

# TOURO SYNAGOGUE

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## *A Message from Rabbi Todd Silverman*

**Dear soon-to-be friends, colleagues, and fellow New Orleanians,**

It is a true joy to be writing you all in order to introduce myself to the Touro Synagogue family. I have had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know a good number of you so far, and I look forward to continuing that process come this summer, when I make the move down south to the Crescent City, the Big Easy, America's Most Interesting City. Having spent only a few days visiting the area with time both inside and outside the synagogue walls, I can tell you that I am already quite happily smitten with the vibe of the city and the friendliness of its people, and I am eager to become part of the community as Touro's new Rabbinic Director of Lifelong Learning. But before I get too far into my thoughts on joining the team, I think a bit about who I am in order.

I am moving to New Orleans from Los Angeles, where I have lived for the last ten years. Before that, though, I was born and raised in Clifton Park, New York, a medium-sized town halfway between Albany and Saratoga. My parents, siblings and I lived an active Jewish life, with my parents taking part in our synagogue's Men's Club and Sisterhood, and my siblings and I attending the religious school from elementary school through our becoming Bar and Bat Mitzvah. Eventually, all three of us Silverman kids joined the nearby Reform synagogue's temple youth group in order to have access to our local and regional NFTY groups. Through it, we began our affiliation with Jewish summer camps. I attended and then worked at the URJ's teen leadership program, Kutz Camp, in Warwick, NY for seven years, only taking a break to travel to Israel with NFTY during one summer in high school. After graduation, I attended college at the State University of New York (SUNY) College at Oswego on the shores of Lake Ontario, where I studied theater and was active in our small (but mighty!) Jewish Student Union.

After finishing my undergraduate degree at SUNY Oswego, I moved myself west to Los Angeles for two important reasons: First, I needed to escape the harrowing experience of "lake effect snow" (it's a real thing!) which Lake Ontario offers its residents from late fall through springtime, and second, I landed myself a job as an assistant teacher (and later as lead teacher) at Brawerman Elementary School, a Jewish Day School in West Los Angeles, where I discovered my love and talent for teaching. After four transformative years teaching 4th grade at Brawerman, it was finally time for me to start my most recent academic journey which I will wrap up this coming May - attending the Reform Movement's graduate seminary program at Hebrew Union College (HUC), first in Jerusalem (where I became friends with a fresh-faced cantorial student named David Mintz) and then back in Los Angeles. My course of study at HUC has led me to wade (and dive!) into a wide range of Jewish topics, including history, theology, text, language, pastoral work, and education, to name just a few. And it is the love of learning, teaching, and community that drew me toward Touro Synagogue and its wonderfully warm, engaging, welcoming leaders whom I met for the first time only a few weeks ago.

Although my time at Touro Synagogue has yet to officially begin, I can tell you that I am beyond excited to join this fabulous community of interested, interesting, engaged Jews. From the leadership with whom I have discussed educational philosophies and shared visions, to the congregants with whom I have studied and prayed, to the young learners with whom I have spent time seeking out all the coolest spots in the synagogue to connect with God, I am already getting a sense of just how special a place Touro is. It is my sincerest hope that each of you come by to introduce yourselves to me and share what you love most about Touro, so I can continue to learn more about what binds us together and activates each of you to play a part in the life of the community. See y'all in July!



Rabbi Todd Silverman



*Todd Silverman and a close friend, sharing some refreshment in the Los Angeles sunshine.*

## President's Message

The shift from mandatory dues to voluntary support is a success! Given the choice, most of us behave as we do in a restaurant: when the "tip line" is left blank, we step-up and contribute the same or more than the otherwise pre-determined rate. And that has proven true here. In our first year of voluntary support we are expecting to exceed our budgeted member support target! Also, given the freedom to self-assess, funds have come in more quickly than ever. In the past, we have had to call some of you to remind you to send along your support dollars, creating a substantial time burden for our office staff and often necessitating involvement of members of our finance committee. While procrastination has not been entirely eradicated, human nature being what it is, the reality is that the number of late-payers is dramatically reduced. Our only regret is that we lacked the foresight to envision and effect this positive change sooner!

Our switch to voluntary support has created a number of what I will call "values" or "identity" issues. In an earlier column, I pointed out that a committee has been empanelled to study the issue of whether we should require congregational membership in order to be entitled to attend High Holiday services (except students and out-of-town visitors). This is not an easy question to answer and no solution or change will occur (if ever) before the upcoming Holidays. Study of the issue has taken longer than anticipated and is on-going.

On somewhat of a related plane is the question of weddings. Should a 30-year-old young man or woman who grew up at Touro and whose parents are members be entitled to be married by our clergy if he or she has chosen not to join the congregation? Should a young couple be entitled to a free wedding six months after joining? What if they only pay \$18 in voluntary support but are planning a society section headlining gala reception? Should weddings be a free benefit of membership for any/all members? Should our clergy ever be available to conduct weddings for non-members, and, if so, at what cost? Viewed through a lens where all persons can easily join at a self-assessed rate, these difficult questions will be explored carefully and with great sensitivity to our traditions, values and mission. As this process unfolds, any creation of or changes to policy will be shared and explained.

In the meanwhile, it has recently come to my attention that more than a few persons celebrating simchas such as weddings, b'nai mitzvah, brit milah and naming ceremonies choose not to make a gift of any kind to our clergy's discretionary funds. The hard work that is involved in the loving preparation for these celebrations of life is a privilege of membership. Particularly in the case of weddings and B'nai Mitzvah, many hours of work are invested by our clergy to ensure the personalized beauty each event and its participants deserve. Is a financial payment to clergy required – no, it's not. However, in years past, the vast majority of us showed our appreciation by means of a donation to the discretionary fund of the Rabbi or Cantor. On the assumption that some of us were unaware of this custom of showing appreciation, I politely share the foregoing observation.



Scott Silbert

### Lunchtime Study with Rabbi Berk

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin's  
"The Book of Jewish Values"



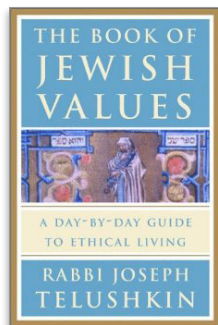
Join us in the Mautner Learning Center for any or all Thursday sessions, 12:00-1:00 p.m. Bring a brown bag lunch. Drinks will be provided.

**April Sessions: 2, 16 & 30**

"The Book of Jewish Values," by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin is available on Amazon.

<http://www.amazon.com/Book-Jewish-Values-Day-Day/dp/0609603302>

Mark your calendars for the last 2 sessions:  
May 14 & 28



## HUNGRY FOR HEBREW?

April Dates: 7, 14, 21, & 28

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. for  
Hebrew Reading and Exploration

Taught by Cantor Mintz and Eileen Hamilton, the course will alternate between Hebrew reading mechanics and the meaning of our liturgy.

**This class is still open to Hebrew readers looking for a deeper understanding of Shabbat prayers**

Please register your interest with Eileen.

By Email: [direduc@touroynagogue.com](mailto:direduc@touroynagogue.com)



## Voices of Spiritual Resistance in Terezín

As we mark Yom Ha'Shoah, join Cantor Mintz for a musical exploration through the cultural life of Theresienstadt, the Terezín ghetto of World War II.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
SHABBAT SERVICES**

*During the early 1940s, roughly 140,000 Jews passed through the gates of Terezín, including some of Eastern Europe's most prominent Jewish musicians. Under their leadership, the ghetto began to erupt with musical activity that ranged from singing folk songs to choirs, cabarets, orchestras and operas. This powerful program will explore the impact that music had on the Jews of Terezín, and the ways that it served as a mechanism for survival.*



*A new bulletin feature highlighting congregants in the Touro community*

# Spotlight

## on Adrien Genet

Adrien Genet is uniquely qualified to serve as Touro's resident historian and tour guide. A fifth generation congregant on her mom's side and a fourth generation congregant on her dad's side, Adrien's family connections run deep. She is even related (by marriage) to our namesake and benefactor Judah Touro. "Growing up I remember sitting in the sanctuary and loving the grandeur of it and the smell," she said when asked about her favorite Touro memory.

For the past 20 years Adrien has shown off our synagogue to out-of-towners, local schools, youth groups and anyone interested in learning the history behind Touro. "I love having the Catholic schools come and realize what we're all about," Adrien said. "I try to be a good ambassador for Touro and Judaism." In addition to giving tours, Adrien also researches families at the Tulane archives, schedules tour coverage for our other volunteer docents, and is a fountain of knowledge on all things Touro and New Orleans.

Adrien's grandchildren are seventh generation Touro congregants and she is grateful that they are able to continue her family's tradition.



## FIRST TUESDAYS: *Spirituality in the City*



**FEATURING:**  
Norris Henderson,  
Executive Director of  
VOTE (Voice of the Ex-  
Offender), Muslim and  
Human Rights Activist

### *"Making the Best of the Way Things Are"*

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at  
12:30 p.m. at Lenes Hall in the  
Immaculate Conception Jesuit Church,  
130 Baronne Street

People of all faiths (or none at all) are warmly invited to this annual interfaith series that promotes dialogue, mutual understanding, and collaboration on topics of spirituality. On the first Tuesday, October through May, local leaders initiate conversations about their spiritual traditions and address the theme, "Spirituality in the City."

