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Our Religious School students enjoying a weekend at Camp Ramah (more pics on page 5)

SHABBAT IN "3D"

Tu B'Shvat Seder
Saturday, February 7
9:30am

Daven, Drash, and Dine with us as we celebrate Tu B'Shvat with insightful conversation and feast together. All are welcome. Our Shabbat in "3D" program is unique to KM, so don't miss this wonderful morning. Bring your friends—it's an Open House!

JEWISH LIFE IN MODERN AMERICA

RABBI MICHAEL GOTLIEB

In a recent piece that appeared in the online journal, *Mosaic*, professors Jack Wertheimer (Dr. Wertheimer presented at an Eber Memorial Lecture at KM in 2006) and Steven Cohen offer further insights into the recent Pew survey of Jewish life in America. Their combined message is jarring and cause for serious concern. More than anything, their synthesis of the Pew survey is a call to action.

They begin by dispelling certain cherished myths of American Jewish life. Take, for example, the pride Jews take in the Jewish family. Messrs. Wertheimer and Cohen argue fewer non-Orthodox American Jews are getting married, let alone having children, than ever before; a trend unparalleled in Jewish history.

Intermarriage and its implications have changed, too. The myth that holds outreach

to intermarried Jews will help bring them back to some sort of Jewish identity is, for the most part, not the case. We now know, with great exception, it doesn't work. The Pew report cites that of the more than 2.1 million Americans of some Jewish parentage, the overwhelming majority do not identify as Jews—period, and that trend is also sadly growing.

Synagogue affiliation is at a record low and headed downward. Among the non-Orthodox, fewer than one in three claim mostly Jewish friends and over one-fifth report none. Giving to Jewish causes is in sharp decline. Wherever one looks, there are age-related declines in the number of non-Orthodox Jews' affiliation and association with things Jewish, not least of which is support for and interest in Israel.

As Wertheimer and Cohen write:

"American Jews now stand on the precipice of a demographic cliff, and the choice before them is simple: either fall off, or turn around."

Turn around we must. Though the trends within Jewish life are worrisome, there are some clear outcomes that come the result of this honest, painful assessment. As the professors mention, denominations are important. Post-denominational Judaism (the craze of late 20th century Jewish thought where one's religious identity, be it Reform, Orthodox, Conservative, is largely irrelevant) is out. Denominationalism in Jewish life works. Jews want and need an ideological core to base their identity and affiliation. The upshot: Celebrate it, embrace it, and don't dilute it.

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Our active and talented choir has been very busy performing.

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We have an agenda filled with upcoming events. Mark your calendars and save the dates!

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THE JEWISH STATE



MANNY BAKER, President

A couple of months ago, the Knesset debated a bill aimed at declaring Israel the Nation-State of the Jewish People. The bill passed a ministerial committee by a 14 – 6 vote, but became hotly debated in the Knesset. A number of differing viewpoints were presented. There are those who claim that the law makes non-Jews second class citizens. The proponents of the bill emphatically disagree. In rebuttal, the opponents say that by virtue of declaring Israel as the

homeland of the Jews, it implies second class status for anyone who isn't Jewish. Others fear that passage of this bill could lead to Israel becoming a highly sectarian state with rules defined by the Orthodox.

If Israel is defined to be a Nation-State of the Jewish People, who, then, is a Jew? Do the Orthodox define who is a Jew? Would other branches of Judaism have a say in the definition of who is a Jew? Yet others want Israel to be a purely non-sectarian state, with no reference to it being a Jewish homeland, or reference to other religions. And other people are concerned about the official language of Israel. Would it continue to be Hebrew,

Arabic, and English, the current status, or would the declaration of Israel as the Nation-State of the Jewish People result in only Hebrew being the official language?

These are all weighty issues. Each has some reasonable cause for concern. But it's hard to imagine Israel as being something other than a Jewish state. During the brief history of Israel, we have seen it to be a nation where all religions have equal rights. Religious sites of all denominations of Christianity, Islam, and Judaism are equally protected. This is unlike what happened following the War for Independence when Jordan, which controlled the Old City of Jerusalem, allowed synagogues and Jewish cemeteries to be destroyed and desecrated. Any Palestinian state that results from talks between Israel and the Palestinians will be *judeenrein*. That seems to be of no concern to anyone else in the world. Nonetheless, Israel grants full citizenship rights to all its citizens, whether they be Jewish, Christian, or Muslim.

