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Announcements

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Timely synagogue information can be sent to you via e-mail. It's easy to register. On our website near the bottom of our home page, you will see "Email List Signup." Click the box below that, which says "Sign Up," to join our email list.

Many companies will match your donation to a non-profit. Please check with your company to see if you can double your donation to the Shul!

Need a gift for that special occasion? Please visit the Daughters of Israel Sisterhood Boutique for gifts by your favorite crafters and artists. **New merchandise on display now!**

Know of a member who needs a smile with a spoonful of comfort? Let us know! Soups & Smiles has been relaunched by Daughters of Israel.

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BIRTHDAYS

7th

David Soltanovici
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8th

Mitchell Plattman

9th

Justin Elkrief

12th

Marsha Garber

17th

Laurie Landy

18th

Dan Bouchoucha

21st

Bill Berger

27th

Chaya Friedmann

28th

Beth Krinsky

ANNIVERSARIES

12th

Roberta & Howard Levine

TODAH RABAH!

Our recent Kiddush sponsors: **Lucy & Mitch Kaufman** and **Jenn & Benjamin Fishbaum**.

Emily Appledorf for leading our January kids' service.

Leigh Ahimor, Noah Glyn, and Aviel Brodkin for organizing our Movie Nights.

Dorothy Jablonka, Rochelle Epstein, and Nancy Berger for organizing another wonderful Social Group gathering.

Jane Goldstein for organizing and running another lovely Book Chat.

Jennifer Fessler, Barbara Zagher, Donna Fassman, and Rochelle Epstein for organizing and running the Sisterhood Cooking Series: Friday Night Flavors.

Scott Tepper for organizing and running the Men's Club Blood Drive.

Aviel Brodkin for organizing and running so many new and lively programs, including the International Holocaust Remembrance Day program, the Torah Topics Tuesday class, and the Crash Course in Jewish History class.

All those that participated in January's weekday and Shabbos services including leining, leading services, Gabbai duties, prayer for the government and MiSheberach readers: **Yair Alouf; Bill Berger; David Binder; Hal Bluzer; Noah Glyn; Ron Gorsky; Michael Katz; Mitchell Kaufman; Jay Lillianthal; Mitchell Lustgarten; Michael Lebowitz; Josh Nabozny; Steve Wertheim; Marty Wisniewski; and Maurice Zagher.**

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Your dues make up only a small part of our synagogue's total income. We rely upon your generous contributions and we thank the following for their tzedakah to our Congregation.

