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Temple Beth Shalom presents a FAR OUT celebration…

That '70s Purim

If you thought last year's Beatles Purim was hip, wait 'til you experience a Groovy 70's Purim!

PURIM CARNIVAL – Sunday, March 8th @ 1:15 PM – ***Fun and games for children and their families!***

A VERY 70'S PURIM SHPIEL - Monday, March 9th @ 6:15 PM – ***A celebration of the holiday through drama, song, and much silliness (Great for ages 3-120!)***

ADULT MEGILLAH READING - Tuesday, March 10th @ 7:00 AM – ***Adult reading & discussion in our sanctuary***

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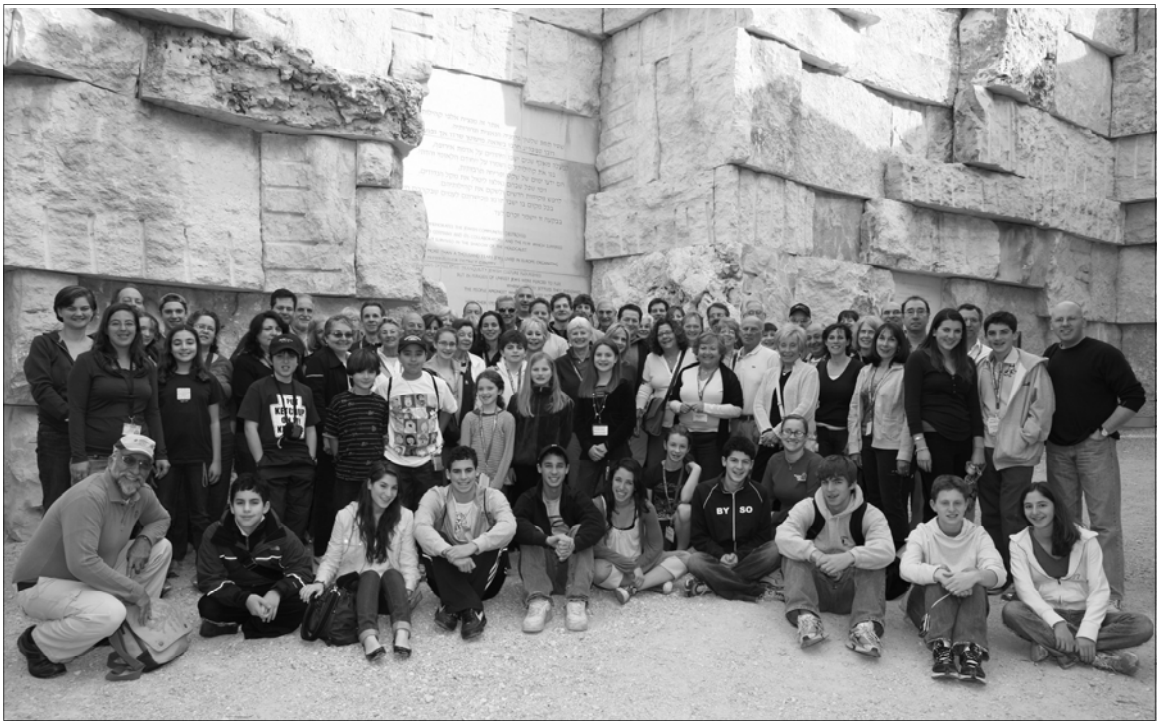
From Rabbi Perlman

The lights of Chanukah had never been so bright. Last month, seventy-seven members of our Temple Beth Shalom family, as well as some of their family, had traveled to the other side of the world to experience Israel – recalling its past, marveling in its present, and thoughtfully considering its promise. And on each night of Chanukah, whether we were in Jerusalem, on Kibbutz in the Galilee, or in Tel Aviv, we gathered to light over two dozen menorahs – at least one candle per person.

With memories of our Israel experience still shining brightly, just a few of the "candles" that especially stand out: Arriving in Israel on Friday afternoon and driving up the hills of Jerusalem at sundown; being so warmly welcomed by Rabbi Maya Leibovich and her congregation in Mevasseret Zion for a music-laden Shabbat service and delicious dinner; (I have known Maya for over twenty years. What a blessing it was to see our communities share Shabbat together. During our Saturday afternoon of walking/touring Jerusalem's Old City, standing on the roof of one of the building, looking out at the expanse of the Jewish, Muslim, Armenian, and Christian quarters while listening to the Muslim call to prayer. The taste of hot, fresh falafel, pita and hummus. Gathered in the Valley of the Communities at Yad Vashem – remembering through prayer, psalm, and silence the Six Million. Hearing about the findings of those who spent Sunday afternoon on an archeological dig. Watching Josh Fleckner (age 7) and his dad, Jamie (who had come as a father-son pair) play catch with a soft football between sites. Seeing Allie Klein, our Youth Educator, 'hanging out' with all of the teens from our Temple. Our first taste of warm, sweet jelly doughnuts (Israel's answer to potato latkes!) for Chanukah. The very subtle, yet powerful appearance of Chanukah menorahs in shops, restaurants, hotel lobbies, and street corners. The passion and knowledge of our guides, Bruce and Moran. Emily's guitar playing. The casual conversations that took place amongst our group in cafes, at dinners, on the bus, and walking between sites about everything from Judaism, spirituality, and Jewish history to politics, shopping, sports, and food. Atop Masada, the silent, personal parents' blessings as Andrew DuBois, Amanda Goldin, and Danny Perkins became Bar and Bat Mitzvah. Relaxing in the lobby-lounge on Kibbutz Nof Ginosar in the Galilee at the end of a long day of touring. Gathering with our entire group in that same lobby as Ethan and Maddie Bauer each played an extraordinary piece on the violin. Experiencing the mystical aura of Tzfat through its narrow streets, outstanding views, and deep history. Shopping in Tzfat's artist colony. A cup of hot chocolate on a cold, rainy morning in the Golan Heights. Muddy congregants enjoying the Dead Sea mud baths.(I have great photos!) A bumpy jeep tour in the Golan with a driver whose family had experienced first-hand the difficulties of the Six Day War. "Listening" to ancient sites such as Beit Shean, Caesarea, and Katzrin as they told a thousands-year-old story of Jewish survival, innovation, adaptation, inspiration, and success. New friendships made amongst those younger and older and everywhere in between. Walking the beach of Tel Aviv as waves from the Mediterranean hit the shore. Our talking about the next TBS Israel Adventure (tentatively scheduled for December 2010!) An end of the trip dinner during which we talked about the challenges Israel faces today and how deeply moved we have all been by being here.