In the Torah, God declared to Moses that the land that is currently the State of Israel and part of Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan, to be the land of the Jewish People. Israel today is only a part of that which God granted to Moses. However, considering the biblical origins, it seems reasonable that the modern State of Israel should be considered a Jewish homeland.

From the Cantor

CANTORS ON A HIKE



CANTOR SAMUEL COHEN

Several weeks back, I attended an annual cantor's convention winter retreat, held at a hotel in Palm Desert. Cantors from the western region gathered together to catch up, sing, pray, and learn from one another. After dinner the first night, the "Guys and Meidels" group that premiered at KM last year, which includes myself and three other cantors, sang a set for the group. It was well-received and quite fun to sing and perform in front of our colleagues. Early the next day after

Shacharit, the morning service, we all went on a little field trip to an oasis out in the middle of the desert. There were several pools of water and many very old large palm trees. This oasis lies along the San Andreas earthquake fault. Out of this fault comes clear spring water with a very strong sulfuric smell that somehow manages to sustain life and make the desert green.

I mention this as I was amazed by the little oasis in the middle of the desert with sulfuric water so crystal clear that you could see life everywhere, from little fish, to crustaceans, to large palms. Despite the white rim of sulfur and salt around the entire pool, there was a multitude of life. No matter how harsh the environment, life still found a way to exist and, even more so, to flourish and make the desert green.

I couldn't help but think of the irony, as the recent Torah portions have told us the story of the Jewish People wanting to leave Egypt so that they may serve God in the desert. Now, here we were, a group of Jews, cantors, willingly in the desert singing and leading services!

The Book of Shemot begins with the Jews in slavery as Pharaoh orders the Jewish midwives, Shifrah and Puah, to throw all newborn Jewish boys into the Nile River. The commentaries say this was to prevent Moses from growing up and saving the Jewish People. These righteous women do not listen to Pharaoh and secretly save the boys, including Moses, who not only survives, but grows up in the palace, right under Pharaoh's nose! He then goes on to save the Jewish people from the Pharaoh who had commanded Moses' own death as an infant. From the harsh desert environment came a source of life: Moses.

No matter what kind of situation one may find oneself in, there is a lesson or a song that can be gleaned from or written about it. The cantors in our convention further explored this oasis to learn about shmita laws, how every seventh year the land in Israel itself must be rested.

The week of the convention corresponded with the beginning of the new secular year. We also began a new book of the Torah, the Book of Shemot, where we started reading about the beginnings of Jewish People's desire for redemption and freedom. This is the desire for a new beginning, one where the Jewish people can be masters of their own lives and their own choices. We are in the beginning of a new year, and now is the time when we can choose to take control of our decisions and gain the freedom we seek.

The trees in this oasis have lasted many years on an underground water source, even in the desert. Together with our new beginnings and good choices, we will continue to worship with prayer and with music, the underground water source that feeds our soul.

<<"RABBI," CONTINUED FROM PG 1



Endogamy also works—it matters. As a whole, Jews raised by two Jewish parents make a big difference as to whether their offspring will remain Jewish. That's a fact. As much as we sugarcoat it, intermarriage hurts us.

Levels of Jewish education are yet another trend that impact on our Jewish vitality.

No heavy lifting here. The amount of Jewish education and its depth and quality strongly influence whether one remains actively Jewish later in life.

Visiting Israel helps. But it depends when one visits (at what age, level of maturity, etc.) and under what circumstances. If there is no educational, social, religious, historic, and ideological component to the trip, the opportunity to touch and influence is minimized.

Advocating Judaism to the un-churched is still another area that can foster Jewish growth and commitment. Jews by choice are a supreme gift. Their love for God, Torah, and Israel is refreshing. They give us

all hope; we need them and must welcome them in an open and non-coercive manner.

Towards the end of their painfully candid evaluation of where our beloved Jewish community is headed, Wertheimer and Cohen write:

"Of course, for any of these initiatives to succeed, it will be necessary to reverse the self-defeating rationalizations that have taken hold in so many Jewish circles of Jewish leadership."

To begin to redirect the current path we've taken, a straightforward assessment is important. One thing's for certain, there's still hope and we Jews don't lack for talent. At the same time, the task is immense and the hour is getting late.

WELCOMING OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

SUSIE YURÉ, Membership Committee

What a variety of interesting new members we have! Here are the brief stories of our new members, who are delighted to be part of our KM family.