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“IHO” *in honor of*

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Chaya Friedmann IMO Barbara Fessler
Anita Raboi IHO the birth of Jenny & Alexei
Abragamov's new son
Carole & Steven Kass IMO Marilyn Zagha-
Keeshan
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RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Shari & Scott Tepper
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Nurit & Stephen Litwok wishing a speedy recovery
to Steve Wertheim
Nurit & Stephen Litwok IMO Barbara Fessler
Nurit & Stephen Litwok IHO the birth of Rabbi &
Aviel Brodkin's grandson
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Keeshan
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Dena & Michael Abrams IMO Alex Quall
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Jane & Arnold Goldstein IHO Maya Tepper's Bat
Mitzvah
Shelley & Larry Finkelstein IMO Barbara Fessler
Shelley & Larry Finkelstein IMO Marilyn Zagher-
Keeshan
Shelley & Larry Finkelstein IHO the birth of Rabbi
& Aviel Brodtkin's grandson
Sheila Nagar for the maintenance of the graves of
Bernard & Lillian Leav
David Binder IMO Marilyn Zagher-Keeshan
David Binder IMO Ceil Kramer
David Binder IMO Andrea Warmbrand's father
Harriet Cortell IMO Barbara Fessler
Sharon Schleifstein IMO Theodore Bass
Beth Krinsky IMO Marilyn Zagher-Keeshan
Beth Krinsky IMO Barbara Fessler
Beth Krinsky IMO Theodore Davidson
Bonnie & Fred Stone IHO the birth of their great-
granddaughter, Tzipora Greer
Rhoda S. & Emanuel B. Chodosh IMO Marilyn
Zagher-Keeshan
Rhoda S. & Emanuel B. Chodosh IHO the birth of
Rabbi & Aviel Brodtkin's grandson
Yvette & Mitchell Plattman IMO Barbara Fessler
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IHO Shari Tepper being named 'Woman of the
Year'
Ellen & Sheldon Gasior IMO Marilyn Zagher-
Keeshan
Ellen & Sheldon Gasior IMO Barbara Fessler
Shelley & Larry Finkelstein IMO Isidore Weitz
Jack Schier IMO Barbara Fessler
Chaya Friedmann IHO Maya Tepper's Bat Mitzvah
Chaya Friedmann IMO Barbara Fessler
Darrin & Ariel Goldman
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Michael Jonathan Gellis IMO Barbara Fessler
Alec DeRoss IMO Barbara Fessler
Meredith Ross IMO Barbara Fessler
Jefferey & Michele Lejfer IMO Barbara Fessler
Jefferey & Michele Lejfer IHO Maya Tepper's Bat
Mitzvah
Ruth & Abe Levine IHO the birth of Rabbi &
Aviel Brodtkin's grandson
Elyce & Lawrence Arenson IMO Barbara Fessler
Aline & Harry Shlinger IHO Shari Tepper being
named 'Woman of the Year'
Aline & Harry Shlinger IMO Barbara Fessler
Michelle B. Rith IMO Eugene Berkowsky
Aline & Harry Shlinger IMO William Shlinger
Beth Krinsky IMO Theodore Davidson
Emily & Adam Pearlman IMO Barbara Fessler
Allison & Richard Robinson IMO Barbara Fessler
Adam Semer IMO Barbara Fessler
Lien & Cerwin Ma IMO Barbara Fessler
Enid & Jay Lassman IHO the Bar Mitzvah of their
grandson, Aaron Shulma

Yahrzeits

February 2 Gertrude Fessler Gertude Fessler	15 Shevat grandmother of Shari Tepper grandmother of Jennifer Fessler	February 13 Sandra Meyers Mark Schenerman Zacharia Mizrachi	26 Shevat mother of Lauren Reich brother of Randi Kramer grandfather of Brooke Bouchoucha
February 3 Joseph Goldberg	16 Shevat father-in-law of Elaine Goldberg	February 14 George Lovi Ruth Shenberg	27 Shevat brother of Jane Goldstein mother-in-law of Sandra Shenberg
February 4 Benjamin Lipsker Benjamin Lipsker Benjamin Lipsker George Thaler Martin Ginsberg	17 Shevat father of Fran Appelbaum father of Sharon Schioppo father of Shelly Berkal grandfather of George Thaler father of Mark Ginsberg	February 16 Samuel Freilich February 17 Roslyn Schindel William Schier	29 Shevat father of Susan Rosin 30 Shevat mother of Leonard Schindel brother of Jack Schier
February 5 Ruth Feldman Zygmunt Litwok Theodore Davidson Arlene Price	18 Shevat mother-in-law of Jack Schier father of Stephen Litwok father of Beth Krinsky mother of Stacey Katz	February 18 Sonia Weiss Herbert Lerner February 19 Tamar Ariav Peter Kleinmann Jack Linder Philip Green	1 Adar mother of Lynne Weiss Marshall father of Joyce Nabozny 2 Adar mother of Nurit Litwok uncle of Elaine Stern father of Aileen Minchello brother of Marsha Reimer
February 6 Jeffrey Rich William Shlinger Morris Kanarick	19 Shevat brother of Stanley Rich father of Harry Shlinger father of Charlotte Rubin	February 20 Paul Wank Luba Chodosh Leonard Froster Eliyahu Hagoel	3 Adar grandfather of Paul Wank mother of Emanuel B. Chodosh husband of Pauline Froster father of Tamara Hagoel
February 7 Abraham Alpert	20 Shevat uncle of Alan Brooker	February 21 Milton Karashik Milton Karashik Richard Reimer	4 Adar father of Jan Lillianthal father of Fred Mosesman husband of Marsha Reimer
February 9 Judith Wertheim Hugh Bleiweis Israel Mandel Israel Mandel Herbert Isaacson	22 Shevat mother of Steven Wertheim father of Arlene Lustgarten grandfather of Edith Mosesman grandfather of Barbara Forman father of Adam Isaacson	February 22 Shirley Sherman Lillie Friedman Rae Tulgan	5 Adar mother of Elizabeth Yigdal mother-in-law of Roberta Friedman mother of Norman Tulgan
February 10 Beatrice Rubin	23 Shevat sister of Alvin Rubin	February 23 David Weiss Ruth Rosin	6 Adar father of Lynne Weiss Marshall aunt of Robert Rosin
February 11 Sara Davis Syd Lustgarten	24 Shevat aunt of Jack Schier father of Mitchell Lustgarten		
February 12 Berush Kramer Berush Kramer	25 Shevat grandfather of Barbara Forman grandfather of Edith Mosesman		