With these highlights, and many more, still shining brightly for all who went, two prayers: In gratitude we say, blessed are You God, who has enabled us to kindle these holiest of flames. And in hope: May there soon come a time when our people in Israel and all peoples in that region will be able to live in safety, comfort, and peace. Amen.

From Rabbi Markley

I was brushing my teeth in our Jerusalem apartment when the thunder struck. It was an early November morning in 2001. Michele and I were living in the City of Gold as I was in the midst of my first year of rabbinical school. Moments later Michele appeared in the doorway of our bathroom. "That wasn't thunder, was it?" I begrudgingly admitted to myself that the loud clap I had heard was more ominous than a passing storm. Then the sirens began. A rule of thumb throughout that year in Israel: passing sirens were run-of-the-mill emergencies – continuous sirens meant something worse. The drone of alarms got closer and closer that morning, and they failed to cease. We soon came to fully understand what the faux thunder had been. A would-be suicide bomber had accidentally detonated his bomb prematurely on his way downtown at rush hour. He did so a block away from our apartment building, and next door to Hebrew Union College's campus where my classmates had begun gathering for morning prayers.

Miraculously, nobody was hurt by his violent folly. And while this was only one of a number of such incidents that occurred during our year of life in Jerusalem, a very difficult period during the Second Intifada, this one stands out in my mind because of its incredibly close proximity to our home. The innumerable "what if" scenarios that ran through our minds that day were both sobering and frightening. Even today I can, when I think about those moments, feel the fear for myself, for my friends, and most of all, for Michele when confronted with the violence that ensued around us.

While not a pleasant state of being, we should all strive to empathize with that worry, that apprehension, and that ultimate concern for those dear to us. For our brothers and sisters in Israel have lived this reality repeatedly throughout the brief history of our modern state. A popular Israeli bumper sticker seeks to communicate this nationwide kinship with those in harm's way. It reads, "We are all Sderot." Every Israeli feels a bond with those who face regular rocket attacks from Hamas militants in Gaza because all Israelis have felt the trauma of similar ongoing danger. All of them have wondered about the safety of a loved one when the sirens started and did not stop.

We should likewise put ourselves in the shoes of Sderot's residents. What would it mean to hear an air raid siren and to have ten seconds to get into a shelter from your third floor apartment? What would that mean for the person who lives alone at age 85? What would it mean to strive to build community when it is dangerous to leave our homes and gather in public places? What would it mean to send our children off in the morning wondering whether or not Qassam rockets would strike at their school buildings?

Several weeks will pass between the time when I pen these words and when February's *Scroll* arrives in your mailbox. No doubt the current situation which rages in and near Gaza will have taken many turns by then. Regardless, at least one of my prayers will remain the same: May Israel's current efforts to maintain basic security for her citizens bring quiet to her borders, and may innocent people from both Israeli and Palestinian communities finally come to know tranquility of mind and spirit as violence gives way to a lasting and permanent peace. Ken Yehi Ratzon – May it be God's will.

All are welcome as our TBS Triple Chai Film Series presents the Award-Winning Film:

LIVE AND BECOME

The magnificent, story of an Ethiopian boy airlifted from a Sudanese refugee camp to Israel in 1984 during Operation Moses. Shlomo is plagued by two big secrets: He is neither a Jew nor an orphan, just an African boy who survived and wants, somehow, to fulfill his Ethiopian mother's parting request that he "go, live, and become." Buoyed by a profound motherly love – both in his memory and in the arms of his adoptive mother – he finds an identity and a happiness all his own.

Sunday, February 22

Movie begins at Temple Beth Shalom at 4:00 p.m. with pizza dinner to follow!

Yes, I would love to attend the movie and dinner on Sunday, February 22 at 4:00 p.m. at TBS.
Cost: $12.00 per person for Triple Chai Members or $15.00 per person for non-Triple Chai Members

Family Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Names of People Attending: _____

Total Enclosed: $_____

Please return this form along with your check made payable to TBS/Triple Chai and return your reservation by February 17 to:
Paulyne Raemer, 120 Noanett Road, Needham, MA 02494.
If you have any questions, please contact Paulyne at 781-444-8487.

Religious School

First Semester Report: Great Expectations! Terrific Experiences! Numbers and more Numbers: 461 students enrolled, 71 new students, 69 consecrants, 52 b'nai mitzvah, 29 teachers, 25 madrichim (student teacher aides), 109 Gesher l'Noar (gr. 6 & 7) students, 80 Sha'arim (gr. 8-12) students, 110+ classes happening each week for K-12.

❖ Modern Hebrew is now heard in the halls of TBS, not just coming from the classroom, but as the students meander through the building identifying ritual and common objects, places and people. Nine students represent our very first class to be granted elective credit through Needham High School and having fun here at temple all at the same time!

❖ Monthly Classroom Updates have been a new hit in communication between teachers and parents, offering regularly scheduled insight into the happenings within the classroom and learning experience. Most weeks also come with a question or two to provide a parent to begin a conversation with his/her child on what is being studied in class.

❖ At the local Heifer International Education Center in Rutland, MA our fourth graders and their parents gained an understanding of what it can mean to be a Partner with God (core theme of the 4th grade) and the Jewish values of tzedakah (righteous acts) and g'milut chasadim (acts of loving kindness).

❖ 63 Sixth Graders ceremoniously began the journey to becoming bar/bat mitzvah receiving certificates with the name of the Torah and Haftarah portions he/she will read from as well as the donated gift of a Harvey Fields Torah Commentary and study guide.

❖ The following morning, the 6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Kallah began at the Reform movements' Eisner Camp in Gt. Barrington, MA and included two very full days of fun, putting our ancestor Noach on trial and building community through an entire day of low ropes activities.

❖ Rappin' with the Rabbi is an opportunity for students to ask the rabbi any question relating to his work, Judaism, the class curriculum, and yes, even about sports! The students AND the rabbis enjoy these informal sessions.