Oscar Bolanos and Dana Hagooli were drawn to KM, a nearby conservative synagogue with a good school and a friendly, authentic community. Although Oscar was born in Columbia and Dana moved from Israel to Santa Monica, they met in Ecuador. Oscar researches pacemakers at St. Jude Medical and Dana, who enjoys healthy baking, loves being home with their children, Mia, Coby, Noah, and Raya.

Jami and Alan Castel are enjoying KM's Religious School and PJ Library in addition

to the traditional emphasis on davening. Alan plays piano, Jami strums her guitar, and children Eden, Claire, and (soon) Theo are learning piano. Jami, a native Angeleno, chooses to be a stay-at-home mom and Alan, from Toronto, is a professor of Memory/Aging at UCLA. We also appreciate their introducing the Bolanos family to KM.

Homa Harounian enjoys ballroom dance, walking, and games, especially backgammon. She moved to the U.S. after escaping Iran in 1983. Homa feels so lucky to have found KM, as our friendly community has changed her life. This enthusiastic new member has been studying massage therapy at a college and will soon get her license.

Julie and Ian Slater shopped for years for a synagogue similar to their Chicago and Long Island communities. They feel they have found a match with neighborhood children at KM and people who have reached out to make them feel at home. Ian, who loves to bake, is a film editor and Julie, an actress, spends her time with their children, Graham and Riley.

Ann Hayman and Harvey Kern are both natives of Los Angeles. Although they are retired from the health field, their lives are very busy as docents. Ann volunteers at the Getty Center and Museum of Tolerance and Harvey at the Getty, UCLA Botanical Garden, Annenberg Beach House, Adamson House, and California Science Center. They chose KM for Rabbi Gotlieb, Cantor Cohen, and especially the people.

NEXT GEN

CINDY ROTH, Youth Director and Event Coordinator

The NextGen enjoyed tasty latkes and a vodka sampling at our Hanukkah event at the Canal Club, along with delicious donuts. All who attended had a wonderful time (pictured below).

Join us for our next big event on Sunday, March 29 as we bike through Santa Barbara wine country, enjoying the view, each other's company, and, of course, more tasty food. Contact Cindy at 310-829-0566 for details.





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You are invited to stay overnight the night before and join Cantor Cohen and Cindy Roth for Havdalah. Contact Cindy for hotel recommendations and more information at 310-829-0566.

TOT SHABBAT



MASHA SAVITZ
Head of Early Childhood & Arts Programs

Tot Shabbat, led by our children's beloved Myrna Sokoloff, got a big makeover this year as snackivities became a new, exciting, and

highly anticipated feature of our early childhood Shabbat offering, adding to an already joyous hour.

For each snackivity, we use tasty foods like fruit, Cheerios, crackers, soy butter, and Nutella to create edible art related to the appropriate Torah portion or holiday. For example, we made Joseph's coat of many colors from Cheerios and Fruit Roll-Ups. Jacob and his ladder to heaven were assembled from oyster crackers and pretzel sticks, with gummy bears standing in for the angels. When all the elements of the story are complete, a blessing is made and our creation eaten.

Of course, we also sing traditional Shabbat songs such as *Shabbat Shalom*, *David Melech*, *I have that Shabbat Feeling*, and *Five Little Challahs*, accompanied by circle dances, clapping, and hand motions.

Children have their own Tefillah, singing prayers in Hebrew. *Mah Tov* uses hand motions to represent the tents of Jacob. We sing a quiet *Shema* to think about God on Shabbat, then sing the prayer again, but this time dancing and clapping with a finger raised above us when we say "*echad*," signifying one God. Then, we sing it again!

Using a circle dance to praise God, we remind the children of Miriam's song, *Mi Chamocha*, after coming through the Red Sea. We end our service with *Oseh Shalom* and clapping, often including a story from *Child's Garden of Torah* or a holiday story.

When the congregation returns the Torah to the Ark, our tots proudly go into the sanctuary with the congregation and take a toy Torah, marching behind the real Torah as it is returned to the Ark. Tot Shabbat concludes with singing *Shalom Chaverim* in Hebrew and English and the children join their parents for lunch.

All tots welcome! We meet every Saturday from 11:00am-12:00pm.

