, opera, pop and Israeli music. **Use the link below to purchase tickets**, or call Beth El’s administrative office at 860-442-0418  
<https://www.bethel-nl.org/programs/weiner-tom-lecture-series>

Thursday, February 25th **Purim Celebration**. Time TBA, and Zoom links will be sent as the time draws near.

Under more usual circumstances the retirement of Marlene Aulten, our Office Administrator, might be acknowledged with a formal fete. Perhaps a luncheon at the Temple, or at an up-scale restaurant. Or just maybe, a formal dinner at a fine eating establishment. Regardless of the locale, there would be wine and cocktails, banter, a number of hopefully brief speeches by members of the Board, and even some congregants, who had the privilege of interacting with Marlene. Perhaps even an amusing story or two?

There would be much to say about Marlene. For those fortunate enough to have worked with her over the last 5+ years, they could exclaim over her organizational skills, her deft hand at editing, her ability to 'gussie-up' countless issues of *The Bulletin*. The process of preparing for the High Holidays, a pressure cooker for both Rav Jeremy and Marlene, was always dealt with efficiently and with aplomb. Her work with various members of the Board always helped to further the mission of the Bnai Israel community.

For my wife and me, new to the area, it was our initial phone chats with Marlene which were so impressive...her knowledge, her patience with our endless questions. In our search for a synagogue her warmth and openness helped to convince us that we had found the right place.

Under more usual circumstances, when Jewish Explorations classes were conducted at the synagogue on Wednesday afternoons, Marlene always found a bit of time to schmooze with this tag-along husband, while Morah Stephanie taught. Always pleasant. Always a pleasure.

However, for the last year Marlene has not been working under usual circumstances. That makes her even more remarkable. The pandemic, with resulting concern for loved ones and the need for social isolation, has affected her, as it has all of us. Functioning in virtual isolation, she has continued to perform her responsibilities in exemplary fashion. During this time, as President of the Board, I have come to appreciate her efficiency, her ability to multi-task, and her willingness to answer a plethora of questions.

Marlene is appreciated deeply. She will be missed. She is wished only the best in retirement, as she and her husband experience new adventures. Fare thee well!

*Peter*

**And, now, a brief word (or two) from your departing office administrator  
whose last day is January 29, 2021!**

Shalom. My deep thanks and appreciation to Peter for his heartfelt send off! My deep thanks and gratitude also to the community of Temple Bnai Israel for creating such a welcoming environment. The Temple provided me with a rich learning environment (I even took introductory Hebrew classes here!), and I never felt that my position here was "just a job". I've gotten to know many of you on a more personal level, and that has been a joy. Many of you don't know this, but I also have a wonderful 3-year-old cat, named Ariyeh (Ari for short), who I rescued from within the very walls of this Temple the day after Yom Kippur two years ago (so, obviously, he HAD to have a Jewish name)! He will be one of the many wonderful memories of my time here! Many thanks to Rav Jeremy, and all of the Board Presidents I have worked with (4 over my time here!) for, well, too many things to list.

Kol Tuv, Marlene

## FEBRUARY SERVICES AND CELEBRATIONS

Email [office@templebnaiisrael.org](mailto:office@templebnaiisrael.org) if you can be a ZOOM Helper or Jewry Duty participant where needed and help us make minyan.

