



HaRuach

The SPIRIT of

Beth Israel Congregation

of Chester County

MARCH 2020

ADAR –NISAN 5780



- 3/1 2:30 PM Maccabeats Concert
- 3/3 7:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting
- 3/5 6:30 PM Ritual Committee
- 3/6 6:30 PM Shabbat Across America
- 3/7 6:00 PM Preschool Masquerade Ball
- 3/8 10:00 AM Pre-K Parent Workshop
- 10:30 Andi Joseph
- 11:30 AM Programming Meeting
- 3/9 7:00 PM Purim Service @ Keshet Israel
- 3/10 7:30 PM Board Meeting
- 3/13 6:30 PM Shabbat Yeladim
- 3/14 9:30 AM Life Long Learning
- 3/15 10:30 AM Purim Assembly
- 11:00 AM Purim Carnival
- 3/18 12:24 PM IAC Meeting
- 3/19 7:00 PM RS Committee Meeting
- 3/22 9:00 AM Yom HaShoah Play 6th & 7th
- 10:00 AM B.I. High
- 3/28 9:30 AM Shabbat School & Luncheon
- 3/31 7:30 PM Sisterhood Meeting

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From Rabbi Cutler's desk

This year don't read the book of Esther! If you come to synagogue Monday night, March 9, 6:30 PM at Keshet Israel (joint celebration), I suggest that you listen but not too carefully. The Book of Esther is not for the faint of heart or the overly sensitive. It's a nasty book filled with sex, violence and inebriation. Its characters are drunks, anti-Semites, or assimilated Jews. In other words, it's probably the one book in the Bible that most closely resembles the world in which we live!



I'm told that there are people in Israel so offended by the story of Esther that they manage to avoid the holiday by always being in a city that is not celebrating Purim. This is possible because Purim is celebrated on the fourteenth of Adar in Tel Aviv and on the fifteenth of Adar in Jerusalem. As a result, one can spend the fourteenth of Adar in Jerusalem, and then just before nightfall, jump in one's car, drive to Tel Aviv and spend the fifteenth of Adar there. In that way, you're never in a place where one is obligated to listen to the Megillah! Of course, it is also possible to spend the fourteenth in Tel Aviv and the fifteenth in Jerusalem, thus celebrating Purim for two days instead of one!

Children love the Megillah, but that is only because they are not paying attention to the story that is being told. This is the one time of year they can make as much noise in synagogue as they want. Haman is a mean old man and, in the end, he gets his comeuppance. But we never really tell them the whole story. And we never admit that too often throughout history Haman has succeeded in punishing our people.

Megillat Esther is a book about powerlessness. All Mordechai can do is stand outside the palace gate and report everything back to his niece Esther. And all Esther can do is enter the King's presence and hope he doesn't chop off her head. In the end, everything works out but we are left to wonder whether that will be the case the next time around.

Esther and Mordechai succeed in foiling Haman's evil plot to destroy the thriving Jewish communities of ancient Persia. As leaders of their community they ordain the Festival of Purim as an annual commemoration of this great deliverance. The events leading up to Purim are recorded in the Book of Esther (the Megillah), the unique Biblical book that does not include God's name or make specific reference to Him.

The serious question of individual destiny is captured in Mordechai's sharp response to Esther when she asserts that she dares not approach the king without being specifically summoned. "Do not imagine that you, of all the Jews, will escape with your life by being in the king's palace. On the contrary, if you keep silent this crisis, relief and deliverance will come to the Jews from another source... While you and your father's house will perish. And who knows, perhaps you have attained to Royal position for just such a crisis." (Esther 4:13.14)

Esther is a violent book. Not only does Haman threaten to kill all the Jews but in the end Mordechai hangs Haman, his ten sons, and then the Jews rise up in self-defense and kill hundreds of people in Shushan and throughout Persia. In fact, it is the only book in the Bible that speaks of people forcibly converting others to their religion!

And where is God in all of this? God is completely absent from the Megillah. It is the only book of the Bible in which God does not appear. What happens is coincidence, or maybe just dumb luck. Who are the heroes of Purim? Two assimilated Jews whose names are borrowed from the pantheon of Persian gods. Mordechai and Esther might as well be named Christian and Christina.

SO PLEASE, DON'T READ MEGILLAT ESTHER! Stop up your ears, talk to your neighbor, or just get so drunk that you can't tell the difference between blessed be Mordechai and cursed be Haman. We think Purim is loads of fun. But truthfully, it is the darkest and most depressing holiday in the Jewish calendar.

