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Heimish **היימיש**, or warmth

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June Friday Candle Lighting

June 2	8:08pm
June 9	8:12pm
June 16	8:15pm
June 23	8:17pm
June 30	8:17pm

Shabbat Morning

Sanctuary and YouTube, 9:30 a.m..

June Saturday Torah Portions

June 10	9:13pm Havdalah
Guest Speaker: Dean Chemerinsky	
June 10	9:13pm Havdalah
June 17	9:16pm Havdalah
Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Tamuz	
June 24	9:17pm Havdalah

July Friday Candle Lighting

July 7	8:16pm
July 14	8:13pm
July 21	8:09pm
July 28	8:04pm

July Saturday Torah Portions

July 1	9:18pm Havdalah
July 8	9:16pm Havdalah
July 15	9:13pm Havdalah
Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Av	
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August 18 7:40pm

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August 5 8:56pm Havdalah

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Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Elul

August 26 8:30pm Havdalah

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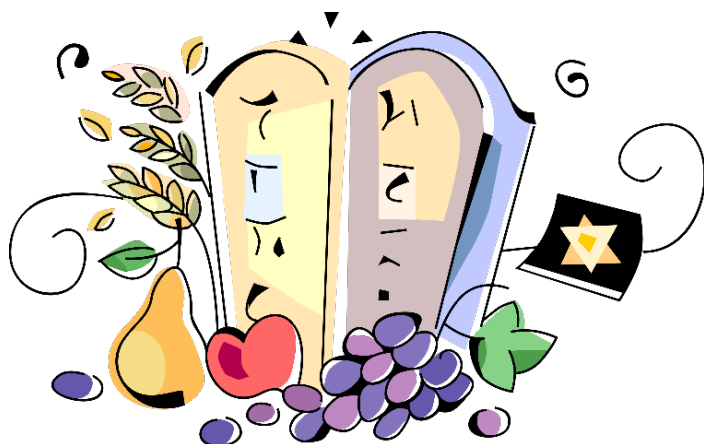
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Synagogues Have Personalities and Ours is Heimisch

by David Goodwin

TBA's Personality

Synagogues, like people, have personalities. It may be an unfair generalization, but I, at least, think of some synagogues as academic, others as frum, still others as focusing on politics or tikkun olam, and here in the East Bay, several would consider themselves as primarily “spiritual.” Of course, every synagogue is a combination of personalities, including TBA. But if TBA’s personality had to be defined in one word, it surely would be heimisch.

This issue’s Omer theme therefore resonated with me. A few months ago, I heard from board member and writer Elissa Strauss, who is leading the charge in our efforts to create a new TBA website. Elissa pointed out that the President’s page on the current TBA website still talks about how we are coping with the early days of the pandemic. Elissa suggested that I write something new to replace my description of life in June 2020 (!), so I sent her an essay that included the following, which will be posted on the TBA website later this year:

Why should you join (and why did I join 15 years ago)? Many reasons, but here are three. First, there is Rabbi Bloom. We have close to 500 families and the Rabbi knows all of us. He can be serious (about antisemitism, world events, our local community, and of course, death or illness) and he is learned. He also can be funny and is a talented musician. Plus, our children adore and respect him. Second, I realized the very first time I attended services at TBA that the best word to use in describing our Congregation is heimisch. We care about each other and we strive to be a warm welcoming community for all. Temple Beth Abraham has been at home in Oakland since 1908, and our roots here are deep and strong. Third, our Congregation represents many different backgrounds and cultures, families of all shapes and sizes and types, and we love and value what all of them bring to our community. We are diverse, in age (where we are evenly balanced among young, mid-life, and elderly), in background, in race, in sexual orientation, and in our knowledge of Judaism. Many of our congregants lead services, read Torah or Haftarah, or help with prayers, whereas others choose to watch. Some members are very observant, others less so. Some have lived in Oakland for decades, others recently arrived. All are very welcome.

I think that’s who we are in a nutshell.