MEN'S CLUB

STEPHEN SHAPIRO

Men's Club President

UPCOMING EVENT: Our next meeting will be held on Monday, February 23, at 7:00pm. This will be an organizational and planning meeting for future Men's Club events in the upcoming year. All Men's Club members, and even non-members, with ideas for future programs are encouraged to bring their ideas and their calendars as we plan for 2015. Our goal is to have as much member participation as possible in this planning process.

PAST EVENT: Our recent event featured the musical selections and a power point presentations about Jewish composers (Part 3) by renowned educator, conductor, and musician Julie Metz, who plays the violin and viola. We had a wonderful time!



Snackivities: Jacob's ladder and Joseph's coat of many colors

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL UPDATE

SHARONE WEIZMAN, Director of Education



Shalom Chaverim! This year our Religious School implemented a new Shabbat B'Yachad initiative to bring Religious School students and families together to experience and celebrate Shabbat as one. Our third Kabbalat Shabbat Family Service brought together over 80 students and families welcoming in the Sabbath Queen with music, song, stories, and dance. Our festivities continued by candlelight with a Shabbat dinner that lit up the entire Social Hall. Our students and families were led with *ruach* by Rabbi, Cantor,

Phil Rubinstein, Marcos Cohen, Yafit Josephson, and Neomi Nemanim. Once again, Brock Pollock joined Marcos on guitar, and Jeremy Zwang-Weissman joined our team on percussion while our outstanding Religious School faculty led our parents, students, and families in song and dance!

Sixteen of our 3rd-7th Grade Religious School students packed their bags and headed-off to Camp Ramah for an unforgettable weekend filled with fun, learning, and simply living Jewishly together. Marcos Cohen, Phil Rubinstein, Chantal Hakakeyan, and I joined our students with Temple Aliyah, Sinai Temple, Valley Beth Shalom, and Congregation Beth Shalom Religious School students for a taste of Ramah with over 200 campers. A huge thank you to Phil, Marcos, and Chantal for all their hard work and helping to take our kids to camp!

Last year Rabbi Gottlieb, Cantor Cohen, Masha Savitz, and I implemented a new B'nai Mitzvah program to bring our 5th-7th

Grade students and parents together for three annual seminars as part of their B'nai Mitzvah experience. With 45 students and families in attendance at our first event, we had a beautiful beginning to our program. Our students and families began their "learning trinity" of God, Torah, and Israel and began to make Tallitot with Masha.

Mid-year parent/teacher conferences are right around the corner. Parents, please be sure to sign up and mark your calendars for Sunday, February 22. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet our faculty one-on-one and receive your child's mid-year progress report.

Please enjoy these pictures of our KM Religious School students from Camp Ramah!

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Religious School Tu B'Shvat Program**
Tuesday, February 3 (during Religious School)
- **2nd B'nai Mitzvah Family Program**
Thursday, February 19 (5th-7th Grade, 5:30pm-7:30pm)
- **Mid-Year Parent/Teacher Conferences**
Sunday, February 22
- **Shabbat B'Yachad Together as One**
A multigenerational Shabbat morning, with family services and rotations for parents and students
Saturday, February 28, 10:00am-12:00pm.



Meet our Bar Mitzvah LEV RICANATI



Hi, my name is Lev Ricanati. I am in 7th grade at Windward and will have my Bar Mitzvah on February 14th. My parsha is Parsha Mishpatim, which is about many of the laws in the Torah. This year I have been volunteering at SOVA for my mitzvah project.

I really like Robotics and play the viola. Special thanks to Rabbi, Cantor, and Phil Rubenstein for helping me prepare for this day.

FROM THE RITUAL COMMITTEE

DENNIS GURA, Ritual Committee

On February 14 (Parashat Sh'kalim, the Shabbat before the month of Adar) our Haftarah from Second Kings recounts a dispute between King Jehoash and the priests. The priests, it would seem, used the free-will donations made to the Temple for their own private purposes. Jehoash decreed that those funds should be used for repair and upkeep of the Temple and its grounds. (The parashat counts three different offerings: free-will, guilt, and purification; the last two for the personal use of the priests.)

Given the topic, this parashat traditionally elicits the inevitable appeal for contributions. But it also focuses us on the historical centrality of the Temple.

It is said that Jewish organizations suffer an "edifice complex." Given the emphasis the Temple and its appurtenances enjoy in our sacred text and liturgy, perhaps we overcompensate for historic Jewish powerlessness by constructing buildings and mounting plaques to honor donors.