First Tuesdays is co-sponsored by The Jesuit Church of the Immaculate Conception, Loyola Institute for Ministry, and The Catholic Book Store. All presentations begin at **12:30 in Lenes Hall, 130 Baronne Street**, the parish center of Jesuit Church, and include a simple lunch that starts at **12:15 p.m.** All are welcome. Admission is free.



## UPKEEP RETREAT

*...for men only!*

Friday – Sunday  
April 24 - 26, 2015

**URJ Henry S. Jacobs Camp, Utica, MS**

Male adult members of the Jacobs Camp Family are invited to help us get ready for the summer! Stay the whole weekend or just come for the day on Saturday. The Upkeep Retreat is free!

**To register:**

[https://urjyouth.wufoo.com/forms/  
2015-mens-upkeep-retreat-registration/](https://urjyouth.wufoo.com/forms/2015-mens-upkeep-retreat-registration/)

**For more information, e-mail [jacobscamp@urj.org](mailto:jacobscamp@urj.org)**

Please submit names of your deceased loved ones for the Friday, April 10 Pesach Service with Yizkor to [info@tourosynagogue.com](mailto:info@tourosynagogue.com) by Wednesday, April 8. The service will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Forgotston Chapel

## SPIRITUAL PARENTHOOD WITH RABBI BERK

DEATH .

**SEX .**

GOD .

Sunday, April 19 at 9:15 a.m.  
in the Mautner Learning Center

*Sex Talks: When is the right time,  
what are the right messages?*

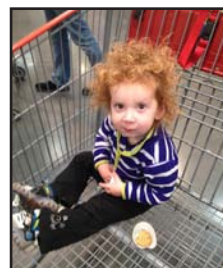
Discussion of the tough topics.

Advice and guidance on addressing  
some difficult questions asked by children.

Parents, grandparents, teachers - all are welcome.

*Coffee & light breakfast for all who attend.*

**Please RSVP to [info@tourosynagogue.com](mailto:info@tourosynagogue.com)**



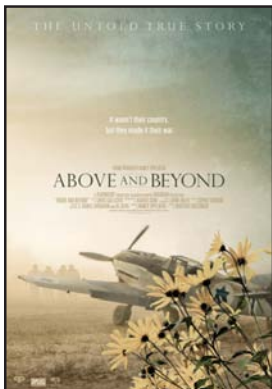
Saturday, April 18, 9:30 a.m.  
in the Shushan Assembly

Please join us for tot fun with songs,  
movement, crafts, Torah, challah  
and more. For all birth through  
pre-school age children and  
their parents.

Our Tot Shabbat hosts for April are  
Dani, Vanessa and Louis Levine.

**The theme is Joseph and the  
Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat.**

**Community-Wide Celebration of  
Yom Ha'atzmaut and Observance of Yom Hazikaron**



**Above and Beyond:  
An Evening with  
Jewish New Orleans**

**Wednesday, April 22, 2015**  
**National World War II Museum**  
**5:30 p.m. Reception**  
**6:30 p.m. Presentation by Nancy Spielberg**  
**7:00 p.m. Film Screening**

Join the New Orleans Jewish community on April 22, 2015 at the National World War II Museum for a special presentation of Nancy Spielberg's (sister of Steven Spielberg) riveting documentary, "Above and Beyond," which chronicles the creation of the Israeli Air Force in 1948.

This event marks the community-wide celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, and will include a Yom Hazikaron commemoration service led by the Greater New Orleans Rabbinic Council. A Q&A with Spielberg will follow the screening. Kosher catering will be provided by Casablanca Restaurant. Seating is extremely limited, and RSVPs are required.

The cost to attend is \$18 for general admission, and \$10 for students. The Jewish Federation must have prepayment in order to secure your reservation. Physical tickets will not be dispensed, but names of paid attendees will be on a list at the door. For more information, contact Sherri Tarr at 504-780-5609 or at sherritarr@jewishnola.com.

To reserve admission by credit card, please call Kelli at 504-780-5600. You may also mail a check made payable to the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans (write "Above and Beyond" in the memo line) to 3747 W. Esplanade Avenue, Metairie, LA 70002. The event is co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans, the Jewish Community Center, the New Orleans Rabbinic Council and The National World War II Museum.



**MAZEL TOT!**

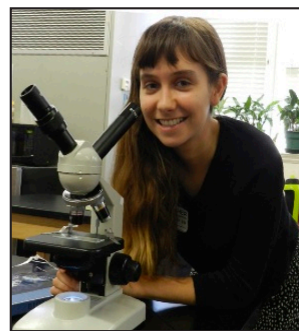
*Happy birthday to our  
youngest congregants*

**4/22/2010**      **4/25/2013**  
 Maya Karlitz      Samuel Africk

Don't see your little one on the list?  
 Email [info@touro-synagogue.com](mailto:info@touro-synagogue.com).