The Four Wishes

By Susan Simon

The school year is over and yet I am still touched, enriched, and a bit faklemt as I look back at the school year. The last day of school is always emotional for me – the enthusiasm of the students as we sing together, their joy at seeing themselves and their friends in the slide show and sometimes singing with the audio track. Their delight at being together during the BBQ. And the very kind words of some of the parents who thank me and their teachers for our hard work. It's a marvel. So I'm feeling a little sentimental as I look back on this year, my 19th.



Next year I start my 20th year as the director, and I taught here before that. I could not have foreseen all that time ago that I would still be director, well into my 60's. I thought for sure that some new, innovative and entertaining program would be launched that would make my old school ways obsolete. I think I'm still here because we all grew together, because our school community gave me leeway to try new things, forgave me when things went astray, and let me learn to provide the best program we could.

To say I am overwhelmed by the support is an understatement. And you, the parents are also overwhelmed with your many obligations as you try to give your children every opportunity possible. Your juggling skills are amazing.

Notwithstanding all these feelings of accomplishment, I have to say that I have a wish list. Perhaps you can help me with one or more things on my list.

1. I wish more of you could find the time to bring your children to youth services occasionally. I promise, they aren't boring, and they have such a huge impact on your child. Yes, they help with their Hebrew and prayer skills – those things are important. But just as importantly, they help to make sense of what they learn in Bet Sefer and they nurture their sense of Jewish community. And you get to hang out with friends and make new ones. And did I mention lunch? Catered lunch? No shopping, no prep and no clean up.
2. I wish that more of you could find time to reinforce at home what we teach at Bet Sefer. From ritual activities, tzedakah, Shabbat blessings, holiday observances and Jewish stories and more – I wish you had the time and bandwidth to incorporate all of this. I know that many of you already have these things in your “program” but I also know how many of you can't imagine adding another activity into your lives. I get it. But still, I wish.
3. I wish that more of you could make the time and space for more Jewish learning. Do you want to learn to decode Hebrew? I'll teach you. Do you want to learn some prayers? I'm happy to help. Are you ready (although quaking in your boots) to take on a Torah reading – I'm here for you. And for most of these things, there is no charge – consider it a perk of membership. This isn't a hollow offer – please, contact me and we can get started. And I promise – no demerits!
4. I wish we had more time to just be together without an agenda – these Friday night Shabbat dinners that we hosted this spring have been wonderful. What a joy to see so many adults linger after dinner to continue the conversation. This is one of the best things about community and I am thrilled that so many of you took advantage of it.

Of course, my wish list is longer, but I don't want to dilute the most important wishes. If you have the time, if you have the desire, please help make some of my wishes come true. Hope to see you over the summer – services every Friday night at 6:15, Saturday morning at 9:30 (with that catered lunch I promised! And free childcare!) and I'd be remiss if I also didn't mention morning Minyan at 8 am on Monday and Thursday mornings followed by a scrumptious breakfast.

Thank you for much for your continued support!

Cultivating a Hamish Feeling About Israel at the Gan Avraham

By Amanda Jarman, Gan Educator

This spring we celebrated Israel's 75th birthday, Yom Ha'atzmaut.

We talk a lot about Israel throughout the preschool year and refer to it as our "Jewish Homeland." As adults, we model kavod and curiosity for the sacred land that our stories come from. Thinking about Israel helps us feel closer to our roots and to God.

The diamond "birthday" was extra special this time because our own Rabbi Bloom is there right now. We've had many more families traveling to Israel since pandemic restrictions have lifted and several staff and families will go on this year's TBA Israel trip.

As American Jewish early childhood educators it can be a challenge to sum up and teach about a place so far away. We know that children learn best with hands-on experiences and explorations. How can we do that when they aren't actually there?

How can we cultivate a love and warmth for somewhere many of the children have never seen?

The answer? We bring Israel to the GAN!!!