❖ Grade five led the congregation in the central prayer, Avot v'Imahot for our November Simchat Shabbat evening service.

❖ Three days of great fun, community-building and exploration of Judaism in nature brought our Sha'arim students in grades 8 – 10 to the Eisner Camp.

❖ Our kindergarten through 2nd graders led the congregation in Mi Chamocha "gospel" style by dancing in the aisles during the December Simchat Shabbat service!

❖ December included the return of the Open House when at least 63 families from Kindergarten through Grade 5 were represented. The parents who welcomed the opportunity to meet their child's teacher(s), learned a little bit about the curriculum and classroom expectations, met other parents, shmoozed, ate and listened to great Chanukah music! At the end, many people enjoyed lingering and hanging out at the temple. It was great to see so many of you here.

❖ Mayyim Hayyim, our local mikveh and education center, hosted our 6th grade students to explore the ancient and modern uses of the ritual bath. Students' eyes were opened to the possibilities and multitude of celebrations that take place at Mayyim Hayyim and how the ritual can be included to mark milestones in their own Jewish journeys.

❖ The Religious Action Center of the Union for Reform Judaism promotes Jewish social justice and legislative activity in the nation's capital and served as the learning center for several of our high school sophomores on a recent trip. All students were able to sing and learn from a fantastic Jewish performer, and teacher of mitzvoth, Peri Smilow in December. The morning was spirited, fun and wonderful.

❖ Yom Chugim – Bal Tashchit – do not waste or destroy: the biblical version of reduce, reuse, recycle! Approximately 189 students in grades 3- 5 participated in this day of electives and were taught by 17 volunteers from our congregation. Thank you to all of our valuable volunteers!

In addition to all of these fabulous programs and events mentioned, there are incredible moments happening in our classrooms every day. Stay tuned for coming attractions!

February School Schedule

Regular class schedule
February 1 – 12
No Classes: February Break
February 13 – 22
Regular class schedule
February 23-26

Shalom,

Cosmos, Comedy and Camaraderie!

Join us for an extraordinarily funny night as we enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, drinks* and dessert while we are entertained by the comedic talent of Steve Calechman Saturday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m.

We'll enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, drinks* and dessert while we are entertained by the comedic talent of **Steve Calechman**.
If the event has any connection to an ark, a gift shop and a bin of old yarmulkes, Steve Calechman will be there. Over the last 17 years, the Boston native has told jokes at JCCs and Synagogues around New England and performed at The Boston Jewish Film Festival, twice emceeing the Fiddler on the Roof sing-along.
In the secular world, Steve's a correspondent for the Patriots online show, a writer for Men's Health, has been featured on Chronicle and in The Boston Globe, and was a second place finisher on Jeopardy, making him the most dangerous threat in show business. Still, he remains humble and is glad to be with us.
As a bonus, Steve will be giving out hugs after his performance.

Singles, couples & friends all welcome for this "adults-only" nightclub-style evening!
$21.00 per person for Temple Members; $25.00 per person for Non Temple Members - *Cash Bar
Sponsored by the Brotherhood and Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom

Name: _____ Address: _____
Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____
# of persons attending @ $21.00 per person_____ #of persons attending @ $25.00 per person _____
Total amount of check: _____

Send checks made out to "TBS Brotherhood" to:
Ed Schreider 27 Bontempo Road, Newton, MA 02459
For more information contact: Ed at 617-965-9672/edschreider@yahoo.com or Liv Nash at 781-444-1431/ml.nash@verizon.net

Temple Beth Shalom Sisterhood is asking for your help

To help defray costs and foster an increased sense of community, we would like to include a congregation sponsored Oneg following every "Simchat Shabbat" Service generally held the first Friday of every month.
We are asking that families volunteer to bring 3-4 dozen cookies, brownies, pastries, etc., a cake or a fruit platter. Feel free to bake or buy.
These are "special, musical and spirited services" appropriate for all ages, typically followed by an Oneg with music and dancing.

Please respond as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly.
Tear off the sheet below and mail to:
Michelle Zaff 134 Damon Road Needham, MA 02494
Contact Michelle with any questions at 781-453-2328 or *mzaff@rcn.com*.

Please bring the food to the Temple that day on a disposable platter if it is convenient.
If not, it's okay to bring it wrapped up before 7:15pm when the service begins.

Please consider choosing the Sisterhood Oneg Fund when making donations.

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

E-mail: _____

Please select which Simchat Shabbat service(s) you'd like to help sponsor:
☐ 2/6 ☐ 3/6 ☐ 4/10 ☐ 5/1 ☐ 6/5

☐ 3-4 dozen cookies, brownies, or pastries ☐ cake ☐ fruit platter

Play Softball Have Fun!

The Temple Beth Shalom Bashers are preparing for our 4th season. Last year one of our teams made a very strong run in the play-offs. This year we hope to have both teams enjoying post season play. We are currently recruiting players for the new season. The team is open to men between the ages of 25 and over. Practice starts mid-March and the regular season begins April and concludes in June.
If you are interested in learning more, contact Jon Cohan at *joncoco@yahoo.com* or call 781-724-3744.

Tot Shabbat

We look forward to having you join us for a warm, musical, Interactive Shabbat Service for young families.
Friday, February 27
6:30 p.m.
in the Community Room

President's Message

Soon we will be celebrating Tu B'shvat - The new year for trees. Trees are often admired for their deep roots which contribute to their strength, magnificence and the ability to sustain life around them. As a congregation and sacred home to many, we are deeply rooted in tradition and strong beliefs. We sustain our Jewish souls with Torah, Avodah and G'milut Chasadim. One particular conviction is that our children, from Tots to Teens, are cherished and we have a moral obligation to nurture and educate them.

This year's Taste of the Town fundraiser on May 9 is gearing up for yet another successful evening. Proceeds will go to our children from Children's Center through the Sha'arim High School Program. One night I attended a planning meeting and marveled at the cross section of volunteers. All of the people around the table happen to be at very different places in their lives. Some have children who are enrolled in the Children's Center; others have religious school attendees from Kindergarten through High School; and remarkably the remainder have raised their own children (some are grandparents) but have chosen to bring their energy and wisdom to this event. Importantly, what everyone shares though is the understanding that it is imperative to give our children opportunities to develop into confident, empathetic, learned young Jewish adults. By encouraging a strong sense of Jewish identity, we can construct a deep connection to this temple, the Jewish world and the world around them.