<p><b>Friday, February 5th, 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Service</b>  <b>The Temple's Board of Directors will lead this service.</b></p> <p>Zoom Master is Sharen Peters</p> <p>Jewry Duty Participant: Jill Marocchini</p> <p>Two more Jewry Duty participants appreciated. Sign up on LOTSA or email the office at <a href="mailto:office@templebnaiisrael.org">office@templebnaiisrael.org</a></p>	<p><b>Friday, February 19th, 7:30 p.m. Tikkun Olam VaNefesh Service</b>  <b>Service will be lead by members of the Ritual Committee</b></p> <p>Ken Dardick is Zoom master</p> <p>Jewry Duty participants are Ken Dardick and Roberta Schwane</p> <p>Two more Jewry Duty participants appreciated. Sign up on LOTSA or email the office at <a href="mailto:office@templebnaiisrael.org">office@templebnaiisrael.org</a></p>
<p><b>Saturday, February 6th, 9:30 a.m. Bagel &amp; Bible followed by abbreviated Shabbat Service</b>  <b>Service leaders are Peter and Stephanie Malinow</b></p> <p>Jewry Duty participants are Paul &amp; Annette Shapiro, Hillary Stern, and Marc Kronisch</p>	<p><b>Saturday, February 20th, 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service</b>  <b>Service will be lead by members of the Ritual Committee</b></p> <p>Ken Dardick is Zoom master</p> <p>NO JEWRY DUTY PARTICIPANTS ARE SIGNED UP; PLEASE SIGN UP ON LOTSA OR EMAIL THE OFFICE. <a href="mailto:office@templebnaiisrael.org">office@templebnaiisrael.org</a></p>
<p><b>Friday, February 12th, 6:15 p.m. TGI Shabbes</b>  <b>Service leaders are Anne Willenborg and Doreen Simonsen with Anne also serving as Zoom Master</b></p> <p>Jewry Duty participants: Fran &amp; Drew Jaffe, Gerry Berkowitz, and Mona &amp; Todd Friedland</p>	<p><b>Friday, February 26th, 6:30 p.m. After Dinner Shabbes Schmooze</b>  <b>Service leader is RAV JEREMY!</b></p> <p>NO JEWRY DUTY PARTICIPANTS ARE SIGNED UP; PLEASE SIGN UP ON LOTSA OR EMAIL THE OFFICE. <a href="mailto:office@templebnaiisrael.org">office@templebnaiisrael.org</a></p>
<p><b>Saturday, February 13th, 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service</b>  <b>Service Leader is David Brodie</b></p> <p>Jewry Duty participants are David &amp; Debbie Stoloff</p> <p>Three more Jewry Duty participants appreciated. Sign up on LOTSA or email the office at <a href="mailto:office@templebnaiisrael.org">office@templebnaiisrael.org</a></p>	<p><b>Saturday, February 27th, 10:00 a.m.</b>  <b>Service leader is RAV JEREMY!</b></p> <p>Jewry Duty participants are Rita Pollack and Carol &amp; Yves Kraus.</p> <p>Two more Jewry Duty participants appreciated. Sign up on LOTSA or email the office at <a href="mailto:office@templebnaiisrael.org">office@templebnaiisrael.org</a></p>



*Editor's note: Dear friends, we are thrilled that Morah Stephanie is re-invigorating our Jewish Explorations column! For those of you new to our community, Jewish Explorations, formerly known as Hebrew School, is for children ages 5-13; our curriculum facilitates the growth and empowerment of each of our students, helping them to realize their full potential as Jewish human beings.*

## ***MAKING CONNECTIONS***

For the past few months, our Jewish Explorations classes have been limited to Zoom, but there has been no limit to the connections the students have been making between what we explore together virtually and their experiences at home and in school. The message is always the same: We can make the world better.

In January we learned a lot about Tu B'Shevat, our traditional celebration of trees and their importance to a healthy environment. Several students related our conversation about trees to things they have seen online or on television, like a program on Netflix called "The World's Most Extraordinary Homes". One episode explores "Casa Levene", a famous home in Spain. It was built in a pine forest and was designed by an architect who was committed to honoring all the trees in the area. Because of this, the house has a very unusual shape, so that no trees had to be cut down to make room for it!

Others were familiar with a website, [teamtrees.org](http://teamtrees.org), which encourages people to donate as little as one dollar per tree to plant trees where they are needed as part of reforestation efforts. Founded only two years ago, Team Trees has already planted more than 22 million trees all over the world!