Each class set up a section of the playground and we engaged in Israel-inspired play for several weeks. Not only was the yard adorned with Israeli flags, but we also put intention behind the stories we read and in counting the Omer. We talked about Moses going up to Mt. Sinai and receiving the foundation to our Jewish practice.

Here are some of the areas we set up on the play yard:

Kitah Gimmel:

A "small world" kibbutz set up in a sensory bin with tractors and farm animals.

We added some PJ Library books, like "Chicken Man" to enhance and deepen the play. We talked about a kibbutz being a place where everyone works together and does their share... kind of like the Gan!! :)

Kitah Bet:

A mock version of the Kotel (aka the Western Wall or Wailing Wall) using a large photo backdrop of Jerusalem, the big blocks, and a table with note writing materials.

We invited the children to think about the questions "What is Prayer???", "How can we share kindness?"

And "What wishes do you have for the world?" We had a teacher close by to help write down the children's words.

We also had real pictures of people we know praying at the wall for those fortunate to have gone to the real Kotel!

Kitah Alef:

A falafel stand using wooden balls, manila pockets to stuff and lots of sand and water!

Our matzoh ball soup cafe at Passover was a huge success and we saw all of that hospitality extend into our Yom Ha'atzmaut curriculum. Children were "cooking", taking orders and serving up some tasty pita pockets!! We even added a few sliced etrogim (from outside Virginia's window) to our cafe!

Kitah Kulanu:

Israeli flag inspired art (blues and white)

The art table and the easel were engaging and full of industrious artists!

The week was full of tape, scissor, and paint work. The children made lots of creative, open-ended projects and explored shades of blue, triangle shapes (leading to stars), both in a variety of mediums.

In addition to our planned yard stations, we had organic Israeli explorations popping up in each class. One group created the Dead Sea with lots and lots and lots of salt! Teacher Josh, our music teacher, led the children during music class on an airplane ride to Israel. We also sang some classic folk songs like, David Melech Israel & Hatikvah.

During yard time we turned on the misters, grabbed our beach blankets/ sandcastle making tools and enjoyed playing at the "Tel Aviv Beach."

We made a cozy tent out of the geo dome and watched the Rabbi's latest YouTube concert... a message to us!

It's was a magical week at the Gan.

We also squeezed in an Israeli breakfast for snack: pita, feta cheese, olives, dates & oranges.

Certainly sharing a delicious meal is hamish!!!

We hope by exhibiting and sharing the tastes, visuals, stories and colors of Israel the children will be eager to visit one day. May also their imaginations be sparked and their curiosity deepened. Yom Huledet Sameach, Yisrael!!! We love you and pray for you everyday!!



Special Purpose Funds and Restricted Funds

Special Purpose Funds:

Temple Beth Abraham General Fund:

The General Fund was established to accept donations that will have a direct impact on the General Budget of the congregation. Donations to this fund support TBA's day-to-day operations including: the programs of Bet Sefer, Gan Avraham, synagogue salaries, and buildings and grounds, membership outreach, Tikkun Olam programs, Adult Education, and religious observance programs.

Leonard Quittman Endowment Fund:

This fund was established in 1976 to ensure the long-term financial health and stability of TBA. The fund was renamed in 2003 to honor Leonard Quittman (of blessed memory) for his tireless efforts in creating this fund to ensure that TBA survived for future generations. It is funded through the annual High Holy Day Appeal, bequests, and special gifts. This fund is administered by the Board of Trustees and all money is held separately from the general accounts of TBA.

This fund also holds some of the Restricted Funds. These funds support projects that have been approved and are conducted with the purpose of the Restricted Fund.

Rabbi Bloom Discretionary Fund:

Donations to this fund are used to support the community of TBA and the greater Jewish community at the discretion of Rabbi Bloom.

Bet Sefer Discretionary Fund:

Donations to this fund are disbursed by the Education Director. Funds are used to support the programs and needs at the Bet Sefer.