A fun filled night awaits us with terrific food, awesome auction items, a dazzling live auction, entertainment and dancing and a wonderful ad book to serve as a memento. We will be among established friends and making new ones all while supporting an immeasurable cause. Before that night arrives though, much needs to happen. Whether attending or not, there are many ways to support it. Help secure auction items, buy or sell ads, come to a planning meeting. All of the information has come to your home in a recent mailing or is available on the TBS website. Your enthusiastic support of this evening from all vantage points will make all the difference. Be assured, our children are very aware and respond to the fact that we are vested in their future and unconditionally support them.

Imagine this. Someday these children will become adults who someday may be an integral part of congregational life here at Temple Beth Shalom (why not? quite a few of us are second or third generation members) or somewhere else. Potentially a future Temple President, Rabbi, Youth educator or advisor, Sisterhood or Brotherhood President, Hebrew school teacher, hardworking Chesed Committee member, Social Action or Israel advocate is in our midst. There may be some who will commit themselves to repairing the world and securing justice for our fractured world. In that spirit, appreciate that what we do now for these youngsters shapes our future as a people. We owe it them and to those who come after them. I hope to see many of you with us at Taste of the Town.

L'Shalom
Jonathan

Thank You, Project EZRA Volunteers

In the spirit of giving, 122 dinners reached the homes of your Needham neighbors on December 25. Almost 100 volunteers worked to make that happen. Some roasted turkeys, some baked delicious finger desserts, some delivered the meals to the homes, and others worked in the kitchen peeling and mashing 100 pounds of potatoes as well as carving turkeys, fixing the stuffing, cranberry sauce, vegetables and finally assembling the meals. Still more volunteers did the vital detailed task of preparing the bags for delivery. Each volunteer, each job, is essential to the success of Project EZRA, a challenge Temple Beth Shalom congregants have answered for a score of years. From start to finish, you make it happen; your commitment of time and energy the vital ingredients. We sincerely thank you for enabling this Mitzvah on behalf of the 122 people whose lives you gladden on Christmas Day.

PROJECT EZRA

Lois & Ron Sockol
June & Richard Atkind
Project EZRA Co-Chairs

Needham Town & Community Resources

As you may be aware, our economy is officially in a recession and this is a very challenging period for families. Toward that end, there are numerous town and community resources which may be of support during these times.

Needham Youth Commission: *www.needhamma.gov/youthcommission*
Needham Public Library: *www.needhamma.gov/library*
Needham Health Department: *www.needhamma.gov/health*
Needham Council on Aging: *www.needhamma.gov/coa*
Needham Assessor's Office: *www.needhamma.gov/assessors*
Needham Public Schools: *http://district.needham.k12.ma.us/ss_food_service.htm*
Civic Community Supports, such as the Needham Community Council: *www.needhamcommunitycouncil.org*
Religious Community Supports: *jperlman@tbsneedham.org*

Sisterhood

While planning our various events to educate or entertain us, Sisterhood can not forget those around us. According to a recent article in the Boston Globe, the number of homeless families in the Boston area has increased 22% in the past year. Of these, the number of children rose by 24% – from 1,850 to 2,288. Imagine what it must be like for these children during our cold winter months. What can we do to help? We learned of an organization that is trying to make life a little brighter for children in shelters, foster homes and group homes. It's The Pajama Program. The Pajama Program, a nationwide organization that collects and distributes new pajamas and new books to these children in need, gives these children a sense of love and belonging.

Sisterhood started its own Pajama Program collection at our Annual Spirituality Retreat. Each woman attending the weekend was asked to bring new pajamas and/or book to the retreat. We are on our way! Won't you join us? Please bring a pair of new pajamas (for a boy or a girl – toddler to early teen) and/or a new children's book to the Temple and leave it in the PJ Box in the Atrium. Let's help the Pajama Program create a warm and nurturing bedtime environment for vulnerable youngsters living under difficult circumstances.

Now more than ever, it is important for us to help those who can not help themselves.

WRJ WOMEN OF REFORM JUDAISM *stronger together*

In Sisterhood,
Betty Weiner

Essential Dates:
Even during the quiet winter months, Sisterhood is busy! Please mark your calendars for:
Tuesday, February 3 – Come to our monthly Board meeting. All Sisterhood members are welcome to attend. We will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Library.
Wednesday, February 4 – Are you in the midst of the college search or will be soon? Then this program is for you! Meet with college advisor Linda Shapiro and get your questions answered. Everyone is Invited. Be in the Community Room at 7:30 p.m. to gain insight into the college admission's maze. Contact Ann Shuman at *ann.shuman@yahoo.com*, if you have any questions.
Saturday, February 7 – The Temple community is invited to **Brotherhood & Sisterhood's Cosmos, Comedy, and Camaraderie!** Bring your friends and enjoy an evening of hors d'oeurves, drinks, and dessert. Be prepared to be entertained by the comedic talent of Steve Calechman. The festivities begin at 7:00 p.m. in Simon Hall. Tickets are $21 for members of Brotherhood, Sisterhood, and the Temple. Non-member tickets are $25. For more information, contact Ed Schreider at 617- 965-9672 or *edschreider@yahoo.com*, or Liv Nash at 781-444-1431 or *ml.nash@verizon.net*
Friday, February 27 – Join us for a very special Shabbat service as we honor our Past Presidents and celebrate our 50th year. Services begin at 6:15 p.m. Please stay for dinner after services, "Soup & Sandwiches for the Soul." Send in your reservations ($18 per person) to Marie Shapiro, 9 Ardmore Road, Needham 02494. Return to Temple Saturday morning, February 28 at 9:30 a.m. as we continue celebrating Shabbat with a special Torah study.

Join us on Friday, February 27 at 6:15 pm
for Sisterhood Shabbat
as we celebrate
50 Years of Sisterhood

We will be honoring our Past Presidents
& those who made us what we are today.