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February 24

Herbert Brooker
Chana Kantor
Israel Wexler

February 25

Joseph Stern
Andrea Lee Kaye
Sylvia Kasten
Edward Spencer
Moshe Scharf

7 Adar

father of Alan Brooker
mother of Teddy Kantor
father of Floralie Tulgan

8 Adar

father of Elaine Stern
sister of Susan Feinstein
mother of Mimi Werbler
father of Gertrude Indig
brother of Bonni Kurlander

February 27

Carl Sharfer
Ari Fishbaum
Harriet Schanen
Saul Marshall
Leo Copin

February 28

Stanley Fessler
Stanley Fessler

10 Adar

father of Lucy Kaufman
father of Benjamin Fishbaum
sister of Charlotte Rubin
father of Ira Marshall
relative of Nancy Goldstein

11 Adar

father of Shari Tepper
father of Jennifer Fessler

**HAVE A
POPPIN'
PURIM!**

Order your Mishloach Manot packages for yourself,
family, or friends. A popping Purim awaits!

**Orders start February 5th
Deliveries from February 28th-30th**

WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!

MAZEL TOV

Shari Tepper who was honored at Chabad's Jewish Women's Day on February 1.

Shari & Scott Tepper on the Bat Mitzvah of Maya Tepper.

Rabbi Ken & Aviel Brodkin on the birth and bris of their grandson, Saadia Hillel Arnson, born to their daughter and son-in-law, Leah & Yisroel Arnson.

Bonnie & Fred Stone on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Tzipora Greer, to Malka & Moshe Greer.

Nancy & Michael Peller on the birth of their granddaughter, Sophia Brynn Peller, to William & Stephanie Peller.

Enid & Jay Lassman on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Aaron Shulman.

CONDOLENCES

Shari Tepper, Jennfier Fessler, and family, on the loss of their mother and long-time member, Barbara Fessler.



Trees for Israel



Purchase trees for Israel. The cost is \$18 per tree.

TO: Millie Tobias and Family <i>In loving memory of your father</i> FROM: Barbara & Maurice Zagha	TO: Shari & Scott Tepper and Family <i>In memory of Barbara Fessler</i> FROM: Alan, Miriam, & Marlene Brooker
TO: Rabbi Ken & Aviel Brodkin <i>Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson!</i> FROM: Barbara & Maurice Zagha	TO: Barbara & Maurice Zagha <i>In memory of Marilyn Zagha-Keeshan</i> FROM: Jeffery & Minnie Burns
TO: Shari & Scott Tepper and Family <i>In memory of Barbara Fessler</i> FROM: Jeffrey & Minnie Burns	TO: The Hutter Family <i>In memory of Lorraine Hutter</i> FROM: Jeffrey & Minnie Burns
TO: Barbara & Maurice Zagha <i>In memory of Marilyn Zagha-Keeshan</i> FROM: Yvette & Mitchell Plattman	TO: Barbara & Maurice Zagha <i>In memory of Marilyn Zagha-Keeshan</i> FROM: Maxine & Arthur Finkel
TO: Shari & Scott Tepper and Family <i>In memory of Barbara Fessler</i> FROM: Maxine & Arthur Finkel	TO: Shari & Scott Tepper and Family <i>In memory of Barbara Fessler</i> FROM: Barbara & Maurice Zagha
TO: Shari & Scott Tepper and Family <i>In honor of Maya becoming a Bat Mitzvah</i> FROM: Barbara & Maurice Zagha	TO: Shari & Scott Tepper and Family <i>In memory of Barbara Fessler</i> FROM: Donna & David Binder