Gan Avraham Discretionary Fund:

Donations to this fund are disbursed by the Gan Avraham Director. Funds are used for the support of the Gan Avraham program.

Burton Polse Kiddush Fund:

Donations to this fund are used to subsidize our unsponsored weekly Kiddush Luncheons that are shared by the congregation after Shabbat morning services. This fund was created by Betty Ann Polse in dedication to her husband and his love for TBA.

Minyan Fund:

Donations to this fund support the morning minyan by providing additional prayerbooks and breakfast for those attending minyan. The minyan fund has sponsored various Shabbat morning Kiddush luncheons and the Break-the-Fast oneg at the conclusion of Yom Kippur.

Yom HaShoah Fund

This fund was established in memory of loved ones whose lives were cut short in the Holocaust. This fund supports educational programming relating to the Shoah at Temple Beth Abraham and throughout the community, including the annual East Bay Yom HaShoah commemoration.

Jack and Jeanette Jeger Kitchen Fund

This fund was set up by Jack Jeger in memory of Jeanette Jeger who spent much of her time in the kitchen preparing a meal for the members of TBA. The proceeds of this fund are used to purchase items needed for the serving and preparation of food. Like Jeanette, TBA has 6 volunteer caterers who also enjoy working their craft for and to the benefit of TBA members.

TBA Building and Maintenance Fund:

The TBA campus encompasses six adjoining properties. Our beautiful sanctuary building was built in 1929. Although all of the buildings have experienced some updating through the years, maintaining the buildings is a constant project. This fund is allocated for maintenance projects that are beyond the reach of the annual budget.

Prayerbook Fund:

Donations to this fund assist in purchasing prayerbooks, chumashim and machzorim for the congregation.

Rabbi Ralph DeKoven Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund:

Our member, Eleanor DeKoven created this fund in honor of her father, who understood that Jewish summer camp enhanced the Jewish experience. This fund provides scholarships to our students who attend a Camp Ramah program. The funds are awarded by the Rabbi of the congregation.

Stevens Landscape and Maintenance Fund:

Michael Stevens established this fund to perpetuate his wife's love of nature. These funds assist in the gardens of the TBA campus.

Restricted Funds:

These funds need approval for distribution by the Board of Trustee.

Jack and Mary Berger Fund:

The education of young people was of paramount importance to Mary and Jack Berger. This fund was established to foster the love of learning for all.

Herman Hertz Israel Scholarship Fund:

In honor of the Herman Hertz Family commitment to both Israel and Education, this fund provides scholarships to TBA graduates who have completed either 4 years of classes in the TBA Teen programs or who have celebrated their Bar or Bat Mitzvah in the synagogue. A scholarship is offered to assist in the travel to or live in Israel for a period of time.

Mollie Hertz Interfaith Outreach Fund:

This fund was established to honor Mollie Hertz and her efforts to welcome and include all people who are "Karov Yisrael" (one who is close to Israel) into the Temple Beth Abraham community. The purpose of this fund is to support the efforts of spouses and partners of Temple Beth Abraham members to increase their knowledge and appreciation of Judaism, and to reach out to other individuals who wish to learn more about Judaism.

Danielle and Deren Rehr-Davis Teen Fund:

The purpose of this fund is to sponsor or support activities for the benefit of persons between ages of 14 to 20 who are members of TBA, and of other Jewish persons ages 14 to 20 in the local community. For example, distributions may be made for expenditures relating to: Congregation-sponsored programming and functions designed for teens; security for teens participating in Congregation or community sponsored events; dances; guest speakers; Shabbat Kiddush gatherings; outings; programs to foster the health and well-being of teens; services in support of disabled teens; support for B'nai Brith Youth Organization functions; support for confirmation classes and/or ceremonies; support for brother/sister programs with other synagogues; assistance for foreign exchange students.

Harold Rubel Memorial Music Fund:

Harold Rubel had a love of music. He sang in his synagogue choir in New York and organized cantorial concerts for his community. This fund was established in Harold's memory to foster a love of music in the Temple Beth Abraham community.