Following services, please stay for dinner
"Soup & Sandwiches for the Soul"
$18 per person

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Everyone is welcome!
Any questions?
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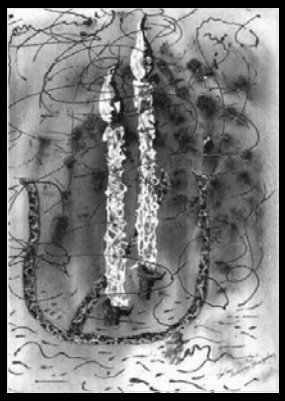


Name(s): _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Number of people attending at $18 per person: _____ Total enclosed: $_____

Please make your check payable to "Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom"
and return by February 20 to: Marie Shapiro, 9 Ardmore Road, Needham 02494

Thank You

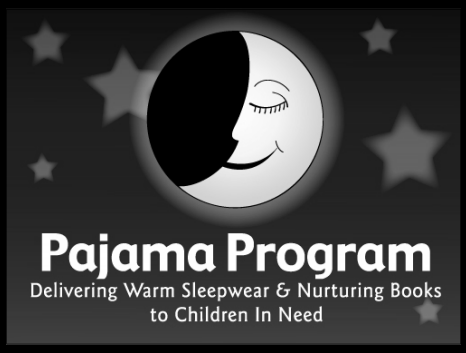
January was jam packed with programs. There were so many members who devoted endless hours to make each of these a success. Their dedication to Sisterhood is overwhelming. While I have tried to list everyone, I apologize in advance if I omitted anyone from the following.
Spirituality Retreat – Jane Spigle and her committee Arline Aransky, Emily Aransky, Ina Glasberg, Amy Willis, Julie Bailit, Jennifer Green, Wendy Wilensky, Jackie Waller, Patti Grossman. And a special thank you to Rabbi Michele Lenke and Emily Perlman.
Brotherhood/Sisterhood Event – Liv Nash, Susan Kates, Marie Shapiro, Judy Ravech.
Yoga with a Twist – Susan Patkin
Mah Jong Tournament – Sharon Manchel
Rosh Hodesh Group – Lisa Channen and Susan Patkin

SISTERHOOD WANTS YOUR PJ'S!

While we are warm and cozy in our homes, there are children in shelters, group homes, and foster care who are not as lucky. Many have been abused or abandoned; they are alone and feel unwanted. During the winter months, warm pajamas are needed more than ever. The Pajama Program, a nationwide organization that collects and distributes new pajamas and new books to these children in need, gives them a sense of love and belonging.

In the spirit of Tzedakah, Sisterhood is starting our own collection for the Pajama Program. Please bring a pair of new pajamas (for a boy or a girl – toddler to early teen) and/or a new children's book to the Temple and leave it in the PJ Box in the Atrium. Let's help the Pajama Program create a warm and nurturing bedtime environment for vulnerable youngsters living under difficult circumstances.

If you have any questions, please contact Jane Spigle at jss0217@aol.com, or Betty Weiner at betts235@yahoo.com.



www.pajamaprogram.org

Please join us
for an information-filled evening

COLLEGE NIGHT

Sponsored by the Sisterhood of Temple Beth Shalom
Wednesday, February 4
7:30pm
Temple Beth Shalom
Free Admission
Light Refreshments Served

Worried about your child getting into college?
What do you need to do to prepare?
How soon do you need to worry about college?

All of these questions and more will be answered by Linda Shapiro, college advisor, who will present to parents everything you need to know to calm yourself and know what to do to get your child into college. Linda's vast experience, including being head guidance counselor at Newton North High School, as well as her calm style, will help you to plan appropriately for your high school student to get into a college of his or her choice.

Questions?
Please contact Ann Shuman
ann.shuman@yahoo.com

Facts You Should Know! *Presented by Julie Bailit & Jane Spigle*

Fact #1: *In 1913, 156 women representing 5,000 members from 51 sisterhoods founded a national Reform women's organization named the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods (NFTS). Rabbi David Philipson said, "The movement to be inaugurated today is possible because the Reform Movement placed the Jewish woman on a plane of religious equality with men." NFTS was at the forefront of the struggle for equality, whether in the voting booth or, far later, by supporting the opportunity for women to become ordained rabbis and invested cantors.*

Fact #2: *In 1922, just after World War I, our local sisterhoods collected thousands of dollars to build what is named the 'Sisterhood Dormitory' on the Cincinnati campus of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. At the same time, NFTS continued its financial scholarship support for rabbinic students – even paying students' laundry bills!*

Fact #3: *In 1926, NFTS representatives participated in the first Conference of the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ) in London. The Honorable Lily H. Montague, a founder of WUPJ, was proud to be elected an honorary member of the NFTS board.*

Fact#4: *In 1937, our women advocated for the creation of a national organization to connect our Reform Jewish youth. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) Board of Trustees got the message. Today, we call that group NFTY, the North American Federation of Temple Youth. We are proud to have been its founding matriarch and maintain close ties with NFTY today.*

Fact #5: *In the late 1940's, the UAHC President Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath convinced the Union to relocate its headquarters to New York City. The move would change this small, relatively regional movement into the preeminent Jewish movement in North America that we see today. But all those Union Board's men couldn't solve a little problem: Where would they find the money to do this? Rabbi Eisendrath quickly turned to the women (NFTS). And, once again, our local sisterhoods raised the necessary funds to purchase the land on Fifth Avenue, furnish the building, and finish the upper floors.*

Fact #6: *In 1993, NFTS Assembly delegates in San Francisco changed our name to Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ). At the Assembly, we began a 14 year journey, concluding in 2007, when WRJ proudly published The Torah: A Women's Commentary with our partner the URJ (Union for Reform Judaism) Press. This commentary has astounded the Bible publishing world. Authored by more than 150 Jewish women worldwide, representing different perspectives within our faith, the commentary is in its second printing and will soon by published in Hebrew. WRJ proudly assumed complete financial responsibility for the publication and raised $1.5 million to make the dream become reality.*

Children's Center

Every Friday morning, the children and teachers of our Children's Center gather to celebrate Shabbat in the sanctuary with one of our rabbis. These are very special gatherings when we come together as a community to sing, hear a story, and welcome Shabbat. I would like to offer a "window" into these really wonderful services by sharing just one moment.

