

TOURO SYNAGOGUE

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Ongoing Revelation – It's *Still* Happening

The story goes like this: Atop Mt. Sinai, amid peals of thunder and flashes of lightening, enough to illuminate the land all around, God delivered words to Moses. Moses then retold those words to Joshua and the elders, who delivered the words to the prophets and sages of our tradition. They have delivered it to us.

Some people think this story of revelation sounds like a giant game of "telephone." Remember that game? When someone whispers a message into the ear of the person next to her, and then so on...until it gets to the end. When it gets to the last person, and the message is spoken, everyone erupts in laughter because of how messed up the original message became.

That is why Jewish philosophers have offered another take on the revelation experience. Some say revelation in Judaism is *not* transmitted by the proverbial whisper in the ear from one generation to the next. It is not the case that there was only one original word spoken, and each generation is farther from that one truth. In fact, just the opposite.

"In Judaism, revelation is an ongoing phenomenon." These are the words of Dr. Ron Wolfson, visionary educator. "The giving of Torah only began at Sinai; Torah is revealed to us continuously." What does this mean? Did you hear Torah today? You might have.

Ongoing revelation is a huge insight into how we consider encounters in the world. Should we try to remember and retain all that was said once atop a mountain long ago? Or, are we to continue to listen to voices of wisdom and understanding – expecting to hear new perceptions. And, receiving these new perceptions with the same attitude of holiness as we did way back then.

There is a lot of change around Touro Synagogue. Are we desecrating the past by making these changes? