

B'NAI ISRAEL BULLETIN



B'NAI ISRAEL REFORM TEMPLE

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TU BISHEVAT

TU BISHEVAT MUSICAL SHABBAT
1/30/2026 AT 7:30 PM

Rabbi Rosenthal's Message

This past fall, our Adult Education class shared and discussed Jewish folk tales. Ever since the class, the story of the giant barrel has stuck with me. It tells a tale of a village that commemorates the marriage of the rabbi's adult child with a celebration in the town square. In the center, they erected a giant barrel. The idea was that villagers would add some wine to the barrel so that when it came time for the party, there would be enough for everyone to share. The towns people filled the barrel over the next week and waited with excitement as the mayor uncorked the barrel to give the preliminary toast. To everyone's surprise, clear water trickled down out of the spigot. Everyone gasped. What had happened? It turned out that every towns person had put in a bottle of water thinking that theirs would be the only one. Each villager had expected the others to do their part, figuring that they didn't need to.



The story is resonating with me as the leadership of the congregation has discussions of our Temple's future. And it strikes me that as we discuss what it means to be a member of our community, we each have the choice to pour wine or water into our barrel. We love everyone, members or not. And we will continue to do so with all of our heart, with all of our mind, with all of our ability. That will never change.

Yet, we also need the continued support of the community to continue to thrive. Some have asked what is the benefit of membership? Certainly, there are perks, but the real perks are the intangibles. Becoming a member is ensuring that there will be a thriving community with a full barrel that we can all enjoy together. Becoming a member is an investment in Reform Judaism and a friendship community that shares a love for Temple. Becoming a member is a pledge that we will continue to have a sanctuary of joy and celebration, a place of support and inspiration. Becoming a member is investing in a Temple we love so that it can continue to be here for generations to come.

As we hit the New Years mark, it is the perfect time to consider becoming a member, if you haven't done so already.

If you or any of your friends and neighbors are interested in membership and are want to learn more about the Temple, payment options and/or have the opportunity to ask other questions, please be in touch with our Membership Director, Suzanne Wittenberg: via email at hype.marketing@aol.com or via phone: 631-889-1949.

We appreciate you taking the time to consider this worthwhile and essential pursuit.

As a way to acknowledge the newest members of our community, we are starting a new tradition. On January 9th, 2026, we will have a special blessing for all of our new members from the past year, as a way to say we are so excited to welcome you home.

We hope that you will come and join us for the service and add your own special messages of welcome. It's a wonderful way to celebrate shabbat and the new people who make it special.

Happy New Year to all and may all of our barrels be full of joy and possibilities.



JANUARY 9TH - WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

2025
-
2026

Torah Study & Adult Education

CLASS SCHEDULE

10:00 am Torah Study

11:00 am Adult Education

January 10, 24

February 28 (online only)

March 7, 21

April 18

May 9, 16

May 30 (online only)

Up To

Off

Off



Schedule is subject to change and are hybrid unless noted otherwise. Please watch the weekly email, bulletin, and online calendar for updates.

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Rabbi Jessica Rosenthal

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President's Message

Dear Temple Community,

Happy Secular New Year and welcome to 2026. At the start of the New Year, I tend to look back, as well as, forward. Some of us might look back and reflect on the 2025 special memories that brought us joy, how we responded to challenges, and how we made it through the holiday season! (Hopefully, you all had some loving and happy holiday times!) And, now it is also time to look forward — to starting new adventures, making new memories, and sharing kindness and support with those in our families and communities.



What's new for us?

We will be experiencing a new beginning in our Temple office this year. Karen Smollins will be retiring by the end of March. Karen has been with us for 30 years (as of this February) and has contributed significantly to our Temple community. Her contributions have gone well beyond the daily/weekly office responsibilities. Karen has been a researcher, an incredible resource, an advocate, and a valued friend to so many of us. We will surely miss her. We appreciate Karen's willingness to work with us as we support our incoming office manager.

This month we are welcoming Robin Kain, who will be our new Office Manager. Robin comes to us with previous experiences in Temple communities as a volunteer, lay leader, and office manager/administrator. She is looking forward to joining our community. During a transition period (January into March), Karen will work with Robin, familiarizing her with our office responsibilities and procedures. When you visit the Temple, share a warm welcoming greeting.