Continued from Rabbi's desk

But if you insist on reading the Megillah, if I have made you a little curious this morning, then I suggest that you consider the following five questions as you read the Megillah for yourself:

1. What does it mean to speak of God's hiddenness? Is God hidden in today's world?
2. How do we deal with assimilation in the world today?
3. Are we constantly replaying the story of Purim in our own lives? Is anti-Semitism a fact of life that will never go away?
4. Are we perennial outsiders in the world at large, even when the daughter of the president is a Jew?
5. Now that we have a Jewish homeland, how has our status in the world changed? What does it mean to have power?

Well, there you have it. You've been warned. Answering these questions may be just as dangerous as reading the Megillah. They may be just as dangerous as living in a topsy turvy world in which the answer to guns is more guns, the answer to hate is more hate, a world in which we would rather drink ourselves into oblivion than address the issues facing us with thoughtfulness and reason. But the ultimate lesson is we have the power, just as Esther, to change the course of history given the right circumstances and making the right choices.

Happy Purim Everyone!

Rabbi Jon

Calling all DIYers!



Dear Talented Congregants,

During my High Holiday remarks I mentioned that Beth Israel is in need of some tender loving care...one area in which we can really use some support is that of maintenance - it's a necessity when owning a large building housing both a synagogue and a school.



As the building ages, some forms of maintenance such as plumbing and routine "handy-person" tasks become more frequent. Many of these jobs are small and do not require a professional (fixing a dripping faucet, replacing a door handle, etc.) Bottom line: we could use your help. We'd like to build a roster of individuals with various skills that we can leverage periodically - if and when an issue arises and your schedule permits, we'd like to call on you for assistance - Cindy and Dominik will partner in the coordination and oversight of small, medium and larger projects.

If you have any 'house' specialties that would benefit Beth Israel such as plumbing, minor electrical items, painting, general carpentry/construction or anything in-between, we'd love to know of your talents. We'd be delighted to have you share your abilities and your time for small tasks. Please email gybo1004@gmail.com and let us know what you can do and when items come up, we'll contact you with specific needs and timing. This is a perfect opportunity for all of you DIYers!...All we need is your time and know-how.

Thanks in advance, Halle Schonherz, President Beth Israel Congregation



COME TO BETH ISRAEL'S



PURIM CARNIVAL

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Assembly: Purim Shpiel - 10:30 – 11:00

Carnival: 11:00 am – 12:30 pm



*OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!
BRING YOUR FRIENDS WITH CHILDREN!*

- ✧ Games cost 1 ticket
- ✧ Tickets cost \$.50 each OR you can purchase a wristband for \$15, which allows a child to play every game in the carnival
- ✧ There will be drinks & snacks for purchase
- ✧ Back by popular demand once again...the **Dessert/Cake Walk!** *If possible, please bring in a homemade or pre-packaged cake or other kosher dessert... and win one too!
- ✧ Lots of cool prizes to win!
- ✧ Sisterhood selling Hamantaschen.
- ✧ 50/50 raffle

COME DRESSED IN YOUR FAVORITE COSTUME!!!



CALLING ALL BETH ISRAEL FAMILIES...

Get out your baking pans, your creativity,
and help us fill a table full of dessert goodies for our for our

Purim Carnival Dessert Walk!

Children walk around in a circle over numbered spots to music. When the music stops, a number is pulled randomly, and whoever is standing on that number, wins. The winner gets to choose a dessert from the table to take home.

This is where **YOU** come in...

We need lots of desserts to put out for winners to choose from. Here are some ideas of what you can **bring in that morning (March 15th)** ...

Decorated cakes, cake pops, popcorn sundaes,

Decorated cupcakes (individually wrapped)

Wrapped fruit cups

Cookies, large cookie cakes

Candy bouquets (Google it for examples)

Packaged baked goods (Tastycakes, Entenmann's, Little Bites)

Any other kind of wrapped creative dessert you can think of!

*****NOTE: NO DESSERTS CAN BE EATEN IN THE SYNAGOGUE.
THEY MUST BE TAKEN HOME TO OPEN UP AND EAT*****

Please help ensure that this game is successful by bringing in something for the dessert table that morning. Thank you very much in advance for your participation!



Religious School Chai-lights

By Joanie Sharp



Purim has, as we know, a frightening story; the Jews face a serious threat from a man in power who has great hatred towards them. *Megilat Esther* (the Book of Esther), tells in great detail about this hate and Haman's plans to kill the entire Jewish community of Persia. They are saved through the action of a great hero, Queen Esther, who risks her own life to save them.