On one Friday morning this past month Rabbi Jay was telling the children the story of Jacob and how he wanted to bless his children. He explained that Jacob, as the dad, wanted to wish for special things for his children through his blessing. Rabbi Jay then asked: "What do you think, as a parent, he might have wished for his children?" The responses that the children gave were beautiful! The children answered: "Love," "Care," "Life," "Happiness," and, of course there were a couple of kids who offered: "Presents." These thoughtful (and honest!) responses came from the hearts and minds of our four and five year olds.

The Rabbi went on the say that these were, in fact, some of the blessings that Jacob wanted for his children. He then invited us to imagine that in return for these blessings, Jacobs' children gave him a big hug. Concluding the story, Rabbi Jay asked our children to turn to the friend or teacher next to them and give them a "Shabbat Shalom hug."

It is traditional on Shabbat for parents to bless their children. Many do this as part of their Friday night dinner. A blessing is heartfelt hope; and all of us have these for people who mean the most to us. Some families like to use the traditional Hebrew words of blessing for their children. Some choose to use the English words. While others, still, choose to find their own words. What all of these have in common is that our blessings lovingly express our hope that our children grow up to be good souls, that they feel closely connected to their family and their Jewish community, that Judaism inspires and enriches their lives, and that they grow up with strength, good health, wisdom, and insight to do what is right.

Making blessing part of your family Shabbat ritual is easy. Place your hands on your child's head or on his/her shoulders or hold your child's hands or simply whisper in his/her ear your special words.

The traditional blessing for a boy is:
Y'seem'cha Eloheem K'Ephra'eem v'chi'Menasheh.
"May God inspire you to live in the tradition of Ephraim and Manasseh, who carried forward the life of our people."

The traditional blessing for a girl is:
Y'see'meich Eloheem K'Sara, Rivka, Rachel v'Leah.
"May God inspire you to live in the tradition of Sarah and Rebecca, Rachel and Leah who carried forward the life of our people."

Some then continue with these words – or use them instead:
Y'va're'ch'cha Adonai V'yeesh'm're-cha.
Ya'eir Adonai panav ei'le'cha vee'chu'neka.
Yisa Adonai panav ei'le'cha v'ya'sem l'cha shalom.

"May God bless you and keep you.
May the light of God shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's presence be with you and give you peace."

Again, you can always include your own hopes and blessings for the week for one another. Finding and expressing your way of blessing your children can bring added meaning to your Shabbat and theirs. And, of course, regardless of how you bless, you can always end with: "I love you!" and a kiss.

I hope that you enjoy your Shabbat blessings and all the blessings of your family.

L'Shalom,
Marcie

The Children's Center
Annual Barton's Passover Candy Sale

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to easily shop for delicious, festive and classic Barton's Passover Candy while supporting the Children's Center at Temple Beth Shalom.
Orders are currently being taken through March 6
and will be delivered to the temple for pick-up the first week of April.

If you would like to support the Children's Center by purchasing candy for your own Seder or for gifts, please fill out the order form below and make your checks payable to **"TBSCC PTC" and mail to: Lori Shaer, 242 Bridle Trail Road, Needham, MA 02492.**
Forms and checks must be received by March 6.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

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_____ Fruit Slices (12oz., Parve): Assorted fruit flavored jellies - $15.00 _____
(# of boxes)

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Total: $ _____

You may view these as well as other candy selections at: *www.misschocolate.com/passover.php*
If you have any questions, please contact Lori Shaer at 781-400-5214 or *Lshaer@comcast.net*.

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Charles Appelson
Emma Bauer
Minnie Bello
Louis Berg
Sidney Birnbach
Pearl Blum
Norman L. Blumstein
Kay Bookman
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Billie Burstein
Sol Davidson
Florence Ehrlich
Julius Feigelman
Jeannette Freshman
Warren Fuerman
Doris Geffen
Evelyn Goldberg
Benny Goldsheid
Irving Heller
Adrienne Kenzora
Frances Klein
Gertrude Koss
Frederick Kupferman
Edward Lebowich
Anna Leppo
Anne Ringer Levens
Grace Rebecca Mekelburg
Myles Nurenberg
Jenifer Saltzman
Frederick Scher
Sidney Schnitt
Ethel Singer
Ida Smith
Anne Sobel
Emma Novick Stone
Pearl Stone
Otto Sulzberger
Susan Devora Tamir
Leon Wolk

FEBRUARY 13
Zelda Yogel Andler
Esther Barkin
Sara Bello
Joseph Berkowitz
Sarah Carmen
Frances R. Channen
Godfrey Cohen
Sherman Feller
Edwin Freeman
David Giller
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Elaine Bernstein Saltzman
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Charles Taub
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Frances Kay Boyar
Aaron Buchman
Miriam Chaffin
Ann Chernov
Florence Cipriano
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Joseph Goldfarb
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We extend our sympathy to המקום ינחם

Sandy and Efraim Hain, Avital and Elahd
on the passing of their father, father-in-law and grandfather
David J. Epstein

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on the passing of her cousin
Sumner Hoffman

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on the passing of their father and grandfather
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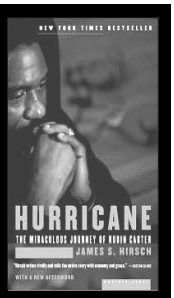

How the Jews Saved Hurricane Carter

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Based on his book:
Hurricane - The Miraculous Journey of Rubin Carter by James S. Hirsch

Advanced reading recommended
Available in paperback at local book sellers and amazon.com

When: Sunday, February 8
Time: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Simon Hall
Refreshments: Bagels, and…will be served

Cost: This exciting event is free of charge,
But you must RSVP no later than January 26 to:
June Atkind at junatkind@aol.com

TBS is Forming a 20s/30s Group!

Are you interested in joining other 20 and 30-somethings for Informal gatherings, including Shabbat dinners, Friday night services, and social get-togethers?
Do you know of young Jewish professionals in the Needham area who may also be interested?
This group is for anyone and everyone in their 20s/30s who would like to connect with each other and with the Temple Beth Shalom community.

Interested? Want to learn more?
Please contact Sharon Rosenberg at sharon@alumni.brandeis.edu or Nate Karol at nkarol@tbsneedham.org.