We have also talked a lot about how the Torah is a "Tree of Life", with roots, a trunk and branches. The Torah stories give us guidance for our own lives, as we read about the relationships, the challenges, and the problem-solving of our ancestors. One day, the story about God telling Moses to go to Pharaoh and demand that he free the Hebrew slaves inspired Gilad to share a personal experience at school. In the Torah, Moses expresses doubt that he can carry out this assignment. God understands, and sends Moses' older brother, Aaron, to go with him, giving him more confidence. This story reminded Gilad of his own experience at school, where he had an idea about changing the name of one of his classes to reflect the impact it could have on increasing the kindness of the students. He was excited about sharing his idea with the teacher, who was very supportive, but he was not sure he had the courage to follow up by going all the way to the principal, as she proposed. Seeing the doubt on his face, his teacher suggested that he ask a couple of friends to go with him, which he did.

As we continue to explore the wisdom of our heritage, we continue to find our own ways to make the world a better place.



## CARING COMMITTEE; Caring For Each Other In Times Of Need

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I'd like to begin by thanking Carol and Aline for their leadership in January. Next month's leaders are Honey and Sheila. Thanks to all who recently volunteered – we are now covered through May and have leaders for July as well. Please feel free to contact me any time to reserve your month.

As always, our Committee welcomes new members. Why not consider joining us in lending a hand to our fellow congregants when they're in need? It's a simple commitment and extremely worthwhile and rewarding. Call our monthly leaders, the Committee co-chairs, Fran Jaffe and Ellie Shane, or Rav Jeremy (but only once he's back from sabbatical in mid-February) if you or anyone you know needs some assistance.

Hope you all are keeping safe and staying well. I pray that the vaccine will take hold in the next few months so that we may begin to be able to be together. In the meantime, remain vigilant!!

Fran

## TORAH READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2021

Shevat-Adar 5781

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2021

#### 24 SHEVAT, 5781

Parashat Yitro

Exodus 18:1-20:23

This year: 19:1-20:23

Haftarah: Isaiah 6:1-6:13

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2021

#### 1 ADAR, 5781

Parashat Mishpatim

Shabbat Shekalim/Rosh Chodesh

Exodus: 21:1-24:18

This year: 22:4-23:19

#### Special Readings:

Numbers 28:9-15, Exodus 30:11-16

Haftarah: II Kings 12:5-16

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2021

#### 8 ADAR, 5781

Parashat Terumah

Exodus: 25:1-27:19

Deuteronomy: 25:17-19

This Year: 26:1-26:30

Haftarah: Isaiah 24:19-25:9

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021

#### 15 ADAR, 5781

Parashat Tetzave

Exodus: 27:20-30:10

This Year: 28:31-29:18

Haftarah: I Samuel 2:12-21



The Tikkun Olam Committee put in a great deal of energy creating the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Erev Shabbat Service last month and want to thank those who attended in our community and outside of our synagogue community to support this celebration. It is an important reminder of how much there is to do around racial justice in our country and of some of the ground that we have lost in these recent years. We received numerous expressions of gratitude in the chat box throughout the service and I think it was an occasion to bring the community together in such a divisive time. Now, our committee is ready to jump back into some of the on-going projects we have been involved with including refugee advocacy work, dissecting and understanding community organizing and how our community can benefit from such strategies, and supporting our other community partners. We urge you to bring your own energy and ideas to our work and join us in repairing our world. There are always new directions and ideas to learn about and pursue. Please call or email Merle for more information.

**TEMPLE TALKS** (formerly known as *Congregation Conversations*) a **ZOOM Group** focused on **bringing us together and lifting spirits; developed and hosted by Temple member Hillary Stern**

“Temple Talks” has taken off as a community zoom event for the Temple Bnai Israel membership. This group started as a handful of people gathering to discuss thoughts and feelings on a particular topic like “Hope”, or “What is Essential”. It is fashioned after a website called [livingroomconversations.com](http://livingroomconversations.com). A topic is chosen ahead of time and the group discusses it. Each person takes a turn sharing and learning from each other.