But wait - Purim is *not* serious. Of all the Jewish holidays, Purim is the holiday that is the most fun for everyone, especially children. There are carnivals, costumes, masks, a king and a queen, a villain with a funny hat, a brave uncle, and a castle, and its foods are all desserts! It is one of the times where being noisy in synagogue is encouraged. What more could a child want? Its story and costumes are not meant to frighten but to entertain; it is Aladdin with a Jewish twist.

But as we think of Purim, we are reminded that like some other stories of our holidays, it is a story of hatred and violence. As educators, we walk a tight rope, continually exploring a way to tell our stories, but in a way that still protects and shelters children. As adults, we are aware of Jewish history and how difficult it has often been for Jews to live in harmony with their non-Jewish neighbors. We do not want young children to feel that it is not safe to be Jewish.

How do we tell the story? Can it be Purim without the story?

We want to shelter children from harsh truths of life and of the detail in some stories of the Jewish people. How much do young children need to know? As educators, we know that there will be a time in the future when children are developmentally ready to hear and understand a more detailed telling of these stories. But what is it that we *DO* want them to know now?

We want children to know that:

- ✧ Esther was a hero. Girls are heroes – even girls in frilly dresses. She is a model of courage and grace, intelligence, resourcefulness, and modesty. Esther teaches even in the most difficult of times, we can do the right thing.
- ✧ Holidays can be joyous and that together – as a community – we are stronger and can vanquish evil.
- ✧ Good triumphs over bad. In this story, Haman is the vehicle that helps us. He tried to hurt with cruel words and lies but did not win. This is a comforting lesson today and one that can give children some security.

A gentle telling of the story tailored to children's ages and stages is appropriate. A thoughtful approach to Purim allows us to protect our children and ourselves. We all have difficult days. Purim tells us it is okay to be happy. Fun, laughter, and imagination are important and to be celebrated. The winter is ending, and spring will come. Purim celebrates life. Tragedy serves as a reminder of bad and good, of sorrow and of joy... and even more importantly, that as a community, we share it all.

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Religious School Chai-lights continued**UPCOMING RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EVENTS**

- Sun., March 8 – Pre- K Parent Workshop session- 10:00 – 10:30 am
Andi Joseph musical performance (for Pre-K through 2nd graders)- 10:30–11:15
- Wed., March 11- One-Plus Wednesday baking Hamantashen
- Fri., March 13 – Shabbat Yeladim – 6:30 pm
- Sun., March 15 – Purim assembly & shpiel- 10:30-11:00
Carnival- 11:00 – 12:30
Prerequisite Israel program for 11th & 12th graders- 1- 4 pm @ Kesher Israel
- Sun., March 22 – Anne Frank Theater play for 6th & 7th graders- 9:00 – 12:00
B.I. High Cooking session- 10:00 – 12:00
Prerequisite Israel program for 11th & 12th graders- 1- 4 pm @ Beth Chaim
- Sat., March 28 – Saturday Shabbat School – 9:30 – 11:30 am with luncheon following
- Sun., March 29 – No classes due to Saturday School on March 28.
Prerequisite Israel program for 11th & 12th graders- 1- 4 pm @ Brith Achim

March Celebrations



Craig Steiner	3/1
Lois Arzt	3/3
Barry Rabin	3/4
Susan Cazes	3/6
Bruce Stark	3/7
Allan Cohen	3/11
Kathleen Greer	3/20
Steven McPhillimey	3/20 16th
Susan Jacowitz	3/21
Richard Lipow	3/21
Andrew Tauber	3/21
Zachary Schmerling	3/27 7th



Erin & Jason Orso	3/16	14th
Andrew & Ellen Tauber	3/18	30th
Michelle & Kevin Ressel	3/22	23rd
Barb & Irv Hendel	3/30	46th
Claudia & Jeffrey Pickholtz	3/30	35th



Calling all preschoolers-
second graders and their
parents/grandparents...



Join us: Sunday, March 8, 2020
10:30 – 11:15 A.M.

for some fun-filled musical entertainment
by
Andi Joseph, the Musical Mommy!

Non-affiliated Jewish families with
young children welcome!