Just a quick "shout out" to those who worked on the hiring committee. Mike Lambert, Paul Fink, Jay Tuller, and I began working in the fall to review and finalize the job description, develop and distribute a letter about the open position, and schedule interviews. Thank you Mike, Paul, and Jay for your thoughtful contributions during our meetings, for the follow up tasks you completed, and for your time.

An invitation:

At our January 15th Board meeting, we will be having a special speaker discussing Temple security/safety. Mr. Andrew Firorillo, from the Homeland Security Section of the Suffolk County Police Department, will be joining us. Our Temple members are invited to join the Board for his presentation, **Security in the Sanctuary**, at 7:30 pm. We appreciate the work of our Security Team and recognize the importance of ongoing training to stay informed and updated about keeping our Temple safe for all of us.

So, as we all start 2026, we will meet new people and participate in new experiences. We will also slowly experience "longer days" as we look forward to more daylight! Wishing you all the best in the new year.

Shalom,

Fran

Jan 15th 7:30 pm Security in the Sanctuary

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Thank you all for the generous donations. We were received with open arms as they have many homeless people in need. Ellie and Ed.

Outreach Committee - Alice Lambert

Happy New Year!

It's time to make resolutions for the New Year and I'm asking yours to be to make donations to the "Outreach Fund" and/or to bring non-perishable food and personal hygiene items to the Temple whenever you come to the Temple or Religious School. There are brown bins, in the lobbies of both buildings, into which you can place your donations. Everything will be taken to the Chestine Coverdale Sayville Food Pantry which is having more trouble than usual keeping the shelves full.

As always, gift cards to supermarkets or pharmacies are welcome. These are given out to families who are going through a rough time and need help.

If you, or anyone you know within our congregational community, needs our help, please reach out to me and I will see what we can do. All requests are kept in strict confidence.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Insurance Expertise Wanted

I am looking for one or more Temple members with commercial insurance knowledge to assist me in reviewing and renewing the Temple's policies and coverages.

We need to ensure that the Temple has adequate policies and coverage, but are not looking to change our carriers or agents at this time.

If you can volunteer a few hours of your time, please contact me.

Paul Fink paulfink505@icloud.com

Thank you!

B'NAI ISRAEL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**FAMILY FUN
BOWLING NIGHT**

**WHEN: JANUARY 24, 2026
FROM 6PM-8PM**

**WHERE: EAST ISLIP LANES
117 E MAIN ST, EAST ISLIP, NY 11730**

**\$38 PER PERSON
INCLUDES 2HRS OF BOWLING
UNLIMITED SODA/DRINKS
CHIPS AT THE LANES
PIZZA AND WINGS**

**BOWLING NIGHT RSVP--PLEASE RETURN ON OR
BEFORE JAN 17TH**

NAME: _ _ _ _ _

NUMBER OF PEOPLE: _ _

TOTAL PAYMENT: _ _ _ _ _

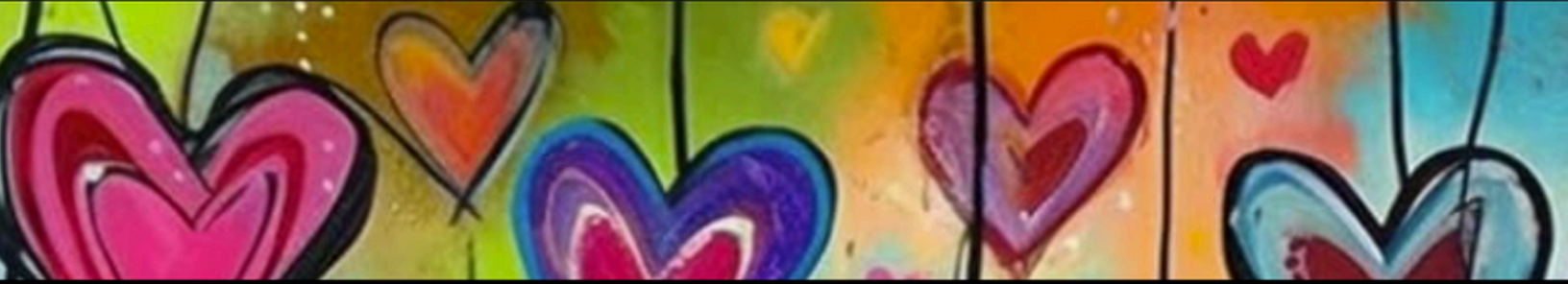
**PAYMENT IN THE FORM OF CHECK MADE OUT TO B'NAI ISRAEL
REFORM TEMPLE OR CASH**

**PLEASE NOTE: BOWLING ALLEY POLICY IS THAT ALL ATTENDIES
MUST PAY REGARDLESS OF IF YOU ARE BOWLING OR NOT**



Sisterhood

JAN 2026



With a new year comes new hopes, new ideas and new opportunities to make our lives the best they can be. Wishing you strength and determination to achieve what you truly desire in your life.

Happy New Year !

Joi Garvin ♥ *Sisterhood President*



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| 1/20/26 | Rosh Chodesh w/ Rabbi Rosenthal |
| 2/17/25 | Book Talk ➡ <i>Looking for Jane</i> by Heather Marshall |
| 3/17/25 | Women's Seder |
| 4/26/25 | Jersey Boys @ CM Performing Arts Center |
| 5/19/25 | Wine & Cheese Game Night |
| 6/16/25 | End of Year Dinner |



CELEBRATING THE POWER OF SISTERHOOD
WRJ Northeast Convention, March 19-22, 2026
Needham, MA

Leisurely Singles Group had a Happy Hanukkah at Fran's house with lots of latkas and laughs. We are looking forward to more gatherings in 2026.

We will be starting 2026 with dinner at Saviano's on January 9th at 5PM. After dinner, we will be attending Services at the Temple at 7:15. Please call or text Barbara at 631-495-7511, if you will join us for dinner.

On February 1 at 1 PM, we are meeting at Ann Michelson's house for a book discussion. The book we are reading is *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict. Please reach out to Ann if you will plan to attend. Her number is 631-848-3500.

Please join us if you are looking to meet new single friends, try some new activities or just want to chat.



Torah & Haftarah Readings

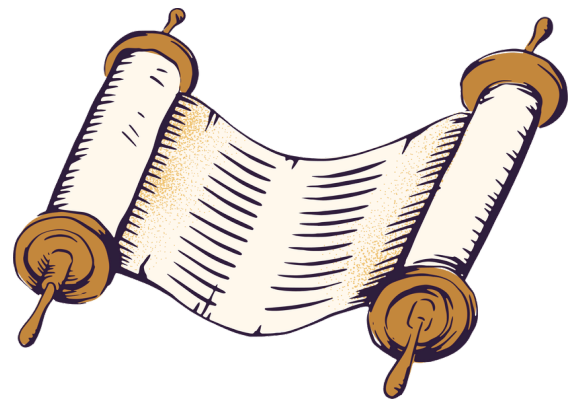
January 3rd: Genesis ch. 47 vs. 28 through ch. 50 vs. 26
I Kings ch. 2 vss. 1 through 12

January 10th: Exodus ch. 1 vs. 1 through ch. 6 vs. 1
Isaiah ch. 27 vss. 6 through ch. 28 vs. 13; ch. 29 vss. 22-23

January 17th: Exodus ch. 6 vs. 2 through ch. 9 vs. 35
Ezekiel ch. 28 vs. 25 through ch. 29 vs. 21

January 24th: Exodus ch. 10 vs. 1 through ch. 13 vs. 16
Jeremiah ch. 46 vss. 13 through 28

January 31st: Exodus ch. 13 vs. 17 through ch. 17 vs. 16
Judges ch. 4 vs. 4 through ch. 5 vs. 31



Donations & Contributions

We gratefully acknowledge the following donors for their contributions to B'nai Israel Reform Temple:

Ethan William Snair Memorial Fund

Marilyn Kabalkin - In Loving Memory of my Beloved Grandson Ethan William
Grandma - In Loving Memory of my Beloved Grandson Ethan William Snair

Help-a-Family Fund

Rochelle & Gerald Slochevsky

Yahrzeits

Robin Dinerstein - In memory of Blanche Levine
Andrea & Andrew Yellen - In memory of Linda Zaccaro
Jordan Seltzer - In memory of Harry Seltzer
Paula & Milton Schneeberg - In memory of Leonard Cohen
Ellen & David Rothfeld - In memory of Dorothy Siegel
Ileane & Don Neckameyer - In memory of Bradley Miller
Ileane & Don Neckameyer - In memory of Muriel Miller
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Jerry & Roberta Rosen Stein - In memory of Elaine R. Stein
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Laurie & Cliff Aronson - In memory of Jerome Kaye
Robert & Jill Parks Fishman - In memory of Estelle Parks
Marlene Goldstein - In memory of Albert Marks
Marlene Goldstein - In memory of Helen Marks

General Fund

Debby Lazen
Sisterhood



To make a donation online please
visit www.bnai-israel.org/donations



**CHANUKAH CELEBRATION IN SCHOOL WAS A BLAST!
THANK YOU TO THE SISTERHOOD FOR THROWING AN
AMAZING CHANUKAH PARTY!!**



IMPORTANT DATES IN JANUARY



JANUARY 9: FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICES AT 7:15PM

JANUARY 16: KID-ISH SHABBAT SERVICES AT 7:00PM

JANUARY 24: FAMILY FUN BOWLING



THINGS TO WATCH FOR



FEBRUARY 6: KABBALAT SHABBAT AT 6:00PM

FEBRUARY 13: FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICES AT 7:15PM

FEBRUARY 20: KID-ISH SHABBAT SERVICES AT 7:00AM

FEBRUARY 28: PURIM CARNIVAL

MARCH 14: FAMILY FUN BINGO NIGHT

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Watch for information--

The Religious School
Reading Challenge is
starting in January!



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

In case of emergency school closings or delayed openings announcements will be made by email.

(If we do not have your current email address and you have not been receiving correspondences, please email us at school@bnai-israel.org with your current email address.)

PLEASE KEEP BRINGING IN TZADKA AND/OR DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SHOUT OUTS



**THANK YOU TO OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TEACHERS
FOR A VERY EXCITING CHANUKAH CELEBRATION!**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**



**BEAR VAN KEUREN
COLE CASTRONOVA
LINCOLN LEWIS
BENJAMIN INGORDO
MADDY REULIUS
JULIA COHEN**



**WISHING COLE, MAX U, AND
LIA A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY**





CARNIVAL!

**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE SOCIAL HALL FOR
FOOD, GAMES, CRAFTS, AND FUN!!**

The Contest Returns!

Create your own carnival game!

Prizes for 1st and 2nd place families!*

Email us to enter the competition!

***only new entries eligible for prizes**

Saturday, February 28, 2026

12:00pm-2:00pm

Wear your costumes!

*** Event is FREE***

**Pizza, hamantaschen, beverages
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

Questions? Please contact:

Alysha Abrams - alysha.eden@gmail.com

Allison Rothstein - ARothsteinDPT@gmail.com



Fundraising committee invites you to

Military Bridge

MARCH | 28
5:30 PM

Doors Open 5:30 - Dinner 6:00 pm

Military Bridge is a quick to learn and easy to play! We complete in teams of four... so sign up as a group or couple or single and we will match you up in a team.

Prizes
50/50
Bring your own
card table

No refunds

RSVP BY 3/19

More information

Contact the Temple Office 631-563-1660

Mail a check, pay online or call the Temple Office.

\$35.00 per person

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Player Name _____ Phone _____

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Total Players _____ x \$35 pp = Total \$ _____

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LOTTERY RAFFLE

6TH ANNUAL

If your raffle ticket number matches the evening New York State 3-digit drawing you win the prize shown on the calendar below on that date.

Donation: \$5.00 per ticket

To purchase tickets

**please either contact the Temple Office
or [CLICK HERE to purchase online](#)**

April 2026 Prize Calendar						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 \$100	2 \$25	3 \$50	4 \$75
5 \$25	6 \$50	7 \$25	8 \$50	9 \$25	10 \$50	11 \$100
12 \$25	13 \$50	14 \$25	15 \$100	16 \$75	17 \$50	18 \$25
19 \$50	20 \$50	21 \$25	22 \$25	23 \$50	24 \$25	25 \$50
26 \$25	27 \$50	28 \$25	29 \$25	30 \$250		

SAVE THE DATE

MURDER

MYSTERY EVENT

Join us for a thrilling
night of mystery, secrets,
and suspense!

SATURDAY
APRIL 25TH

More information
to follow





Do you shop at Stop & Shop?

If Yes, you can purchase Stop & Shop Gift Cards from the Temple and then we get a percentage back as a donation to B'nai Israel!

They can be purchased through our website or see Rich Lindner on Friday evenings or call (516) 641-8050 or the Temple Office. Consider donating these gift cards to the Temple's Outreach Committee to help others in our community who are in need of some assistance.



Dynamic Chair Yoga with Bonnie Rubell

Dynamic Chair Yoga is an intermediate level yoga class held at our Temple every Thursday morning at 10:30 am.

This is an active yoga class for fit seniors who want to start or continue their yoga practices. This class presents modifications for many yoga poses. Students choose the modifications which work best for them. This is a Hatha chair approach aimed at building body strength for balance and flexibility for life activities such as walking, hiking, travel, dog walking, kayaking and more. Special therapeutic exercises on the Yoga mat will address typical age-related physical changes and conditions. Senior Yoga is strengthening, therapeutic and protective for body and mind. It's also social and fun. This class is also appropriate for all ages who want to get back to an exercise program after a long break.



January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	Dec 31	1	2	3
				7:30pm Fundraising Committee (Zoom)	6pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	No Religious School
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	6:30pm School Grades 7 & 9 7pm School Grade High School	7pm Sisterhood Board Meeting			5pm Leisurely Singles Dinner & Shabbat 7:15pm Family Service	Bulletin Deadline Deadline to order Mah Jong Cards 9:30am School Grades 3-6 10am Torah Study 11am Adult Education
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	6:30pm School Grades 7 & 8 7:30pm Finance Committee			10:30am Chair Yoga 7:30pm Temple Board Meeting	7pm Kiddish Shabbat 8pm Shabbat Tzedek	9:30am School Grades 3-6 9:30am School Grades PreK-2
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	No Religious School	7pm Sisterhood Rosh Chodesh with Rabbi Rosenthal		10:30am Chair Yoga	8pm Shabbat Service	9:30am School Grades 3-6 10am Torah Study 11am Adult Education 6pm School Family Fun Night - Bowling
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	6:30pm School Grades 7 & 9		7pm Musical Shabbat Rehearsal	10:30am Chair Yoga	7:30pm Tu Bishevat Musical Shabbat	9:30am School Grades 3-6 9:30am School Grades PreK-2 10am Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Lily Yablon
Feb 1	2	Notes				
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February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Leisurely Singles Group - Book Discussion	2 6:30pm School Grades 7 & 8 7pm School Grade High School	3 7pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	4	5 10:30am Chair Yoga 7:30pm Fundraising Committee (Zoom)	6 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat	7 9:30am School Grades 3-6 10am Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Alexandria Boduch
8	9 6:30pm School Grades 7 & 9	10 Bulletin Deadline	11	12 10:30am Chair Yoga	13 8pm Repro Shabbat	14 9:30am School Grades 3-6 9:30am School Grades PreK-2
15	16 No Religious School 7:30pm Finance Committee	17 7pm Sisterhood Book Talk Looking for Jane by Heather Marshall	18	19 10:30am Chair Yoga 7:30pm Temple Board Meeting	20 7pm Kiddish Shabbat 8pm Shabbat Service	21 No Religious School
22	23 6:30pm School Grades 7 & 8	24	25 7pm Musical Shabbat Rehearsal	26 10:30am Chair Yoga	27 7:15pm Purim Shabbat	28 9:30am School Grades 3-6 9:30am School Grades PreK-2 10am Torah Study (online Only) 11am Adult Education (Online Only) 12pm Purim Carnival
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	Notes				

TURN YOUR MAZEL TOV INTO A MITZVAH SPONSOR AN ONEG



Oneg means "joy" and the Oneg Shabbat is the nosh congregants and guests share after a Friday night service. This is a time when we meet newcomers, share a laugh with old friends, and connect with each other in the spirit of Shabbat.

You can sponsor an Oneg in remembrance of a loved one on their yahrzeit, in honor of a milestone, the birth of a child, an anniversary, a birthday, an engagement, or any other Simcha, "happy occasion." It is a wonderful way to celebrate being part of the Temple B'nai Israel community.

Contact Karen in the office at (631) 563-1660 for details and more information.

Yahrzeits

January 2nd

Naomi Aronson
*Elizabeth Avergun
*Abner Berenblatt
*Max Berger
*Samuel Berger
*Jack Bermowitz
*Jack Bloshinsky
*Dorene Blumenthal
*Edward Blumenthal
*David Blutreich
*Paul Bolkin
*Sarah Brody
*Barbara Capon
*Nik Ericson
*Sylvia Fineberg
Howard Fisher
*Murray Gainsburg
*Mildred Gold
*Thea Gold
*Louis Goldstein
*Albert Holmes
*Pearl Jackson
*Sylvia Kabalkin
*David Katz
Abe Krasner
*Rose Krauss
*Florence Labiak
*Generose Leibowitz
*Nancy Licht
*Harris Morganlander
*Ira Moss
*Bruce P. Mowbray
*Albert Nemo
*Abraham Pomerantz
*Dorothy Rosenberg
*Pearl Rothbart
*Anne White Rothenberg
*Emil Rothman
*Florence Rubin
*Phyllis Rubin
Martin Saltus
*Harry Samuels
Jeannette Sass
*Neil Stickler
*Norman Teplitz
Lynette Wagner
*Rose Wasserman
*Maurice Weintraub
Ruth Williamson
*Sol Yourist
*Ruth Zuckerman