**Mazel Tov to Helene Lovett**

*Orleans Parish School Board's  
District-Wide High School Student of the Year*



Congratulations to Helene Lovett, daughter of John Lovett and Maurya Kilroy, sister of Daniel Lovett, granddaughter of Claire Lovett, on being chosen as the Orleans Parish School Board's District-Wide High School Student of the Year, as well as for being a Presidential Scholar Nominee. Helene is a senior at Lusher Charter School, where she is the editor of the literary magazine, founder of Lusher's Science Olympiad team, member of the cross-country team and the grand prize winner at the Greater New Orleans Science Fair in her junior year, among other accomplishments inside and outside of school. Helene was confirmed at Touro in 2013 and was Madrichah for Religious School during the 2013/14 school year.

**Mazel Tov to  
Adam Orlansky**

*Assistant Director at Henry S. Jacobs Camp*



Congratulations to Adam Orlansky, son of Naomi and Larry Orlansky, brother of Shana Orlansky, on his new role as the year-round Assistant Director at Henry S. Jacobs Camp.

Adam is a soon-to-be graduate of the University of Texas and he will be combining his degree in Sport Management with his life-long love of Jacobs Camp in his new role. Adam was confirmed at Touro in 2009.

TOURO SYNAGOGUE PRESENTS

24TH ANNUAL

JAZZ FEST SHABBAT

Preservation Hall Jazz Band

WITH

Panorama Jazz Band

Touro Synagogue Choir

Music Director Terry D. Maddox

and Cantor David Mintz



4238 St. Charles Ave.

Friday, April 24, 2015

7:30 PM

# JAZZ FEST SHABBAT

Friday, April 24, 2015, 6:00 PM

## Private Concert by the PRESERVATION HALL JAZZ BAND

– Reserved Seating for Patron Concert and Jazz Fest Shabbat Service –

- JAZZ** › **\$1000 per person**  
Includes an autographed JFS poster, Preservation Hall Jazz Band CD and 2 single-day passes to the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival (2<sup>nd</sup> weekend)
- ZYDECO** › **\$500 per person**  
Includes a free autographed JFS poster
- R&B** › **\$300 per person**  
Includes a free Preservation Hall Jazz Band CD
- BLUES** › **\$150 per person**
- CHILDREN** › **\$50 per child** (accompanied by an adult patron)

Invitations are in the mail! Return the response card or RSVP online at:  
[www.tourosynagogue.com/events/jazz-fest-shabbat/](http://www.tourosynagogue.com/events/jazz-fest-shabbat/)  
or by calling the Touro Synagogue office (504) 895-4843.

## WATCH JAZZ FEST SHABBAT LIVE

If you can't be here in person,  
for the first time ever, we're  
livestreaming Jazz Fest Shabbat  
at [www.tourosynagogue.com](http://www.tourosynagogue.com).  
Tune in starting at 7:30 p.m. on  
April 24, 2015 to get the full  
New Orleans Jazz Fest Shabbat  
experience, wherever you are.

## SOCIAL ACTION COLLECTION

Please bring travel-size shampoos, soaps and toothpastes for donation to The Rebuild Center, a homeless shelter serving the New Orleans area. There will be collection bins at the entrance of the Sanctuary prior to the Jazz Fest Shabbat Service on April 24, 2015.

Travel Size  
TOOTHPASTES  
SHAMPOOS  
SOAPS

## News from JewCCY



Our JewCCY Board frequently talks about how to make new members comfortable at events. We try our best to welcome everyone with open arms to show just how great JewCCY can be. This is actually something fairly easy we are tasked with on a local level. There is ease in welcoming 5-10 new members to one of our awesome events. What about on a larger scale? When JewCCY members travel to NFTY Southern events there is an expectation that our members, new and old, will be warmly welcomed by the leadership. This warmth and sense of hospitality is what keeps JewCCY members returning to NFTY Southern events.

I had the pleasure over Mardi Gras weekend to attend the NFTY Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Three of our teens made the decision to attend convention, and from the thoughts we shared, it was well worth the experience. It was humbling to witness our teens from New Orleans and all over the Deep South interacting with teens from New York to LA (although later proclaiming what we all know - it is a LOT more original to be a Jew from the South!).

When our region met as a group, our 14 NFTY-SO teens reflected on the challenges of being a newcomer from a region with a smaller presence. The teens reflected on meeting the challenge of making new friends in such a large community (over 1,000 NFTY participants), and how they would love to bring that same hospitality back to their local youth groups and to future NFTY Southern events. Regional Advisor, Becci Jacobs shared her thoughts, "Our teens who attended convention gained a new sense of pride about what it means to be a Jewish teen, and the importance of creating a Southern presence at North American events."