Many people find this emphasis on buildings, money, and plaques distasteful; a reflection of a spiritual failure. In extreme, as in any extreme, that might be true; but our faith is also the faith of concrete experience. The religious task of the Jew is to bring holiness into the world, to be a member of a Holy Nation.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

JOAN KARCHEM

Our KM Choir's last musical program at Sunrise Senior Living in Santa Monica was such a resounding success that they requested a "command performance." The joyous holiday of Hanukkah was chosen and the program was set for Sunday, December 21.

Some of the selections presented by our choir under the direction of Diana Volman included *Sevivon*, *Light One Candle*, and *Hanukkah, O Hanukkah*.

A solo, *Romania*, was performed by Stan Ziegler and a duet, *Sim Shalom*, was sung by Sandie Sampson and Cantor Samuel Cohen. Violinist Ludmila Adzhemova, accompanied by Diana Volman, also played several selections. A good time was had by all!



That task is a physical task, requiring set times, and fixed places, and satisfying physical bodies.

The priests, perhaps reluctantly, acquiesced to Jehoash's demands, which explicitly excluded the priests from performing the repair work themselves. Indeed, we are informed that the High Priest handled the money only in the presence of the Royal Scribe. Conversely, the actual managers of the work, those who hired the various craftsmen and workers, were exempt from such oversight ("No check was kept on the men to whom the money was delivered to pay for the workers, for they dealt honestly." 2 Kings 12:16)

In the Talmud, the Rabbis use that verse to spare charity collectors donor oversight. But Rabbi Elazar hedged his bets: Even though a person has a trusted treasurer (ie, charity collector), he should bind and count (his money before donating it) and stipulate (the use of the funds). Thus, we see an early rendition of trust-but-verify in a donor-directed fund.

So, we Jews today hedge our spiritual bets. We might pray with regularity, but this parashat teaches us to donate, too, our prayers made concrete, consciously, and with self-consciousness.

PASSOVER IS COMING!

Friday, April 3
*Shabbat Services and
1st Night Community Seder*

Saturday, April 4
*Shabbat and Passover
Services*

Sunday, April 5
Passover Services

Friday, April 10
Passover Services

Saturday, April 11
*Shabbat and Passover
Services, Yizkor*

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Hannah and Phil Ganezer on the passing of Hannah's mother, Gloria Freedman, on Monday, December 22.

Nancy and Maury Pearl on the passing of Maury's mother, Zelda Yudelevicz, on Sunday, December 14.

MAZEL TOV TO...

Leah Mendelsohn on the engagement of her son, Adam, to Remy Chen.

Alan and Halina Alter on the birth of their grandson, Sam Ian, on Monday, January 19. Sam is the son of Jeff and Allison Kleinman.

CATERING COMMITTEE

For many years, Kehillat Ma'arav has had an exclusive catering arrangement with Balabusta Catering. After several months of review by our catering committee, we are making some changes to our catering arrangements. Balabusta will continue to rent our kitchen and members of the community can still hire Fran and Paula to cater their affairs at KM. But you will have other options, too. We are creating a list of full-service caterers, including Starlite Caterers and GotKosher, that are approved to work with our community. We also will have a list of other vendors that you can use for "take-out" for smaller, less formal affairs. Please contact the office for details.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Interested in serving the community? If you are not currently on the Board of KM and are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, please contact our President, Manny Baker, at erbaker@swengcon.com or our Executive Director, Kathie Rose, at kathierose@KM-synagogue.org to make your interest known. The duties of the Nominating Committee shall be to meet as often as is necessary until it has selected a slate of nominees for election as officers and trustees. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be submitted by it in writing to the President no later than May 10, 2015. KM's annual meeting will be held this year on Tuesday, June 10, 2015.

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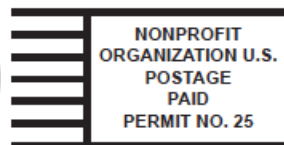
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**Friday
FEBRUARY**

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**5:00pm
6:30pm**

OPEN HOUSE: SHABBAT SERVICE & PJ LIBRARY

Bring your preschool-aged children to our monthly PJ Library as we celebrate Shabbat with stories, dinner for the kids, and art projects from 5:00pm-6:00pm. Afterwards, join us for community-wide Shabbat services starting at 6:30pm. Bring your friends and neighbors as we celebrate together!