Rosebud and Ben Silver Library Fund:

Ben and Rosebud Silver were dedicated to learning through literature. This fund was established to further the ideals of literacy by creating and maintaining the synagogue's library and religious texts.

Sam and Shirley Silver Playground Fund:

Sam and Shirley Silver adored children, as a testament to this love the family established this fund. This fund maintains and improves our TBA playground for use by both children of TBA and Gan Avraham students.

Pola Silver Holocaust Education Fund:

In honor of the 60th Birthday of Alan Silver, his family established a fund to honor his mother, Pola Silver. Pola was a loved member of TBA and often could be found volunteering in the office and around the campus. As a Holocaust survivor, her family would like to be sure teen members of TBA have the funds to travel with programs that teach holocaust education. An example would be the "March of the Living" program.

Leo and Helen Wasserman Educational/Cultural Fund:

Leo and Helen Wasserman were great leaders of our congregation and community. Helen was president of many organizations. Leo was president of Temple Beth Abraham and served on many community boards. The Wasserman's established this fund to underwrite special educational and cultural events at Temple Beth Abraham.

It would be an honor to establish a new fund in honor or in memory of a loved one. Simply contact the Rabbi or the Executive Director for details-510-832-0936.

TBA Members Gather for Tikkun Olam on MacArthur

By Shayna H. Hirshfield-Gold

What could be more heimish than joyously gathering with friends to help the surrounding neighborhood become a bit healthier and more welcoming, on a gorgeous sunny day? That's what 26 TBA'ers did on Sunday, April 30, when we gathered for the afternoon to clean MacArthur Boulevard. With snacks courtesy of WTBA and the TBA Men's Club, and outfitted with all the tools we could use thanks to a now-official partnership between TBA and the City of Oakland's Adopt-a-Spot program, we fanned out from the synagogue to collect trash from Van Buren Avenue to Adams Street. Our work yielded 15 large bags of trash, one large bag of green waste, and sundry bulkier items.

Inspiring the event were the Jewish values of tikkun olam (healing the world); the numerous commandments to care for the earth and the soil; and the tenet expressed by the great Rabbi Tarfon: "It is not up to you to complete the task, but nor are you free to turn away from it" (Pirkei Avot). Our tradition teaches (for example, in Deuteronomy 29-30) that in exchange for our commit-

ment to the Torah and its mitzvot HaShem promises us land... soil! In Hebrew, the words for blood (dam) and soil (adamah) share the same root, linguistically underscoring our interconnection to the earth and therefore our duty to care for it. Not too unrelated, in my opinion, is the fact that our tradition also celebrates (and requires) communal mitzvot: repenting in community on Yom Kippur, breaking bread with others... picking up trash with a heimish posse.

One of the best parts of the afternoon was hearing cheers and gratitude from various neighbors walking by. In one interaction someone asked one of our group if they were from the City. "No, we're with the synagogue" was the reply, upon which the neighbor smiled even more broadly: "Oh, wow, thank you so much!" It was heartwarming and uplifting to help underscore the relationship between our congregation and the broader community that has hosted us for generations: heimish indeed!

With such great energy the group decided to make this a quarterly endeavor so stay tuned! No affiliation with WTBA or the Men's Club is needed; only a desire to get outside and help out. Trash grabbers, stylish fluorescent vests, gloves, and other tools will be at your disposal. We hope to see you there!

Recent Deaths in Our Community

Lillian Braudy, mother of **Josh (Heidi) Bersin**
Lou Berl, father of **Steve Berl (Anita Bloch)**
Congregant Morey Greenstein



May their memory be for a blessing



THANK YOU



A Heimish Home Cooked Meal – Grilled Pomegranate Molasses Chicken with Onions

By Faith Kramer

There is almost nothing more heimish to me than feeding people I care about. Sharing a home-cooked meal with friends and family is about more than food – it's about being together, sharing stories and traditions, and feeling cozy and safe with each other. If it's a Shabbat dinner or if I can give the food a Jewish twist, so much the better.