Welcome New Temple Members

We welcome the following new members to our Temple Beth Shalom community

Steven and Allyson Van Dam
and their children
David and Josh

Garden Club

Garden Club has been very busy planning our upcoming annual workshop luncheon which will take place on Tuesday, February 10. This year our theme is "Celebrating our Diversity." Each member will bring a prepared dish for everyone to taste at the luncheon. The recipe will reflect that member's background, perhaps it will even be an heirloom recipe handed down from a beloved relative. Before the lunch, Sue Kaplan will lead us in a flower arranging workshop with international flair. All Garden Club members are invited to attend the workshop and lunch. If you are not currently a member, join now and come! We always have a great time!

Late winter to early spring is flowering time for phalaenopsis orchids. If one (or more) is gracing your brightly lit window now, keep it warm and don't let it dry out. If your orchid is potted in sphagnum moss, it may only need watering every two weeks. If it's in bark mix, water every week to ten days. Don't let the pot stand in water, and don't let water sit in the crown or on the leaves. Check for mealy bugs – little white cottony creatures – they're easily controlled with a cotton swab and alcohol. Phalaenopsis flowers can last for months, but when the last flower fades, cut off the flowering stalk at the second node – you might get a branch with more flowers! Don't repot until the weather starts to warm and you see new roots and leaves beginning to grow. Always use special orchid mix for potting, put some packing peanuts in the pot for good drainage, and don't use too big a pot. The American Orchid Society's web site is always a good place to go for more information - *www.aos.org.*

Judy Belgrade

TBS Family Carbon Reduction Pledge for Tu B'shevat

TBS families are encouraged to make a carbon reduction pledge for Tu B'shevat. Tu B'shevat, the New Year for trees, is Judaism's equivalent of "Earth Day", educating us about Judaism's traditional advocacy of responsible stewardship of God's creation.

Religious School children and their families can make a carbon reduction pledge and contribute to TBS's Carbon Reduction Campaign. Children who do so with their families will be recognized during a ceremony in Simon Hall at 6:45pm on February 6 preceding Shabbat services, and will receive a special certificate from the Rabbis honoring each family's accomplishment.

In order to make a pledge, simply go to the TBS web site: *www.tbsneedham.org* and follow the instructions under the "Headlines" column on the home page, or grab a one-page pledge worksheet from the table in the atrium, complete the form and submit it.

Questions? E-mail Nancy Berger at *smallfries3@comcast.net*, or Michael Bailit at *mbailit@bailit-health.com*.

Brotherhood

Essential Dates:

Saturday, February 7 - Please join us at the Recycling Center as we have our semi-annual bottle and can drive to raise funds for needed social action events. Contact Eric Luskin: *luskin@comcast.net* to sign up for a shift.

Saturday, February 7 - 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for the Brotherhood/ Sisterhood joint annual event at 7:00 p.m. This year's event will be called **"COSMOS,COMEDY AND CAMARADERIE."** Join us for drinks, (cash bar) hors d'oeuvres and dessert, and the comedy of Steve Calechman. The price for this fun-filled evening is $21.00 for Temple members and $25.00 for non-members. Mail checks to Ed Schreider, 27 Bontempo Rd. Newton, MA 02459. E-mail question to *edschreider@rcn.com.*

Tuesday, February 10 - Monthly meeting - all are welcome.

Brotherhood Thanks:

Thanks to Eric Luskin for organizing the Can and Bottle Drive. Thanks to all the brothers who worked hard to organize and prepare for the **Cosmos, Comedy and Camaraderie** joint Brotherhood/ Sisterhood event.

We are always looking for new ideas and better ways to serve the Temple Community. Please join us at any Brotherhood event or Board Meeting.

Ed Schreider
Brotherhood President
edschreider@rcn.com

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The minimum donation for recognition in The Scroll is $10.00.
"At birthdays, anniversaries, yahrzeits, etc., support your Temple Fund."

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Roberta Gerson	Rabbi Markley's kind words of comfort
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It is with great excitement that we formally announce our spring fundraiser, ***"Taste of the Town"*** to be held on Saturday, May 9, 2009, at Temple Beth Shalom.
Please join us for this fun social gathering which allows us to fund programs beyond what our normal operating budget would allow for our temple children from tots to teens.
This year with your help funds can be raised for:
* Updated and additional equipment for our Children's Center
* Technology upgrades in the Religious School
* Scholarships to benefit students in our *Sha'arim* ("Teen Gateways") programs

Log on to www.tbsneedham.org for more information and to access auction and advertisement book forms. Pre-reserve and pay for your tickets today!

Taste of the Town - From Tots to Teens

Pre-reserve and pay by March 1, 2009 and save $10 per ticket.
As of March 2, 2009 price will increase to $100 per ticket

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

# of tix@ ($90 before March 1, 2009, $100 after March 1, 2009) = Total $ _____

Checks should be made payable to: Temple Beth Shalom

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Temple Beth Shalom – Attn: Taste of the Town
670 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA 02494

The TBS Choir is looking for a few good singers

Do you know someone who loves to sing? Are you interested in joining the choir?

Wondering about the commitment? The Adult Choir participates in four Friday evening Shabbat services during the year as well as an annual special "Musical Shabbat" in addition to the High Holy Days.

Our next Friday evening Shabbat service will be in March. Join us for February and March rehearsals and usher in Spring with a song in your heart!

For more information please contact Sara Smith at 781-449-2427, sara_jane@comcast.net or Lois Raskind,lorask@aol.com. We look forward to singing with you!

Congregational Shabbat Dinner
Friday, February 6 at 6:15 p.m.

Simchat Shabbat Service (child friendly) at 7:15 p.m.

Lots of reasons to come celebrate with dinner beforehand

Adults $15.00 per person • Students age 6-12 - $8.00
Children under age 6 pay their age.
RSVP forms available at *www.tbsneedham.org*

We'll be there on February 6!

Family Name: _____

Children's Names: _____

Phone Number: _____

# of People Attending: _____

Children (under 6): ____ @ pay their age: _____ Ages: _____

Children (6 - 12): @ $8.00 _____

Adults/Children over age 12: _____ @ $15.00 pp _____

$ _____ Total Enclosed

Please make check payable to Temple Beth Shalom and return to the Religious School office by February 1 or send to: Shabbat Dinner, Temple Beth Shalom, 670 Highland Ave., Needham 02494

Project EZRA and Temple Beth Shalom

Project EZRA, a Christmas Day volunteer program, was conceived by the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts. Temple Beth Shalom has participated in Project EZRA since its inception 22 years ago. Each year our commitment has grown to meet the needs of our Needham neighbors. In our first year we delivered 47 meals. This year our volunteers prepared and delivered 122 meals to individuals and families in our town. The scope of volunteers has also grown from an original number of less than 50 to approximately 100 Temple members.