**Saturday
FEBRUARY**

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9:30am

OPEN HOUSE: SHABBAT IN "3D" *Tu B'Shvat Seder*

Daven, Drash, and Dine with us as we celebrate Tu B'Shvat with insightful conversation and feast together. All are welcome to this engaging Shabbat morning service and discussion. The Shabbat in "3D" program is unique to KM - don't miss this wonderful morning.

**Wednesday
MARCH**

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6:45pm

THE GREAT GATSBY PURIM CELEBRATION

Every year Purim at KM gets bigger and better! This year, celebrate with us Gatsby Style! Enjoy Purim with a Megillah Reading, raffle, nosh, drinks, festivities, and much, much more. Get ready for raffle tickets—we have a DOUBLE MATCH this year! To volunteer your time or raffle prizes, please contact Cindy Roth at 310-829-0566.

**Sunday
MARCH**

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10:00am

13TH ANNUAL EBER MEMORIAL LECTURE

Dr. Ziony Zevit, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of Biblical Literature and Northwest Semitic Languages at American Jewish University, will be speaking on "The Creation of the Cosmos (Gen 1:1-2:4) as Understood by Ancient Israelites." This lecture is open to the community without charge. The George and Florence Eber Annual Memorial Lecture endowment was established by the family in loving memory of George and Florence, whose lives embodied "The Jewish Home."

**Sunday
MARCH**

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10:45am

NEXTGEN SANTA BARBARA WINE COUNTRY BIKE TOUR

The NextGen will enjoy a day of bike riding, tasty lunch, beautiful views, wine tasting, and good company. Beginning and experienced riders are welcome. \$75 includes bike and gear rental, lunch, wine tasting, and more. Contact Cindy Roth at 310-829-0566 for more information.

**Friday
APRIL**

3

6:30pm

1ST NIGHT COMMUNITY PESACH SEDER

This year, the first night of Passover falls on the first Friday of the month. Celebrate Shabbat with us through lively services and enjoy a delicious seder with your community, all at once.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2015

SHEVAT/ADAR 5775

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 TU B'SHVAT	5 12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 6:30pm Intro to Judaism Class 8:00pm Investment Comm. Mtg.	6 5:00pm PJ Library 5:11pm Candle Lighting 6:30pm Open House and Shabbat Services	7 9:30am Shabbat in 3D - Services & Tu B'Shvat Seder 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat
8 9:00am Religious School 12:30pm Kadima Event	9 7:00pm Membership Comm. Mtg	10 3:45pm Religious School	11 10:00am Pomegranate Guild 7:15pm KM Choir	12 12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 6:30pm Intro to Judaism Class	13 5:18pm Candle Lighting	14 9:30am Bar Mitzvah of Lev Ricanati & Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat
15	16 PRESIDENT'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED	17 3:45pm Religious School	18 6:00pm Exec. Board. Mtg. 7:15pm KM Choir 7:30pm Board of Trustees Mtg.	19 12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 5:30pm B'nai Mitzvah Seminar (2/3) 6:30pm Intro to Judaism Class	20 5:24pm Candle Lighting	21 9:30am Shabbat Services 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat
22	23 7:00pm Men's Club Planning Mtg, all are welcome	24 3:45pm Religious School	25 7:15pm KM Choir	26 12:00pm Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 6:30pm Intro to Judaism Class	27 5:30pm Candle Lighting	28 9:30am Shabbat Services & Religious School Shabbat B'Yachad 11:00am Shabbat Club & Tot Shabbat

Shabbat Club

Fun and interactive services for kids grades 2-6

Tot Shabbat

Energetic services for kids with music and "snackivities"

Pomegranate Guild

Passing down Jewish traditions through needlework

Happy Birthday!

(Celebrants 18 & Younger)

Lilly Edwards
Sharry Eydel
Daniel Felix Finn
Ryan Hirschberg
Jeremy Horwich
Pearl Levi
David Eugene Spierer
Sofie Shoshanah Stern

Happy Anniversary!

Herbert & Evelyn Berger 56th Anniversary	Michael & Allison Goldberger 23rd Anniversary
Cynthia Sikes & Ross Brodie 15th Anniversary	Noah & Andrea Jussim 16th Anniversary
Steve & Suzette Edwards 10th Anniversary	Jeanne Weiss & Charles Louy 28th Anniversary
Fernanda Gray & Elliot Goldberg 18th Anniversary	Irv & Gail Rosenfeld 39th Anniversary