Since summer is a great time for backyard gatherings, I thought I would share this recipe for Grilled Pomegranate Molasses Chicken with Onions. I first made it for a family party, and it was one of those recipes that offered a great balance between wow and work. No outdoor grill? Make it in a grill pan, on an electric indoor grill, or under a broiler. No time? Put the chicken in the marinade the night before. The dish is made with boneless, skinless chicken thighs which cook very quickly. Don't like thighs? Sub out breasts.

I served the chicken with potatoes and charred kale.

GRILLED POMEGRANATE MOLASSES CHICKEN WITH ONIONS

Serves 4 (Double to Serve 8)

- 1/4 cup pomegranate molasses, divided
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 tsp. minced garlic
- 1 tsp. minced lemon zest
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. crumbled dried oregano leaves
- 1/4 tsp. ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 – 2 lbs. boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 1 large red onion
- Vegetable oil
- 2 Tbs. chopped cilantro, mint, or parsley

Whisk together 3 Tbs. pomegranate molasses with lemon juice, olive oil, garlic, lemon zest, salt, oregano, and black pepper in small bowl. Reserve 3 Tbs. for basting chicken. Place the chicken in a snug-fitting, non-reactive bowl or baking dish. Pour remain-



ing marinade over chicken. Turn to coat. Cover with plastic wrap. Marinate 1 hour at room temperature or up to overnight in the refrigerator, turning chicken over occasionally (bring to room temperature before cooking).

Slice red onion into 6-8 1/4-inch-thick rings. Brush both sides of onion with vegetable oil.

Brush grill grates with vegetable oil.

Heat grill to medium high. First grill the onions. (If grill is large enough, place onion rings on half and chicken on the other half and follow appropriate directions.)

Place onion rings on grill. Cook until bottoms are charred and starting to soften. Flip and grill other side. Remove from grill and wrap in aluminum foil to keep warm.

Place chicken thighs on grill. Discard liquid they were in marinated in. Grill, turning once or twice and basting with reserved marinade until thighs are nicely charred on each side and cooked through (they should feel firm but not hard and when cut open the flesh should be opaque and not pink). Place all but two of the grilled onion rings on platter and top with chicken. Let rest 5-10 minutes. Drizzle with remaining 1 Tbs. of pomegranate molasses. Chop the two reserved grilled onion rings and scatter on top of chicken. Sprinkle with chopped cilantro.

Faith Kramer writes a food column for the j., the Jewish News of Northern California (<https://www.jweekly.com/author/faith-kramer/>). She is the author of *52 Shabbats: Friday Night Dinners Inspired by a Global Jewish Kitchen* (<https://thecollectivebook.studio/52-shabbats>). More at www.faithkramer.com. Contact her at fjkramer@msn.com.

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JULY 8 - 14**19 - 25 Tammuz**

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Israel Shepard
Samuel Gold
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Morris Rothblatt
Thomas Saunders

July 22 - 28**4 - 10 Av**

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Miriam Nash
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Sonia Lazarow Belikoff
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**JULY 29 - AUGUST 4
11 - 17 Av**

Sumner G. Gordon
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Annie J. Schwartz Strom
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**AUGUST 5 - 11
18 - 24 Av**

Edward C. Miller
Carl Freeman
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**AUGUST 12 - 18
25 Av - 1 Elul**

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**AUGUST 19 - 25
2 - 8 Elul**

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Joseph Dienstag
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Robert Edesess, Sr.
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Philip Bierman
Peter De Vorin
Leah Friedman
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Ann Camas Brodke
Samuel Kestenblatt
Haim Rom
Irving Isaac Schoen
Celia Davis
David Davis
Elizabeth Glasser
Kenneth Goodwin
Barry Stephen Kramer
Eileen Salk
Abraham Schaefer
Philip L Davis
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Manfred Kahn