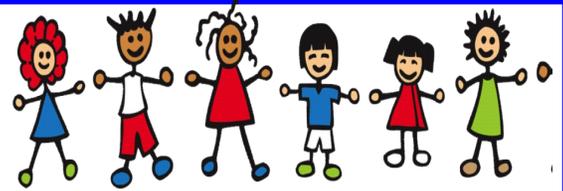
*** Pre-K Parent Workshop will be held from 10:00 – 10:30**

R.S.V.P. to Joanie: sharpjoanie@yahoo.com



Preschool & Kindergarten News

by Adrienne Liebman



Can we talk about the growing mental health crisis in the United States?

You probably know a person who is currently struggling.

You might be shocked to hear that people that you think are soaring through life are experiencing mental health issues.

You may be missing red flags in your spouse or child or parent because there is a stigma attached to mental illness.

HOLLY O'CONNELL



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Funded by the Cohen Enrichment Fund and the Halpern Lecture Series

Sunday, March 1, 2020

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

(Doors open at 2pm)



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Community Tickets: \$25 ♦ Limited Seating!

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April Congregational Election and Board Meeting THURSDAY, April 16th.

REFUAH SHLEMA

This is the Jewish prayer for swift and complete healing for the wounded or the sick. Please include the following in your prayers. If you would like to add/remove a name for this list, please email Deborah Kaplan dkaplan1225@yahoo.com

Roselyn Cadoff
Sheldon Gerver
Harold Knable
Leah Schmidt
Eva Skolnik

Herb Cadoff
Barb Hendel
Arlene Knable
Randy Steen
Micah Chaim HaLevy ben Malka

Sue Cazes
Susan Jacowitz
Sigrid Rosenthal
Debra Stern

SISTERHOOD

“The History of Hamantaschen” by Matt Blitz (Excerpted and embellished from *Food and Wine Magazine* by Maxine Endy)



Every 14th day of Adar on the Hebrew calendar Jewish people celebrate Purim. It's a joyous holiday that marks the time the Persian Jewish population was saved from genocide. Leave it to the Jews to celebrate and make this a fun celebration of survival. Eating Hamantaschen is one of the things we do on Purim. Our Sisterhood makes delicious treats, so do try them.

It's a long-held belief that the three corners of the triangle-shaped hamantaschen represent Haman's favorite three-cornered hat. Supposedly, taking a bite out of the cookie is in defiance of bowing down to Haman and preventing him from carrying out his evil plan. Further research, though, reveals that the hamantaschen wasn't about Haman's hat at all. It was all about another type of cookie... the "ozen Haman" - actually a completely different pastry. According to haaretz.com, the first written reference to these rounded deep fried cookies dipped in honey come from a 16th century comedy play. Others have translated "ozen Haman" to mean "Haman's ears," a reference to King Ahasuerus cutting off Haman's ears prior to having him hung. While "ozen" can mean ears, chabad.org points out that "oznayim" was often used in Eastern European cultures to describe pastries in general. It also noted that there's no biblical record of the King cutting off Haman's ears, but rather this was a practice more common during the Middle Ages.

The hamantaschen actually did not emerge in Jewish culture until much later, perhaps as recently as the beginning of the 19th century with the "Mohntaschen," or "poppy pocket," a folded, triangle, doughy cookie filled with poppy seed pastes eaten by all sects of the population. The Jewish people's preponderance to eat pastries on Purim and the word "mohn" sort of sounds like Haman. Many scholars believe this is how the word "hamantaschen" came to be. Today, hamantaschen can be found filled with fruit, nuts, chocolate as well as the more traditional "mohn," or poppy seed paste. This Purim, try a hamantaschen, especially one baked by Sisterhood; but remember, it has nothing to do with a hat or severed ears.



Sisterhood Snippets

We plan to make soup for Mitzvah meals on March 8th. Please contact Sharon Zislis if you'd like to help.

We are working on plans for the High Holidays and looking for volunteers for the Oneg and the Luncheon on the first day. If you would like to help, please contact Sharon Zislis.

We're working on our Closing Dinner to take place in June.

Next Meeting: March 31st, 7:30 pm BICC Please join us for snacks, good friendship and a short meeting.

HAMENTASHEN FOR PURIM Pre-Order Form



Pick-up at Purim Carnival on March 15th

Don't miss out!

If you want to guarantee that you will get your favorite flavors, please pre-order!
Pre-orders must be received by **February 20th**, but the earlier the better.

Pricing: \$9.00 per dozen (mix and match)

\$5.00 per half dozen

*All flavors are Pareve

You can place order by mailing to Marcy Zeichner (209 Bauman Circle, Exton, PA 19341), emailing to Marcy (ecofem@verizon.net) or dropping off at the synagogue office.