If you are reading this article, and have not made the decision to attend a JewCCY or NFTY Southern event, give it a try. While there are lots of extracurricular activities to be involved in, there are few where one will feel as welcome or proud of their identity than NFTY.

Ten years ago, when I attended my first NFTY Convention, I am not sure how I would have answered the question, "Where do you see yourself in ten years?" But, I am so happy it was spent at NFTY Convention. Seeing the important ways our Jewish youth movement is progressing, expanding our reach and empowering teens to become leaders in their communities and beyond was something I am pleased to once again have experienced firsthand.

Give JewCCY and NFTY a chance, as we look towards creating a presence at NFTY Convention 2017 that will be loud, proud and present.

Ivy Cohen, Director of Youth Engagement  
jewccy@gmail.com



# Israel

### ANNOUNCING PRE-K ISRAEL DAY & GRADUATION

Pack your suitcase and bring your sun hat  
We're going on a trip to Israel!

Sunday, April 26, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

*We will honor our Pre-K class of 2014/2015 as they finish their first year of religious school.*

Hannah Allmont, Charlie Forman, Lailah Greenbride, James Katz  
Maya Karlitz, Sasha Mardon, Mia Pollack, Mia Goldstein,  
Hannah Ware, Ella Ware, Allie Ware, and Megan Zurik





**Touro Synagogue Religious School**  
**SUNDAY DRIVES**

**April 12:** Canned and non-perishable foods for Second Harvest and Broadmoor Food Pantry. Clean out all your leavened products (and more) and help those in need.

A collection bin will be in the General Pershing entrance as well as by the Forgotston Chapel entrance. Please check page 11 for more details on this food drive.

**May 3:** In honor of our last day of religious school's Pancake Breakfast, please bring breakfast items for Broadmoor Food Pantry. Juice, cereal, oatmeal, grits, etc are all needed to provide a nutritious breakfast to families.

**LAST DAY OF RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**  
**Annual Pancake Breakfast**



**Sunday, May 3**

**Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m.**  
**Early dismissal at 10:30 a.m.**

Annual end of year Pancake Breakfast. Homemade pancakes, plus fruit and juice as we honor our religious school teachers and end another year of learning and fun.

Note the earlier time for breakfast.

**YAD Ceremony for our DALET Graduates**



**Wednesday, May 6, 5:00 p.m.**

*Join our students for Tefillah, a closing event and the presentation of Yads for our graduating Dalet students.*

Russell Adelman-Cannon	Ana Finger
Alistair Cunningham	Gavi Smith

*Support the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Silent Auction benefitting*



**The FIRST 72+**

Touro Synagogue's 7th and 8th grade religious school class is seeking donations for a silent auction to benefit The First 72+. The First 72+ is an organization that assists people who have been incarcerated assimilate back into the community by providing them with initial shelter and help finding them work. To learn more about First 72 +, please see their website at: [www.first72plus.org](http://www.first72plus.org)

This year's religious school curriculum has focused on "Tzedakah," as well as social justice issues. The class was very moved by our discussion on incarceration, and this organization has inspired the class to give back to their community.

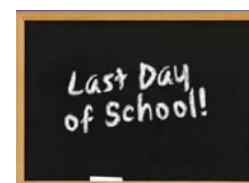
This year's class project will feature an event, where the students will showcase a documentary explaining the purpose of The First 72+, as well as a silent auction where proceeds will be donated to the organization. We are seeking donations, of all sorts, for our silent auction on Sunday, April 26. Anything you could donate would be wonderful and greatly appreciated!

Thank you, from the 7th and 8th grade teachers,  
 Alysse Fuchs and Jared Glassman

**More information online here:**  
<https://www.razoo.com/br/causes/touro-7th-and-8th-grade-fundraise-for-first-72>

Contact Eileen at [direduc@tourosynagogue.com](mailto:direduc@tourosynagogue.com) to donate to this important cause.

**UPTOWN HEBREW**



**Wednesday, May 6, 4-5 p.m.**

# Social Action at Touro

## All initiatives allow one-time or on-going commitments

On-going or one-time involvement is ALWAYS welcome. There is no social action "committee" and no agenda of meetings. We are all in action as a congregation together. Please contact the individuals associated with each initiative below or Teri Hunter (tlhunter22@gmail.com), board chair of social action, to learn more or to get involved.



### Passover Food Drive supporting the Broadmoor Food Pantry

Say goodbye to your chametz.