**AUGUST 26 -
SEPTEMBER 1
9 - 15 Elul**

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Sondra Pullman Burt
Arthur Casson
Girsha Uretski
Vera Zatkun
Etta Bacharach
Frances Hochman
Jerry Kopp
Joseph Laub
Helen Bachman
Carol Bonar
Joy Kauffman
Erna Landsberger
Abraham Davis
Yehudit Eliahu
Rachel Gordon
Milton Greenberg
Gowhar Saidian
Keva Atowich
Herman Budman
David Nurenberg
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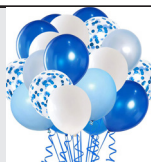
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JUNE 2023			12 Sivan – 11 Tammuz 5783			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 (12 Sivan) 8:00am Morning Minyan	2 (13 Sivan) 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:08p Candle lighting	3 (14 Sivan) 9:00am A Taste of Text Study 9:30am Shabbat Services with guest speaker Dean Chemerinsky Childcare available 10:00am Shabbat Mishpacha 9:09p Havdalah
4 (15 Sivan)	5 (16 Sivan) 8:00am Morning Minyan	6 (17 Sivan) Lag BaOmer	7 (18 Sivan) 9:00am Weekly Text Study 7:30p Adult Beginning Hebrew Class	8 (19 Sivan) 8:00am Morning Minyan	9 (20 Sivan) 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:12p Candle lighting	10 (21 Sivan) 9:30am Shabbat Services Childcare available 12:45pm Mah Jongg 9:13p Havdalah
11 (22 Sivan)	12 (23 Sivan) 8:00am Morning Minyan	13 (24 Sivan)	14 (25 Sivan) 9:00am Weekly Text Study	15 (26 Sivan) 8:00am Morning Minyan 7:00p WTBA Girl's Night Out Book Exchange	16 (27 Sivan) 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:15p Candle lighting	17 (28 Sivan) Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Tammuz 9:30am Shabbat Services with Childcare available 9:16p Havdalah
18 (29 Sivan)	19 (30 Sivan) Rosh Chodesh Tammuz 8:00am Morning Minyan	20 (1 Tammuz) Rosh Chodesh Tammuz	21 (2 Tammuz) 9:00am Weekly Text Study	22 (3 Tammuz) 8:00am Morning Minyan	23 (4 Tammuz) 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:17p Candle lighting	24 (5 Tammuz) 9:00am A Taste of Text Study 9:30am Shabbat Services with Childcare available 12:45pm Mah Jongg 9:17p Havdalah
25 (6 Tammuz)	26 (7 Tammuz) 8:00am Morning Minyan	27 (8 Tammuz) 7:30pm TBA Board meeting	28 (9 Tammuz) 9:00am Weekly Text Study 7:30p Adult Beginning Hebrew Class	29 (10 Tammuz) 8:00am Morning Minyan	30 (11 Tammuz) 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:17p Candle lighting	