You can pay for your order by writing a check to "Beth Israel Sisterhood" and mailing it to Marcy or dropping it off at the synagogue.

You can also pay Sisterhood via Venmo at the following address: @Michelle-Harbold.

<u>Flavor</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Flavor</u>	<u>Qty</u>
Cherry	_____	Raspberry	_____
Prune	_____	Mohn	_____
Apple	_____	Apricot	_____
Strawberry	_____	Chocolate Chip	_____

_____ Dozen x \$9.00	=	_____
_____ ½ Dozen x \$5.00	=	_____
TOTAL	=	_____

Name: _____ Phone # _____ Email _____

Contact Marcy for questions at ecofem@verizon.net



SAVE THE DATE

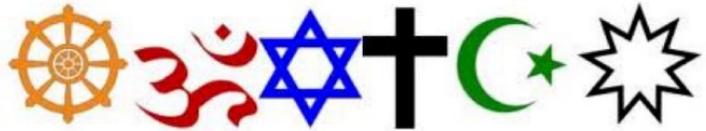
Saturday, April 25, 7 pm

A NIGHT OF CHANCE

**Beth Israel's 2020
Spring Fundraiser**

*Beth Israel Congregation
Chester Springs, PA*

Interfaith Corner



Wednesday evening, February 19th, Beth Israel Congregation and the Interfaith Action Community held a program on Jewish music. Rabbi Cutler explained the role of Jewish music in synagogue life and how it developed. He further explained how there are different styles of music representing the different Jewish holidays and the seasonal cycle. The Beth Israel choir, under the direction of Robin Kerollis Napicek, sang various examples of the different styles of music.

The Interfaith Action Community is supporting the POWER Interfaith Campaign for PA Public Schools Fair Funding. Please see the flyer on page 17.

IAC DAY OF HOPE DAY OF SERVICE MARCH 21, 12 – 4:30 PM. *Please see flyer on page 16.*

We are collecting **baskets** to use for the Safe Harbor Shelter fundraising auction. If you have a basket you can donate (approximately 1 to 3 gallon size) please email John Barnett at jbar-nettfx42@gmail.com

We began our February meeting with an inspirational message from Joan Chittister on Uncommon Courage shared by Mary Kwiatkowski. We then proceeded planning activities based on Peace, Justice and Equity.

Rabbi Jon gave updated us on the *civil conversation on abortion* planned for April 30th @ 7:00 PM at Ludwig's Corner Fire Hall. Kathy McDevitt provided an update on the THE POLLENATOR GARDEN PROJECT, and the celebration on 5/14 at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church & Community center, followed by an Iftar Dinner.

To all of Beth Israel - Please participate
SAVE THE DATE: March 21 Noon-4:00 PM
Day of Hope, Day of Service

INTERFAITH ACTION COMMUNITY DAY OF HOPE



An Interfaith Day of Service

Each of our faith traditions encourage us to help “repair the world”, take care of those in need, and act charitably. Therefore, let us act together to share those teachings that all our traditions inspire. We will provide a service, in teams, to five organizations in our area that serve our sisters and brothers in need.

Who may participate: Members of church, mosque, synagogue, temple and other organizations that make up the Interfaith Action Community our supporters and friends.

How it works: Participants will be assigned on interfaith teams to various work sites in the community to provide a few hours of a specific service.

IAC Day of Hope Schedule:

12:00 noon, registered participants meet at Islamic Society of Chester County, form teams, receive work instructions from site leaders.

12:45PM, teams drive to specific sites in Downingtown and Coatesville.

1:00PM to 4:30PM: Participants provide 3 hours of service at their designated site.

Locations for Day of Hope include;

- CYWA Women’s Shelter of Coatesville
- Mission Relief Coatesville
- Narenj Tree Foundation
- St. Mary’s Shelter, Phoenixville,
- Safe Harbor Shelter West Chester

Registration is required before March 8 for this event.

Register at [www.bethisraelpa.org/
interfaithactioncommunity](http://www.bethisraelpa.org/interfaithactioncommunity)

QUESTIONS? Contact your organization’s IAC representative or email to jbarnettfx42@gmail.com

An honest discussion on school funding in Pennsylvania

Take this unique opportunity to ask hard questions about funding and inequity in our school districts

Meet the panelists for an engaging night



Mr. Michael Churchill, is an attorney at the Public Interest Law Center where he is litigating a state court challenge to Pennsylvania's school funding system on behalf of six school districts, several parents, the Pa-NAACP, and the Pa Association of Small and Rural Schools.