Clear out your pantries in preparation for Passover and complete an important mitzvah at the same time! We're collecting all of your chametz for our partners at the Broadmoor Food Pantry. While you're cleaning out your cupboards, please consider donating protein-rich foods like canned meats, canned/dry beans, peanut butter, and tuna fish which are the pantry's most needed items.

Bring your donations to our collection bins outside of the Forgotston Chapel and at the General Pershing entrance.

### Eden House



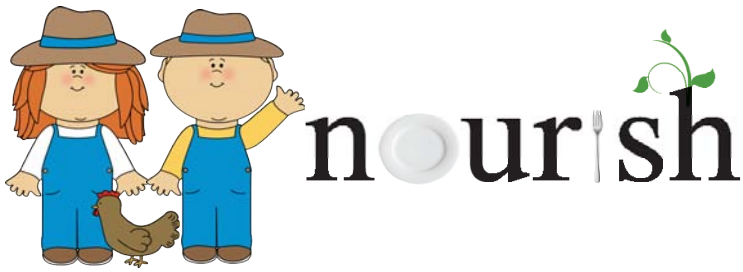
Eden House is proud to announce that as of last month they will have their first resident graduate of the 2 year program. The graduate will be moving into her very own apartment this month. If anyone would like to donate ANY household items so that our graduate can begin to furnish her new apartment, please email [info@tourosynagogue.com](mailto:info@tourosynagogue.com) to arrange to drop off your donations at Touro. It has been a long hard road for this graduate who is now stepping into her new future.

Thank you to all of our Touro members who have made generous donations to Eden House. We are in some way a small part of her success.

## KREWE OF VIP'S



Photos from the Krewe of VIP's parade viewing parties held at Touro during Mardi Gras.



## Let all who are hungry come and eat.

Our newest seedlings have been planted.

We have added more towers in order to grow even more healthy produce. Please come to Pitt Street and see our garden growing again. Toward the end of April, we will be ready to begin harvesting.

Let all who are hungry come and eat.

And let all who want to help us feed the hungry contact Ann Fishman at [dagadam@aol.com](mailto:dagadam@aol.com).



We're growing collards, butter crunch lettuce, swiss chard, dill, kale, sage, red oakleaf lettuce, green oakleaf lettuce, beneficial flowers and spinach!



Lisa Keleher harvesting vegetables for donation to the Broadmoor Food Pantry.

## Sophie B. Wright School

It may seem like a trivial gesture, but you can't imagine the impact it has. For years, Touro members have been providing monthly teacher appreciation treats to the teachers at Sophie Wright School. 95% of the Sophie Wright student population receives free and reduced lunch and their parents are not in a position to be involved in the school, they have no parent organization. So this simple gesture of kindness and appreciation to the SBW teachers who work tirelessly with our partner school kids has been carried out by our congregants.



TOURO & SOPHIE B. WRIGHT  
SYNAGOGUE & CHARTER SCHOOL

Won't you help? It's easy. The treats can be simple or elaborate. Homemade or store bought. We need volunteers for April and May. Two volunteers per month means there is no burden for anyone.

If you can help contact Teri Hunter ([tlhunter22@gmail.com](mailto:tlhunter22@gmail.com)), Julie Koppman ([juliekoppman@gmail.com](mailto:juliekoppman@gmail.com), or Sam Guichet ([ssguichet@me.com](mailto:ssguichet@me.com)) or just go to <http://vols.pt/tMisKP> to sign up and get details.

Thank you for your help with this easy and meaningful mitzvah.

## LGBTQ Action

What does Reform Judaism say about homosexuality? According to the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, we have a proud history of acceptance, advocacy and work toward the full inclusion of LGBTQ people in Jewish life and in the secular world.

Rabbi David Saperstein, former Director of the Religious Action Center, guides us with his words: "We oppose discrimination against all individuals, including gays, lesbians and bisexuals, for the stamp of the Divine is present in each and every one of us." LGBTQ Jews and their families are welcome in all Reform congregations, certainly including ours. Reform Judaism proudly ordains LGBTQ Jews as clergy, and they serve congregations across the country. Join our group of Touro Synagogue LGBTQ allies and advocates.

We welcome your good ideas and support. For questions, or to suggest activities in support of our move toward equality, contact Laura Levy at [laura.silven.levy@gmail.com](mailto:laura.silven.levy@gmail.com).

## THANK YOU TO OUR JANUARY SPONSORS

*We thank these generous supporters for their help in making Shabbat a wonderful experience:*

### **Pulpit Flowers**

Dorothy Jacobs

Kathy, Hal, David and Rachel Shepard

Marianne and Isidore Cohn, Jr.