Each conversation has an introduction and agreed upon guidelines for taking turns talking and listening respectfully. There are a couple of rounds for each participant to answer some questions related to the topic. People have found that it is heartwarming and uplifting to connect and relate to others. People are encouraged to speak from their heart and to be authentic. The group is facilitated so that everyone has equal time. No preparation is required. Just come and enjoy the connection and camaraderie.

**February Temple Talks will be on Mondays at 7pm.**

**2/1: Being White in the antiracism movement.**

**2/15: Communicating with care.**

**Stay tuned for Zoom links and info.!**



**[RECONSTRUCTINGJUDAISM.ORG](https://reconstructingjudaism.org) has many wonderful resources and learning opportunities!**

Dear Friends, Reconstructing Judaism, of whom we are an affiliate, has a plethora of valuable programs and resources. Here is a sampling (visit their site for details, and delve further into these spiritual and educational offerings!):

**[Recon Connect](#)** Recon Connect is the hub for online and live experiences from across the Reconstructionist movement. Here, you can access the community, innovation and intellectual depth that epitomizes Reconstructionist Judaism.

**[Virtual Shabbat Box](#)** Your Virtual Shabbat Box holds many ways to celebrate the day. Choose what nurtures you: listen, watch or read. Looking for Shabbat services? Check out **[Recon Connect](#)** for virtual Shabbat services and other live, online programs throughout the week.

**[Virtual Holiday Boxes](#)** A cornucopia of holiday “boxes” each of which contains just about everything you need from a spiritual and practical perspective to celebrate the holidays virtually.

**[Pandemic Resources](#)** Materials from across the Reconstructionist movement created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**[Recon Voices](#)** Reconstructionist Voices is a collection of perspectives informed by Reconstructionist ideas and communities.

**[Havaya Summer Programs](#)** Camp Havaya is a truly extraordinary place—your kid will feel part of something bigger than themselves, and they’ll want to experience that magic year after year.

**[Israel](#)** We hope you’ll explore the Israel section of our website with eyes that are open to both Israel’s wonders and its flaws, and with an appreciation of our tradition’s love of presenting multiple viewpoints. Also, be sure to visit the **[Israel/Palestine](#)** section of our website, **[Evolve: Groundbreaking Jewish Conversations](#)**.

**[Reconstructing Jewish Life](#)** Reconstructing Judaism cultivates and supports Jewish living, learning and leadership for a changing world. To meet today’s challenges, Reconstructionists work at the edge of what is known to uncover the innovations that enliven Judaism in people’s lives.

**[Upcoming Events](#)** Self-explanatory! Many on-line learning opportunities.

**[RECONSTRUCTINGJUDAISM.ORG](https://reconstructingjudaism.org)**



**2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR DONATIONS (JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021)**  
**DONATIONS RECEIVED AS OF JANUARY 20, 2021..**

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**Discretionary Fund**

Jill Marocchini & Alice Weiner in honor of Alice's husband and Jill's father, Joel Weiner  
Anne Willenborg in honor of Rav Jeremy and their work together during her presidency  
Helen & Mark Ross  
Jill & Jim Marocchini in honor of the engagement of Alexandra Kaplan & Tomer Kornfeld  
Marilyn & Dick Moir in honor of the High Holidays  
Joel & Eileen Geffin in memory of Laura Lassow  
Rabbi Susan Schein

**General Fund**

Ida Millman in gratitude for Yahrzeit notifications  
Sharen & Thomas Peters  
Beverly Sims  
Peter Willenborg in honor of Sue-Ellen Kirkham  
Ilene Reiner  
In Memory of Lenore Berkowitz:  
    Meyer, Ben, and Emily Rosen: "To Leni, with our love, and sympathy; what a great lady. So very kind".  
    Sharon and Bruce Brettschneider  
Anne Willenborg in honor of the Board of Directors and their work together during her presidency  
Ada Mitlitsky in loving memory of her parents, Rivka and Abraham Kesslbrenner and close friend Stephen Rosen  
Kimberly Dugan  
Allen Gabor  
Ken Dardick and Judy Stein for Lulav and Etrog "In honor of the Bnei Mitzvah, our grandsons, Eitan and  
    Micha Bergman-Dardick."  
Ruth Rosensweig  
Shirley Adler

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## 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR DONATIONS (JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021)

Donations received through January 20, 2021.