Dr. Juan Baughn's career in education spans five decades, with experience training teachers, as an elementary and high school principal; assistant superintendent of high schools in District of Columbia Public Schools in Washington, DC; and Special Assistant to the Pennsylvania Secretary of Education. In the Chester Upland school district, he has been superintendent for Chester Upland school district since 2017.



Dr. Jim Scanlon has proudly served as superintendent of the West Chester Area School District since 2009. He is passionate about the importance of public education in our society and honored to lead this school system.



Marlene Armato taught in the Spring-Ford School District for 32 years. She is past Regent and Vice-Regent of the Mahanatawny Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Marlene is a member of the Pottstown Branch of the NAACP and the League of Women Voters. A member of the POWER Metro Education Strategy Team and the Statewide Education Strategy Team.

**This event is free and open
to the public
RSVP
at www.bethchaim.net**



POWER

**Thursday March 19
6pm – 9pm
Beth Chaim Reform Congregation
389 Conestoga Road
Malvern, PA**

Todah Rabah! Tzedakah is a mitzvah, a unique privilege granted to every Jew. Remembering friends and family in this manner is an appropriate way to show our feelings towards both our loved ones and our community. We want to thank the following for their contributions:

Beautify BI Fund

Donation

From Cassandra Lam

Building Fund

Mazel Tov to Craig and Michele Steiner on the birth of their grandson

From Steve and Nancy Goldberg

Mazel Tov to Michele and Craig Steiner on the birth of their grandson, Paul Harries

From Elaine and Stu Bran

Choir Fund

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From Deborah Kaplan

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Yahrzeits



Observed 2/28-2/29

Harry Kleeman	3/1	Adar 5
Mitchell Pomerantz	3/1	Adar 5
Henry Skolnik	3/1	Adar 5
Harry Sussman	3/1	Adar 5
Stanley Von Greenby	3/1	Adar 5
Edithe Brown	3/2	Adar 6
Blanche Kaufman	3/2	Adar 6
Clara Kurman	3/2	Adar 6
Jacob Paley	3/2	Adar 6
Beverly Tyner	3/2	Adar 6
Gladys Yager	3/2	Adar 6
Mitchell Barron	3/3	Adar 7
William Cohen	3/3	Adar 7
Dora Every	3/4	Adar 8
Albert Magen	3/4	Adar 8
Harold Parlin	3/4	Adar 8
Rhoda Riebman	3/4	Adar 8
Irving Silverstein	3/4	Adar 8
Sylvia Wallace	3/4	Adar 8
Ian Joshua Spear	3/5	Adar 9
Jay Boviard	3/6	Adar 10
Rebecca Cohen	3/6	Adar 10
Sylvia Fleisher	3/6	Adar 10
Leon Poch	3/6	Adar 10
Narhan Rosen	3/6	Adar 10

Observed 3/6-3/7

Miriam Jacobs	3/7	Adar 11
Sam Prince	3/7	Adar 11
Clara Schwartz	3/7	Adar 11
Simon Blechman	3/8	Adar 12
Maurice Hirsh	3/8	Adar 12
Elinor Levin	3/8	Adar 12
George Shafrin	3/8	Adar 12
Lillian Weiss	3/8	Adar 12
Joseph Altman	3/9	Adar 13
Adam Seth Gottlieb	3/9	Adar 13
Leah Leet	3/9	Adar 13
Rebecca Osser	3/9	Adar 13
Irving Sundheimer	3/9	Adar 13
Miriam Wiseman	3/9	Adar 13
Meyer Chertok	3/10	Adar 14
Stanley Goldstein	3/10	Adar 14
Nathaniel Lieberman	3/10	Adar 14
Esther Margolis	3/10	Adar 14
Oscar Reiter	3/10	Adar 14

Max Siegel	3/10	Adar 14
Mollie Steinberg	3/10	Adar 14
Louis Sugarman	3/10	Adar 14
Louis Trachtenberg	3/10	Adar 14
Rachel Eisenstaedt	3/11	Adar 15
Estelle Kauffman	3/11	Adar 15
Rose Linisberg	3/11	Adar 15
Solomon Riebman	3/11	Adar 15
Benjamin Sampson	3/11	Adar 15
Isaac Braunstein	3/12	Adar 16
Loni Fischer	3/12	Adar 16
Libby Gold	3/12	Adar 16
Rose Lennett	3/12	Adar 16
Elaine Sundheimer	3/12	Adar 16
Marvin Berse	3/13	Adar 17
Rose Goldstein	3/13	Adar 17
Edith Skolnik	3/13	Adar 17
David Wallace	3/13	Adar 17
Ruth Weller	3/13	Adar 17