Shira Bergman-Cohen and  
Michael Cohen

Sofia, Katie, and Thomas Gershanik

Joyce and Woody Widofsky

Nancy and Gary Silbert

Andi and Terry Lestelle,

Lee and Ellen Sucherman,  
Dean Sucherman and their families

Touro Synagogue Choir

Linda, Richard, and Brian Friedman

Celia Katz and Family

Nonnie DeBardeleben

### **Oneg Shabbat**

Dorothy Jacobs

The Berk Family



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### **Pulpit Flowers**

Charel Katz and Family

Jane Phillips

Janet and Rene Koppel

Lisa and Brian Katz

### **Oneg Shabbat**

Lisa and Brian Katz

### **Kiddush Luncheon**

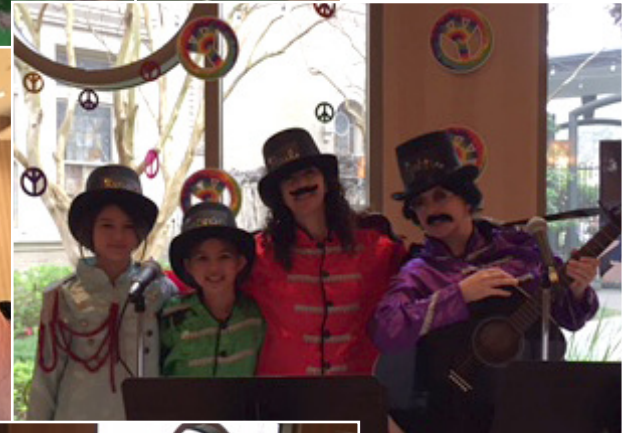
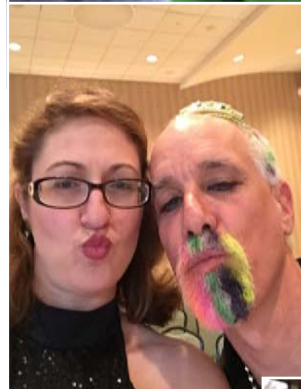
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# The Megillah

according to



# THE BEATLES



# April 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <b>Uptown Hebrew Not in Session</b>	2 <b>12:00pm</b> Lunch and Learn <b>7:30pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	3 <i>Erev Pesach</i> <b>6:00pm</b> Abbreviated Shabbat Service <b>6:30pm</b> First Night Congregational Seder	4 <i>Pesach I</i> <b>Pesach By the Shores of the Sea Second Night Congregational Seder in Biloxi, MS</b> <b>9:00am</b> Torah Study <b>10:30am</b> Shabbat Service
5 <i>Pesach II</i> <b>Religious School Not in Session</b>	6 <i>Pesach III</i>	7 <i>Pesach IV</i> <b>12:30pm</b> Hungry for Hebrew	8 <i>Pesach V</i> <b>Uptown Hebrew Not in Session</b>	9 <i>Pesach VI</i> <b>No Choir Rehearsal</b>	10 <i>Pesach VII</i> <b>10:00am</b> Pesach Morning Service with Yizkor <b>6:00pm</b> Shabbat Service, Birthday Blessings	11 <i>Pesach VIII</i> <b>9:00am</b> Torah Study <b>9:30am</b> Shabbat Club <b>10:30am</b> Shabbat Service
12 <b>9:00am</b> Religious School, All Grades in Session	13 <b>7:30pm</b> Board of Trustees Meeting	14 <b>12:00pm</b> Alzheimer's Support Group <b>12:30pm</b> Hungry for Hebrew	15 <b>4:00pm</b> Uptown Hebrew	16 <i>Yom HaShoah</i> <b>12:00pm</b> Lunch and Learn <b>7:30pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	17 <b>6:00pm</b> Shabbat Service <b>7:10pm</b> Theresienstadt Lecture Concert	18 <b>9:00am</b> Torah Study <b>9:30am</b> Tot Shabbat Rocks! <b>10:30am</b> Shabbat Service <b>10:30am</b> Pre B'Nai Mitzvah Planning Meeting
19 <b>9:00am</b> Religious School, Grades K-8 in Session <b>9:15am</b> Spiritual Parenthood <b>9:15am</b> Jewnoir JewCCY "Joseph" at the Saenger	20	21 <b>12:30pm</b> Hungry for Hebrew	22 <b>4:00pm</b> Uptown Hebrew <b>5:30pm</b> Late Nite Religious School	23	24 <b>6:00pm</b> Jazz Fest Shabbat Patron Dinner <b>7:30pm</b> Jazz Fest Shabbat Service	25 <b>9:00am</b> Torah Study <b>10:30am</b> Shabbat Service
26 <b>9:00am</b> Religious School, All Grades in Session	27	28 <b>12:00pm</b> Alzheimer's Support Group <b>12:30pm</b> Hungry for Hebrew	29 <b>4:00pm</b> Uptown Hebrew	30 <b>12:00pm</b> Lunch and Learn <b>7:30pm</b> Choir Rehearsal		