### General Fund continued:

James & Richard Roth  
Joel & Eileen Geffin in memory of Laura Lassow  
Bennie & Gillian Geffin in memory of Laura Lassow  
Stuart & Joan Sidney  
Judy Stein & Ken Dardick in memory of Sam Gordon  
Steven & Nora Stein in honor of the High Holidays  
Judy Stein and Ken Dardick in memory of Laura Lassow  
Joan & Reuben Baron  
Gaye Tuchman, along with a Happy New Year wish!  
Halderstein Owl Trust

### 5781 Yizkor Memorial Booklet

Sheila Amdur  
Edith Prague  
Fran Storch  
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Peter & Stephanie Malinow  
Moshe & Sima Lessner  
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Gerald Berkowitz  
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Jerome & Nina Rosen  
Gloria Gerald  
Barbara Ganick  
David & Ellen Brodie  
Ellie Shane  
Carol & Yves Kraus

### 5781 Yizkor Memorial Booklet continued:

Sandra Roth  
Bruce & Sharon Brettschneider  
Sharen & Tom Peters  
Marjorie Golden-Mossberg  
Eugene & Georgia Mittelman  
David & Debbie Stoloff

### 5781 Chai Appeal

Sheila B. Amdur  
Leanna Loomer & Joe Loy  
Fran Storch  
Carol & Yves Kraus  
Shoshanna Levinson  
Todd & Mona Friedland  
Beverly Sims  
Marla & Mark Hauslaib  
Martin & Randee Berliner  
Jim & Susan Schmerl  
Ilene Reiner  
Carol Colombo  
Rita Pollack  
Faye Ringel  
Doreen & Bill Simonsen  
Sam Schragar  
Ada Mitlitsky  
Judy Stein & Ken Dardick  
Cheryl & David Lejfer  
Ellie Shane  
Carl & Elaine David  
Pamela Nishball  
Gloria Gerald  
Bernice Freedman Warnke & Dan Warnke  
Wendy Goldberg

### Lulav & Etrog

Ken Dardick & Judy Stein  
David Brodie  
Gideon Hartman  
David & Debbie Stoloff  
Hillary Stern & Marc Kronisch  
Elisabeth & Emmanuel Buzay

## ALEPH PROGRAMS IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

**ALEPH: The Institute of Jewish Ideas** is a community-wide Jewish learning initiative, supported by a community donor through their family fund at the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford, co-sponsored by the Mandell JCC and the UConn Center for Judaic Studies. The Institute chooses an annual theme and invites the community to join high-level educational programming that connects to this annual theme. The 2021 theme is *The Jewish Roots of Social Justice*.

All of this year's programs will be held via **Zoom @ 7:30pm EST on Thursday evenings**. To reserve a space and purchase tickets for programs, please visit <https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/mandelljcc/2172>

### February 18, 2021

Rabbi Stephanie Ruskey (Jewish Theological Seminary)

#### **Jewish Ethics, Social Justice, Community Organizing and the 21st Century Rabbinate**

Rabbi Stephanie Ruskey has made her career in the Jewish social justice sector. She directs education and entrepreneurial endeavors at JTS and is focused on raising the scope and profile of social justice work and community organizing skills in the role of the contemporary rabbi.

### March 4, 2021

#### **Performing Judaism and Social Justice**

With Kendell Pinkney, Avi Amon, and Rebecca S'manga Fran (this will be a Zoom-theatrical performance). Kendell Pinkney is a Brooklyn based theatre-maker, Jewish-life consultant, and rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Avi Amon is a Turkish-American composer, sound artist, and educator. Rebecca S'manga Frank is an actor, writer, director, and passionate developer of new work.