January 9th

*Joseph Abuelo
*Harry Adoff
*Regina Barb
*Robert Bard
*Sara Bonsey
Debra Cernieux
*Helen Cernieux
Phyllis Cooper
Irving Crone
Murray Fine
*Sarah Gaba
Eileen Garber
*Milton Ginsburg
*Ethel Goldenberg
*Yetta Goldsmith
*Mary Gottlieb
*Victoria Greenspan
*Anna Serra Haines
*Harry Harfe
Herbert Haselkorn
Harry Kaplan
Eleanor Lesch Kelly
Ed Kersch
*Harry Lefkowitz
*Betty Lentini
*Karen Levine
Mort Mihlstein
*Trudy Neckameyer
*Henry Neidish
*Nathan Pollack
*Shirley Pollack
*Jacob Moshe Rivilis
*Rosalie Rock
*Sophie Rosenberg
*Samuel B. Rosenthal
*Jacob Rosenzweig
*Simha Sabah
*Joseph Saunders
*Ben Scher
*Jack Schneider
*Frank Schwartz
Abraham Seltzer
*Samuel Singer
*Rose Sobel
*Lizette Temple
*Joseph Terry
*Harold D. Travin
*Edna Ullman
*Esther Wiener

January 16th

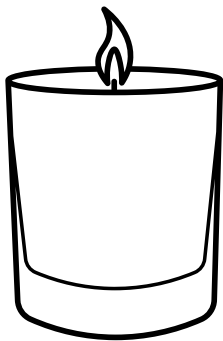
*Ida Abramowitz
*Jenny Abramowitz
*Gershon Altman
*Helmut Altman
*Martha Altman
*Harry Berman
*Linda Burg
Edith Courtney
Anne Dachinger
*Louis Epstein
Pauline Ehrlich
*Renee Fishman
*Marvin Freedman
*Glenn Friedman
*David Gluck
*Bessie Goldstein
*Anna Greenberg
*Lajos Gutman
Stanley Hellin
*Seymour Israel
*Joseph Kaplan
*Samuel Karmelin
*Henrietta Kaufman
Louis Klinger
Shirley Klinger
*Sigo Lack
*Pearl Levine
*Dorothy K. Levy
*Samuel Luria
Arnold Menis
Gilbert Migdol
Carl Moon
*Audrey Neidish
*Harold Perkal
*Leah Persoff
Ben Pettick
*Al Roth
*Robert Roth
*Jacob Ryskind
*Carl Siegel
*Shirley Tieman
*Libby Toback
*Barbara Truocchio
*Harry Weber
*Benjamin Weiss
*Ruth Weiss
*Theodore Wenacur

January 23rd

Renee Byan
*Charles Cohen
*Muriel Cohen
*Max Gelband
*Celia Geller
Morton Goldberg
*Linda Sue Gray
Seymour Gross
Martha Herzfeld
*Teri Irthum
*Henry Lazen
*Ruth Levine
Sidney Lowenberg
*Lila R. Morrison
*Eugene Russell
*Morris Salth
*Louis Schneider
*Jacob Schuchman
Sam Spergel
Walter Sprague
Ethel Stein
Betty Stone
Sam Stulzaft
Phyllis Taitz
*Lena Weinstein
*Liane West
*Rosalie Wetzler
*Jacob Zimmerman

January 30th

*Albert Abrams
Robert Atkins
*Herbert Balkin
*Gus Cohen
*Elsie Cole
*Hannah Deckinger
*Lawrence Ellner
*Gertrude Frankel
*Morris Gelbert
Florence Goldberg
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Please Contact Us

Please contact us when someone is sick or if there is a death in the family so that the Temple can extend its assistance. Before making any funeral arrangements, please call.

See Temple Directory (next page) for phone numbers.

Temple Directory

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Temple Caterers

B'nai Israel is limited to these caterers for any celebration in the Temple Social Hall. Please see the Catering Committee with any questions or requests.

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