Observed 3/13-3/14

Esther Mulnik	3/14	Adar 18
Claire Riebman	3/14	Adar 18
Horace Tracton	3/14	Adar 18
Anna Epstein Blechman	3/15	Adar 19
Mordicai Kramer	3/15	Adar 19
Vivian W. Levy	3/15	Adar 19
Clarence Abramowitz	3/16	Adar 20
Arthur Baer	3/16	Adar 20
Bertha Edelman	3/16	Adar 20
Elizabeth Endy	3/16	Adar 20
Peg Kauffman	3/16	Adar 20
Elaine Larson	3/16	Adar 20
Helen Rockmuller	3/16	Adar 20
Sarah Altman	3/17	Adar 21
Gerson Blankfield	3/17	Adar 21
Mishael W. Selig	3/17	Adar 21
Karl Simon	3/17	Adar 21
Edward Apfelbaum	3/18	Adar 22
Ruth Braverman	3/18	Adar 22
Roslyn Breisblatt	3/18	Adar 22
Pat Endy	3/18	Adar 22
Bertha Feldman	3/18	Adar 22
Bernard Katz	3/18	Adar 22
Marcus Margolis	3/18	Adar 22

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Leonard Rosenthal 3/18 Adar 22
 Robert Duitch 3/19 Adar 23
 Winifred Foye 3/19 Adar 23
 Harold Greenberg 3/19 Adar 23
 Ida Jacoby 3/19 Adar 23
 Leon H. Miller 3/19 Adar 23
 Sophie Shafrin 3/19 Adar 23
 Abraham Apfelbaum 3/20 Adar 24

Observed 3/20-3/21

Herbert Berks 3/21 Adar 25
 Sara Jaffe 3/21 Adar 25
 Janice Frank 3/22 Adar 26
 Nathaniel Hurwitz 3/22 Adar 26
 Morris Tugander 3/22 Adar 26
 Marilyn Cutler 3/23 Adar 27
 Esther Klinkowstein 3/23 Adar 27
 Mary Nussman 3/24 Adar 28
 Harriet Schoonmaker 3/24 Adar 28
 Jacob Atlas 3/25 Adar 29
 Karen Goldstein 3/25 Adar 29
 Joseph Kauffman 3/25 Adar 29
 Sara Skolnik 3/25 Adar 29
 Emma Stark 3/25 Adar 29
 Sidney Stein 3/25 Adar 29
 Harry Trachtenberg 3/25 Adar 29
 Fanny Zimetbaum 3/26 Nissan 1
 Benjamin Chatzkel 3/27 Nissan 2
 Elizabeth LeCates 3/27 Nissan 2
 Benjamin Miller 3/27 Nissan 2
 Harold Morse 3/27 Nissan 2

Observed 3/27-3/28

Steven Kramer 3/28 Nissan 3
 Jeanne Laskey 3/28 Nissan 3
 Murray Turner 3/28 Nissan 3
 Erika Strauss 3/29 Nissan 4

Abram Margolis 3/30 Nissan 5
 Hyman Berger 3/31 Nissan 6
 Sydney Blatt 3/31 Nissan 6
 Lila Cowen 3/31 Nissan 6
 Norma Olesker 3/31 Nissan 6
 Peter Schied 3/31 Nissan 6
 Stanley Tucker 3/31 Nissan 6
 Stanley Caplin 4/1 Nissan 7
 Emma Tracey 4/1 Nissan 7
 Sophie Bishop 4/2 Nissan 8
 Melvin Richman 4/2 Nissan 8
 Louis Slipakoff 4/2 Nissan 8
 Harry Stark 4/2 Nissan 8
 Philip Trager 4/2 Nissan 8
 Dor K. Spear 4/3 Nissan 9