### March 18, 2021

Susannah Heschel, The Eli Black Professor of Jewish Studies at Dartmouth College.

#### **Blacks, Jews, and Black Jews**

This lecture will explore three intertwined dimensions of relations between African Americans and Jewish Americans: Jewish involvement in the Civil Rights Movement, Jewish memory of the Civil Rights Movement in recent decades in light of the rise of white nationalism, and scholarship on racism and what they might contribute to our understanding of antisemitism. Many American Jews turn with pride to the active participation of Jews in the Civil Rights Movement (CRM), in which numerous rabbis and Jewish students took part in disproportionate numbers – and some died. The Black Jewish bonds of the CRM days remain a powerful and inspiring memory, and many Jews long to revive those alliances. To revive the alliances of the past, Prof. Heschel suggests we need to incorporate new understandings of the nature of racism, and recover the prophetic traditions that forged the alliances in the past.



## FEBRUARY YAHRZEITS

Kaddish will be said for the following Yahrzeits on February 5th and 6th

Louis Brettschneider	Grandfather of Bruce Brettschneider	24 Shevat	February 6
Roselyn Sepowitz		24 Shevat	February 6
Jay Lassow	Brother of Michael Lassow	24 Shevat	February 6
Ruth Sandler Bleustein		24 Shevat	February 6
Hyman N. Chasen		25 Shevat	February 7
Lillian Hochberg	Aunt of Jeanne Morascini	25 Shevat	February 7
Jeanne Glickstein	Aunt of Adrienne Marks	25 Shevat	February 7
Maria Magdalena Guinez	Mother of Ramona Nishball and Techy Gochros	26 Shevat	February 8
Richard Meisler	Brother-in-law of Susan Meisler	26 Shevat	February 8
Regina Piotrkowski	Mother of Joe Petrowsky	27 Shevat	February 9
Robert Schupack		27 Shevat	February 9
Jack Rabinowitz		27 Shevat	February 9
Abraham I Ostrofsky		29 Shevat	February 11
Dora S. Ballon		30 Shevat	February 12
Dora Frankel		30 Shevat	February 12
Anna Russian		30 Shevat	February 12



## FEBRUARY YAHRZEITS *continued*

Kaddish will be said for the following Yahrzeits on February 12th and 13th			
Pauline Zenchoff		1 Adar	February 13
Minnie Sugarman	Grandmother of Todd Friedland	1 Adar	February 13
Esther R. Sussman		1 Adar	February 13
Clara Davis		1 Adar	February 13
Harry Freedman		2 Adar	February 14
Edward Pollack	Husband of Rita Pollack	2 Adar	February 14
Dina Fox		2 Adar	February 14
David Rothenberg	Grandfather of Sandra Roth	2 Adar	February 14
Henry Portnow	Father of Aline Hoffman	2 Adar	February 14
Maurice Rosen		2 Adar (II)	February 14
Abraham Piotrkowski	Father of Joseph Petrowsky	3 Adar (II)	February 15
Milton Kaskowitz		3 Adar	February 15
Florence Rappoport	Mother of Doreen Simonsen	3 Adar	February 15
Ida Katzman		4 Adar (II)	February 16
Miriam Chasen Kerachsky		4 Adar	February 16
Dora Levine		4 Adar	February 16
Alfred Helfer	Father of Stephanie Malinow	4 Adar	February 16
Frank Lewis	Father of Barry Lewis	5 Adar	February 17
Muriel Narotsky	Mother of Debbie Stoloff	6 Adar	February 18
Mildred Harris	Grandmother of Rochelle Marcus	6 Adar	February 18
Julius L. Sussman		7 Adar	February 19
Norman Hilsenrad	Husband of Marsha Hilsenrad	7 Adar	February 19

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**May their memories be a source  
of strength and a blessing.**