B'NAI ISRAEL MEN'S CLUB PRESENTS

SUPER BOWL PARTY

**FEBRUARY 8, 2026 | DOORS OPEN @ 06:00 PM
| TICKET \$30 FOR ADULTS, \$15 FOR KIDS
(2 AND UNDER ARE FREE)**

To RSVP, Contact Noah Glyn - (609) 922-2416

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FEBRUARY 20, 2026

5:15 PM – MINCHA & LIVELY KABBALAT SHABBAT

FEATURING THE YESHIVA OF GREATER WASHINGTON A CAPPELLA GROUP

6:15 PM – COMMUNITY SHABBOS DINNER & WINE TASTING



**TO REGISTER VISIT: BNAIISRAELNJ.ORG/FRIDAYNIGHT26
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LOCATION: 33 GORDONS CORNER RD. MANALAPAN, NJ 07726

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Tu B'Shevat Women's Seder 6:00pm 14 Shevat	2 Tu B'Shevat 15 Shevat	3 Torah Topics Tuesday 8:00pm 16 Shevat	4 Sisterhood Card Party 7:00pm 17 Shevat	5 18 Shevat	6 5:04pm 19 Shevat	7 6:05pm Yitro Family Movie Night 6:15pm 20 Shevat
8 Men's Club Super Bowl Party 5:30pm 21 Shevat	9 22 Shevat	10 23 Shevat	11 24 Shevat	12 Ladies Challah Bake 7:00pm 25 Shevat	13 5:13pm 26 Shevat	14 6:13pm Shekalim Mishpatim Family Shabbat & Kids' Service; Deluxe Kiddush 27 Shevat
15 Pizza & Parenting 5:00pm 28 Shevat	16 Hot Debate, Talmud, and Takeout 7:30pm Office Closed 29 Shevat	17 Torah Topics Tuesday 8:00pm Rosh Chodesh 30 Shevat	18 Sisterhood Cooking Series: No Chametz, No Problem 7:30pm Rosh Chodesh 1 Adar	19 Social Group Meeting 11:00am 2 Adar	20 5:21pm Shabbos in Harmony CBI Friday Night Dinner 5:15pm 3 Adar	21 6:21pm Terumah 4 Adar
22 5 Adar	23 6 Adar	24 7 Adar	25 8 Adar	26 9 Adar	27 5:29pm 10 Adar	28 6:28pm Zachor Tetzaveh 11 Adar

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Looking Forward.....

Monday, March 2	CBI Purim Maariv & Megillah 6:00pm
Monday, March 2	CBI Purim Bash 7:00pm
Tuesday, March 3	Torah Topics Tuesday, every other week on Tuesdays
Wednesday, March 11	Sisterhood Book Chat: <i>How to Read a Book</i> by Monica Wood 7:15pm
Saturday, March 14	Family Shabbat & Kid's Service; Deluxe Kiddush 9:00am
Thursday, March 19	Social Group Meeting 11:00am

Minyan Times - February

Saturday Mornings.....9:00am
Sunday Mornings & legal holidays.....8:30am
Monday and Thursday mornings.....7:00am
Please support our services, both in-person and via ZOOM.

ZOOM Minyans	
Evenings:	
Sunday through Thursday	8:30pm
Mornings:	
Sunday & legal holidays:	8:30am
Weekdays	7:00am
Note: On Sunday through Friday mornings, minyan will be streamed on Zoom. On Shabbat and holidays, no Zoom.	
ZOOM ID: 901 821 5755	