Thirteen members roasted turkeys that they brought to the Temple on Christmas morning, smelling and looking succulent. Fifteen men and women worked in the kitchen carving turkeys, peeling then mashing 100 pounds of potatoes, as well as preparing the stuffing, gravy, vegetables and cranberry sauce, before finally assembling the meals. A cadre of 16 proficient bakers provided delicious mouth watering-

finger desserts. Several other volunteers tackled the important job of making the bags ready for delivery. And finally, approximately 50 families, many with children in hand, came to the Temple to pick up the meals for delivery. All this accomplished In Project EZRA's spirit of caring and giving.

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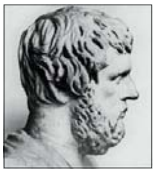

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Temple Calendar - February 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:00 AM BESTY Bagel Day-Atr. 8:45 AM & 11:10 AM RS Music & T'fillah-Sanct. 8:45 AM Beit Cafe -SH 9:30 AM Temple Tots-CR 1:30 PM Madrichim-CR 3:00 PM Rosh Hodesh-CR,YL Sisterhd Spirituality Retre...	**2** 10:00 AM Torah w/ Ecological Glasses-Rm 15 4:40 PM RS Music-Sanct 7:30 PM RS Comm Mtg-Rm 15 7:30 PM Taste of the Town Comm Mtg-LIB	**3** 6:00 PM Gr. 10-12 Dinner-CR 6:30 PM Conf. Cl.-Rm 13 6:30 PM Post Conf (Gr.11)-Rm 11 6:30 PM RS Cooking-CR.A 6:30 PM RS Gr. 12-Rm 12 7:30 PM Sisterhd Bd Mtg-LIB	**4** 8:30 AM PTC Meeting-CR 7:30 PM College Night-CR 7:30 PM Triple Chai Mtg-GCR	**5** 11:30 AM Bible Journey Cl - Rm 15 4:25 PM RS T'fillah-Sanct 5:30 PM Modern Hebrew Cl-Rm 13 7:00 PM Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class-GCR	**6** 9:00 AM CC Movemt Cl-CR 11:15 AM CC Shabbat-Sanct. 6:15 PM Congregational Dinner-CR 7:15 PM Simchat Shabbat -Sanct. 4th Grade Participants	**7** 9:00 AM Shacharit Service-CR 9:30 AM Torah Study-CR 11:00 AM Bat Mitzvah-Amy Pildner-Sanct. 7:00 PM Joint Brotherhd/Sisterhd Event-SH
8 8:45 AM & 11:10 AM Gr. 3 - Siddur Kavod - Parents Only!-CR 8:45 AM & 11:10 AM RS Music & T'fillah Prep-Sanct. 9:00 AM Bagels and Booktalk-SH 5:00 PM BESTY Mtg-YL Wilderness Exploration-OOT	**9** 8:30 AM CC Israeli Dancing-SH 10:00 AM Torah w/ Ecological Glasses-Rm 15 3:30 PM Rappin w/ the Rabbi-LIB 4:40 PM RS Music-Sanct. 6:00 PM GC Luncheon Set-Up-GCR	**10** 8:00 AM GC Prog. & Luncheon-CR 4:30 PM Telem-OOT 6:30 PM PPC Mtg-LIB 7:00 PM Brthrhd Bd Mtg-Rm 15 7:30 PM Gr. 4 Parent Mtg-Sanct	**11** 3:30 PM Rappin w/ the Rabbi-LIB 6:00 PM Youth Commission Mtg-GCR 7:30 PM Adult Ed Comm Mtg-Rm 15 7:30 PM Membership Comm Mtg-GCR	**12** 3:30 PM RS T'fillah Prep-Sanct 5:30 PM Modern Hebrew Cl-Rm 13 7:00 PM Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class-GCR 7:30 PM Social Actn Mtg-LIB 7:30 PM Worship Comm Mtg-Rm 15	**13** 9:00 AM CC Movemt Cl-CR 11:15 AM CC Shabbat-Sanct. 6:15 PM Shabbat Service-Sanct. New Orleans Trip Gr. 11 & 12	**14** 9:00 AM Shacharit Service-CR 9:30 AM Torah Study-CR
15 New Orleans Trip Gr. 11 & 12 February Break-No RS or CC	**16** Temple Office Closed	**17**	**18** 10:00 AM GC Bd Mtg - GCR	**19**	**20** 6:15 PM Shabbat Service-Sanct. Torah Service	**21** 9:00 AM Shacharit Service-CR 9:30 AM Torah Study-CR
22 4:00 PM Triple Chai Movie and Dinner - CR 5:00 PM BESTY Mtg-YL February Break-No RS or CC	**23** 4:40 PM RS Music-Sanct. 7:00 PM TBS Cares-CR RS and CC Classes Resume	**24** 3:30 PM Gr. 6 Leviticus Review-SH 4:30 PM Telem-OOT 6:00 PM Gr. 10-12 Dinner-CR 6:30 PM Conf. Cl.-Rm 13 6:30 PM Post Conf (Gr.11)-Rm 11 6:30 PM RS Cooking-CR.A 6:30 PM RS Gr. 12-Rm 12	**25** 11:45 AM CC Closes Early-NO LB 12:00 PM CC Staff Mtg-GCR 6:15 PM Exec Bd Mtg-GCR 7:45 PM BOT Mtg-CR	**26** 11:30 AM Bible Journey Cl - Rm 15 3:30 PM RS T'fillah Prep-Sanct 5:30 PM Modern Hebrew Cl-Rm 13 7:00 PM Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class-GCR 7:30 PM Winter Sparks of Insight-CR	**27** 9:00 AM CC Movemt Cl-CR 11:15 AM CC Shabbat-Sanct. 6:15 PM Shabbat Service-Sanct. 6:30 PM Tot Shabbat-CR Sisterhood Shabbat	**28** 9:00 AM Shacharit Service-CR 9:30 AM Torah Study-CR BESTY Shul-In-SH,CR

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