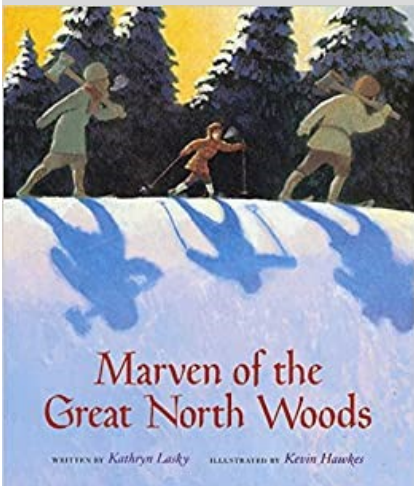


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Kaddish will be said for the following Yahrzeits on February 19th and 20th			
Natalie Shifrin	Second Cousin of Bruce Brettschneider	8 Adar	February 20
Samuel Schretter		8 Adar	February 20
Stanley Horwitz		9 Adar (II)	February 21
Samuel Nishball	Grandfather of Marc Kronisch	9 Adar	February 21
Lena Hochberg	Grandmother of Jeanne Morascini	10 Adar	February 22
Harry Chait		10 Adar	February 22
Nathan Marks	Father of Adrienne Marks	10 Adar	February 22
Millard J. Amdur	Husband of Sheila Amdur	11 Adar (II)	February 23
Corinne Mittelman	Mother of Eugene Mittelman	11 Adar	February 23
Gail Piotrkowski	Sister-in-law of Joe Petrowsky	11 Adar	February 23
Sarah Leah Heller		12 Adar	February 24
Florence Eisenberg		12 Adar	February 24
Barnet Shifrin	Great-Uncle of Bruce Brettschneider	14 Adar	February 26
Abraham Hillman		14 Adar	February 26
Kaddish will be said for the following Yahrzeits on February 26th and 27th			
Larry Segal	Brother of Herb Segal	15 Adar	February 27
Donald Cullen	Father-in-law of Michael Lassow	16 Adar (II)	February 28
Benjamin Hochberg	Father of Jeanne Morascini	17 Adar	March 1
Melvyn Douglas Starger		17 Adar	March 1
Murray H. Rosen	Great-uncle of Debra Sarazin.	18 Adar	March 2
Esther Frankel	Grandmother of Michael Lassow	19 Adar	March 3
Bernard Newman	Father of Carol Kraus	19 Adar	March 3
Bill Baber	Father of Jim Baber	20 Adar	March 4
Gary Gottesman	Close friend of many	20 Adar	March 4
Rabbi Osher Reisman	Grandfather (maternal) of Sharen Peters	21 Adar	March 5
Murray William Flatow	Grandfather of Cheryl Lejfer	21 Adar (II)	March 5
Louis Solotaroff Sloan		21 Adar (II)	March 5