Observed 4/3-4/4

Gayle Arnon 4/4 Nissan 10
 Samuel Goldstein 4/5 Nissan 11
 Mary Sayers 4/5 Nissan 11
 Martin Tyner 4/5 Nissan 11
 Pauline Cohen 4/6 Nissan 12
 Joseph W. Kauffman 4/6 Nissan 12
 Sylvia Pogach 4/6 Nissan 12
 Irvin Jacobs 4/7 Nissan 13
 Helen Moscow 4/7 Nissan 13
 Sarah Ramel 4/7 Nissan 13
 Sidney I. Shapanka 4/7 Nissan 13
 Esther Wattenmaker 4/7 Nissan 13
 Alan Magloff 4/8 Nissan 14
 Getze Sarvetnick 4/8 Nissan 14
 Michael Besrodni 4/9 Nissan 15
 Rae Abramowitz 4/10 Nissan 16
 Isaac Morris 4/10 Nissan 16
 Jennifer Strauss 4/10 Nissan 16

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March 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 9:45 AM RS: K-Confirmation 2:30PM Maccabeats Concert	2	3 7:30 PM Sisterhood meeting	4 4:15 PM RA: One Plus (3rd-7th) 7:15PM Choir Practice	5 6:30 PM Ritual Committee Meet- ing	6 6:30PM Shabbat Across America	7 9:30 AM Shabbat Services 6:00PM BIP: Masquerade Ball
8 9:45 AM RS: K-Confirmation 10:00 Pre-K parent workshop 10:30 AM RS: Andi Joseph 11:30 AM Programming Committee Meeting	9 9:00 AM BIP: Purim Pa- rade 9:30 AM BIP: Haman- taschen Baking 7:00 PM Purim Service @ Keshet Israel	10 9:30 AM BIP: Haman- taschen Baking 7:30 PM Board Meeting	11 4:15 PM RS: One Plus (3rd-7th) & Hamantaschen Baking 7:15 PM Choir Practice	12 9:00 AM BIP: Kindergarten Parent Conferences	13 6:30 PM Shabbat Yeladim w/ Costumes 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	14 9:30 AM Life Long Learning
15 9:45 AM RS: K-Confirmation 10:30 AM RS: Purim Assembly 11:00 AM RS: Purim Carnival 1:00 PM Pre-Req. Israel prog.	16	17	18 12:45 PM IAC 4:15 PM RS: One Plus (3rd-7th)	19 7:00 PM RS Committee Meeting	20 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	21 9:30 AM Shabbat Services
22 9:00 AM Yom HaShoah Play(6 -7th) @ Keshet Israel 9:45 AM RS: K-Confirmation 10:00 AM BI High Cooking 1:00 PM Pre-Req. Israel prog.	23	24	25 4:15 PM RS: One Plus (3rd-7th) 7:15 PM Choir Practice	26	27 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	28 9:30 AM Shabbat School & Luncheon
29 RS: NO CLASSES	30	31 7:30 PM Sisterhood meeting				

April 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 4:15 PM RS: "One Plus"(3rd-7th)	2 6:30 PM Ritual Committee Meeting	3 6:30 PM Shabbat Yeladim 6:30 PM Wine and Nosh 7:30 PM Shabbat Services	4 9:30 AM Shabbat Service
5 9:45 AM RS Model Seders/ Passover Program K-Confirmation) 10:00 AM RS: Pre-K Parent Workshop & Model Seders 11:30 AM Programming Com- mittee Mtg	6	7	8 BIP: NO SCHOOL 4:00 PM RS: NO CLAS- SES (PASSOVER)	9 BIP: NO SCHOOL 9:30 AM 1st Day of Pe- sach Service 6:30 PM 2nd Night Com- munity Seder	10 BIP: NO SCHOOL NO FRIDAY NIGHT SER- VICE	11 9:30 AM Life Long Learning
12 RS: NO CLASSES (PASSOVER BREAK)	13 BIP: NO SCHOOL 7:30 PM Sisterhood Book Group Discussion	14 9:00AM BIP: SCHOOL RESUMES 7:00 PM RS Committee Meeting	15 12:45 PM IAC Meeting 4:15 PM RS: "One Plus"(3rd—7th) 5:45 PM Yizkor Service	16 7:30 PM Congregational Elections & Board Meeting	17 7:30 PM Shabbat Ser- vices	18 9:30 AM 6th/7th Grade Led Torah Service & Luncheon
19 Yom HaShoah Program - Details (TBD) 9:45 AM RS: (K-Confirmation)	20	21	22 4:15 PM RS: "One Plus" (3rd—7th)	23	24 7:30 PM Shabbat Ser- vices	25 9:30 AM Shabbat Services 7:00 PM Spring Fundraiser
26 9:45 AM RS: (K- Confirmation)	27	28	29 9:00 AM BICC: PS Vendor Fair 4:15 PM RS: "One Plus" (3rd—7th)	30		

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