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AUDREY SIMON HAAS, IRMA BRANDT, GILDA TRAUTMAN NEWMAN, BERNICE WOLFF NORMAN, DAVID M. HASPEL, H. LEON MINTZ, ROSALYN FISCHMAN WEXLER, LILLIAN LEBED GLAZER, ROSALIE BOWSKY NEWMAN, BETTY FREEDMAN REGENBOGEN, HARRY S. HASPEL, DR. SIGMUND MANN, SOL C. EPPENSTEIN, FANNIE SCHWARTZ WEIL, LOUIS PICK, GEORGE ZELDEN, GEORGE BOWSKY, ELI G. WAGNER, LOLA SCHLEMOFF BERNSTEIN, ROSINE L. HASPEL, BENI B. TOLEDANO, HANS GLASER

## Friday, April 24 / Saturday, April 25

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*May their memory be for a blessing*

## **Miriam Anne Schwartz Orloff**

grandmother of Rachel Wilson (Mark), great-grandmother of Max Wilson

## **Meyer "Mike" Sutton**

husband of Cynthia Sutton, father of Joey Sutton (Lois), grandfather of Cynthia Rosenblum (Paul Turbow)

## **Roswell Joseph Weil**

longtime beloved of Carol Wise. Survived by Ginny Wise (Kevin Wilkins) and their children Jonathan, Benjamin and Zachary Wilkins; and Julie Wise Oreck (Marshall) and their children Alden, Zoe, and Sophie Oreck.

## **Helen Ackermann**

aunt of Carey Kaufman

## **David Sperling**

father of Peter Sperling (Vicky), grandfather of Andrew, Elliot, Olivia, and Frances Sperling

## **Ellen Loeb Gandle**

wife of Bruce Gandle, mother of Alexandra and Peter Gandle, daughter of Sharon and Milton Loeb, niece of Marilyn and Tom Oelsner and cousin of Lauren Greenberg (David)

## **Elma Bloch Rosenfeld**

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wife of Robert Hammer, mother of David Hammer (Jenni) and Daniel Hammer (Klara), grandmother of Mateo, Selma and Henry Hammer

## **Hans Freistadt**

father of Marion Freistadt, grandfather of Shafir Wittenberg

## **Lisette "Pie" Guth**

daughter of Desiree Loeb-Guth and Douglas Guth, sister of Leo Guth

## **Irvin S. Smith**

father of Lesley Smith

## **Shirley Shein Hiller**

mother of Patti Lengsfeld (Jack)

*Our beloved are with us through the blessing of memory ...*

*we think of them now; they live in our hearts;*

*they are a continual blessing.*

*-Chaim Stern, Paths of Faith*



## *Mazel Tov*

on the birth of **Cora Zwain**, granddaughter of **Jaymi and Mark Baum**

to **Joan S. Berenson** and **Celia Katz** who were honored at the NCJW Greater New Orleans Section's Annual Fundraiser

to **Joy and Andrew Braun** on the marriage of their son **Robby Braun** to Joella Fink

to **Carol Wise** for receiving the Roger Bissinger Memorial Award

## Shabbat Services April 2015

### Friday, April 3

6:00pm Abbreviated  
Shabbat Service, Forgetston Chapel

### Saturday, April 4

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service,  
Forgetston Chapel

### Friday, April 10

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service,  
Birthday Blessings  
Forgetston Chapel

### Saturday, April 11

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service,  
Forgetston Chapel

### Friday, April 17

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service,  
Forgetston Chapel

### Saturday, April 18

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service,  
Forgetston Chapel

### Friday, April 24

7:30pm **Jazz Fest Shabbat  
Evening Service**, Main Sanctuary

### Saturday, April 25

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service,  
Forgetston Chapel

## Torah Study

Everyone is invited on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. to Unwrap Ancient Wisdom in a Post-Modern World with our Torah Study group.

### PARASHIYOT\*

#### Mar. 29-April 4:

Shabbat Chol Hamoed Pesach  
Exod. 12:37-42, 13:3-10 /  
Isaiah 43:1-15

#### April 5-11: Sh'mini I

Lev. 9:1-11:47 / II Samuel 6:1-23

#### April 12-18: Tazria-M'tzora

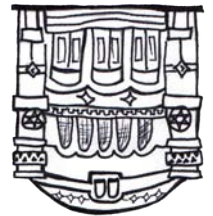
Lev. 12:1-15:33 / II Kings 7:3-20

#### April 19-25: Acharei

Mot-K'doshim

Lev. 16:1-18:13 / Amos 9:7-15

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