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>We are still “virtual” (though hope is on the horizon!). Zoom info will be sent to your email as the dates of our services and events draws near.</p>	<p>1 <small>19 SHEVAT</small></p>	<p>2 <small>20 SHEVAT</small></p>	<p>3 <small>21 SHEVAT</small></p> <p>4:30-6pm Jewish Explorations</p> <p>7:00pm Ritual Comm.</p>	<p>4 <small>22 SHEVAT</small></p>	<p>5 <small>23 SHEVAT</small></p> <p> <b>5:58</b></p> <p>5:30-6pm Jewish Explorations Family Shabbat Service</p> <p>7:30pm Shabbat Service</p>	<p>6 <small>24 SHEVAT</small></p> <p>9:30am Bagel and Bible followed by abbreviated Shabbat Service. Jewish Explorations students attend.</p>
<p>7 <small>25 SHEVAT</small></p>	<p>8 <small>26 SHEVAT</small></p>	<p>9 <small>27 SHEVAT</small></p>	<p>10 <small>28 SHEVAT</small></p> <p>4:30-6pm Jewish Explorations</p>	<p>11 <small>29 SHEVAT</small></p>	<p>12 <small>30 SHEVAT</small></p> <p> Rosh Chodesh Adar - Day 1  Lincoln's Birthday  <b>5:58</b></p> <p>6:15pm TGI Shabbes, wine, cheese, and music celebration</p>	<p>13 <small>1 ADAR</small></p> <p> Rosh Chodesh Adar - Day 2</p> <p>10:00am Shabbat Service</p>
<p>14 <small>2 ADAR</small></p> <p>9:30am Tikkun Olam Comm. Mtg.</p>	<p>15 <small>3 ADAR</small></p> <p> Washington's Birthday (observed)</p> <p><b>BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINE</b></p>	<p>16 <small>4 ADAR</small></p>	<p>17 <small>5 ADAR</small></p> <p>4:30-6pm Jewish Explorations</p> <p>7:00pm Board Meeting</p>	<p>18 <small>6 ADAR</small></p>	<p>19 <small>7 ADAR</small></p> <p> <b>5:57</b></p> <p>7:30pm Tikkun Olam VaNefesh Service</p>	<p>20 <small>8 ADAR</small></p> <p><b>10:00am Shabbat T'rumah Art Service</b></p> <p>10:00am Jewish Explorations Shabbat Experience</p>
<p>21 <small>9 ADAR</small></p> <p><b>3:00pm Presentation by Michael Palmer, author of <u>Eric Mendelsohn's Synagogues in America.</u></b></p>	<p>22 <small>10 ADAR</small></p>	<p>23 <small>11 ADAR</small></p>	<p>24 <small>12 ADAR</small></p> <p>6:30pm Interfaith Working Group</p>	<p>25 <small>13 ADAR</small></p> <p> Fast of Esther</p> <p><b>PURIM! YUP, IT'LL BE VIRTUAL AND YUP, IT'LL BE FUN! TIME TBA!</b></p>	<p>26 <small>14 ADAR</small></p> <p> Purim  <b>5:56</b></p> <p>6:30pm After dinner Shabbes Schmooze</p>	<p>27 <small>15 ADAR</small></p> <p> Shushan Purim</p> <p>10:00am Shabbat Service</p> <p>10:00am Jewish Explorations Shabbat Experience</p>
<p>28 <small>16 ADAR</small></p> <p>10:00am Sandwich making at the soup kitchen.</p> <p><b>3:00pm Congregation Beth-El's Three Israeli Tenors virtual concert. LINK INFO. ON PAGE 2</b></p>						



Marven of the Great North Woods by Kathryn Lasky is an illustrated book for older children (and adults) based on the true story of the author's father.

During the 1918 flu pandemic, ten year old Marven was sent to a logging camp for the winter. His story and the befriending of one of the lumberjacks is beautifully told; (Marven lived and continued to ski until he was 83).

This story, showing the resilience of a boy during a tough time, has been an inspiration to me.

**ADL..... Requested by Debbie Stoloff**

The ADL was founded in 1913 on Jewish values that inform their work, how they operate and the changes they seek in the world. It has always meant stopping antisemitism and defending the Jewish people. Today, it also means fighting threats to our very democracy, including cyberhate, bullying, bias in schools and in the criminal justice system, terrorism, hate crimes, coercion of religious minorities, and contempt for anyone who is different.

With both national and local offices, they offer a plethora of resources that inform, educate, and provide guidance on “fighting hate for good”. Additionally, they offer many informative and interesting webinars.

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**HELP US TO HELP OTHERS IN NEED, A CALL FOR SUPPORT FOR THE COVENANT SOUP KITCHEN.**

**Submitted by Carol Kraus**

The Hochberg Holocaust and Human Rights Education Committee is announcing a "call for support". The Committee has donated \$1,500 to Willimantic’s Covenant Soup Kitchen. The soup kitchen provides an emergency food pantry and prepared meals, as well as care and advocacy needs.

**Please support our efforts by helping to match this donation. The need is great. Contributions in any amount should be made out to the Covenant Soup Kitchen.**

**Write *Temple Bnai Israel* in the memo line.**

**Mail to 220 Valley Street, Willimantic CT 06226.**

**You can also contribute online here:**

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**Toda. Thank you.**