JULY CALENDAR

JULY 2023			12 Tammuz – 13 Av 5783			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 (12 Tammuz) 9:00am A Taste of Text Study 9:30am Shabbat Services Childcare available 10:00am Shabbat Mishpacha 9:18p Havdalah
2 (13 Tammuz)	3 (14 Tammuz) 8:00am Morning Minyan	4 (15 Tammuz) Office and GASP Closed for 4th of July	5 (16 Tammuz) 9:00am Weekly Text Study 7:30p Adult Beginning Hebrew Class	6 (17 Tammuz) Tzom Tammuz 8:00am Morning Minyan	7 (18 Tammuz) 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat followed by hot dog dinner 8:16p Candle lighting	8 (19 Tammuz) 9:00am A Taste of Text Study 9:30am Shabbat Services Childcare available 12:45pm Mah Jongg 9:16p Havdalah
9 (20 Tammuz)	10 (21 Tammuz) 8:00am Morning Minyan	11 (22 Tammuz)	12 (23 Tammuz) 9:00am Weekly Text Study 7:30p Adult Beginning Hebrew Class	13 (24 Tammuz) 8:00am Morning Minyan	14 (25 Tammuz) 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:13p Candle lighting	15 (26 Tammuz) Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Av 9:00am A Taste of Text Study 9:30am Shabbat Services with Childcare available 9:13p Havdalah
16 (27 Tammuz)	17 (28 Tammuz) 8:00am Morning Minyan	18 (29 Tammuz)	19 (1 Av) Rosh Chodesh Av 9:00am Weekly Text Study 7:30p Adult Beginning Hebrew Class	20 (2 Av) 8:00am Morning Minyan	21 (3 Av) 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:09p Candle lighting	22 (4 Av) Shabbat Chazon 9:00am A Taste of Text Study 9:30am Shabbat Services with Childcare available 12:45pm Mah Jongg 9:09p Havdalah
23 (5 Av)	24 (6 Av) 8:00am Morning Minyan 7:30pm Rosh Chodesh Meeting via zoom	25 (7 Av) 7:30pm TBA Board Meeting	26 (8 Av) Erev Tish'a B'Av 9:00am Weekly Text Study 8:30pm Tisha B'Av Services	27 (9 Av) Tish'a B'Av Office and GASP closed for Tisha B'Av	28 (10 Av) 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 8:04p Candle lighting	29 (11 Av) 9:00am A Taste of Text Study 9:30am Shabbat Services with Childcare available 9:03p Havdalah
30 (12 Av)	31 (13Av) 8:00am Morning Minyan					

AUGUST 2023			14 Av – 14 Elul 5783			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 (14 Av)	2 (15 Av) 9:00am Weekly Text Study 7:30p Adult Beginning Hebrew Class	3 (16 Av) 8:00am Morning Minyan	4 (17 Av) 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Bloom 7:57 Candle lighting	5 (18 Av) 9:00am A Taste of Text Study 9:30am Shabbat Services with Rabbi Bloom's return Childcare available 8:56p Havdalah
6 (19 Av)	7 (20 Av) 8:00am Morning Minyan	8 (21 Av)	9 (22 Av) Gan Avraham Begins 9:00am Weekly Text Study 7:30p Adult Beginning Hebrew Class	10 (23 Av) 8:00am Morning Minyan	11 (24 Av) 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:49p Candle lighting	12 (25 Av) Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Elul 9:00am A Taste of Text Study 9:30am Shabbat Services Childcare available 12:45pm Mah Jongg 8:48p Havdalah
13 (26 Av)	14 (27 Av) 8:00am Morning Minyan	15 (28 Av)	16 (29 Av) 9:00am Weekly Text Study 7:30p Adult Beginning Hebrew Class	17 (30 Av) Rosh Chodesh Elul 8:00am Morning Minyan	18 (1 Elul) Rosh Hashana LaBehemot Rosh Chodesh Elul 5:00pm Gan Shabbat Picnic 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:40p Candle lighting	19 (2 Elul) 9:00am A Taste of Text Study 9:30am Shabbat Services with Childcare available 8:39p Havdalah
20 (3 Elul)	21 (4 Elul) 8:00am Morning Minyan	22 (5 Elul) 7:30pm TBA Board Meeting	23 (6 Elul) Rosh Chodesh Av 9:00am Weekly Text Study 7:30p Adult Beginning Hebrew Class	24 (7 Elul) 8:00am Morning Minyan	25 (8 Elul) 6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:31p Candle lighting	26 (9 Elul) 9:00am A Taste of Text Study 9:30am Bar Mitzvah of Isaac Brown with Childcare available 12:45pm Mah Jongg 8:30p Havdalah
27 (10 Elul)	28 (11 Elul) 8:00am Morning Minyan	29 (12 Elul) Bet Sefer returns with Back to School BBQ	30 (13 Elul) 9:00am Weekly Text Study	31 (14 Elul) 4:00pm Bet Sefer		

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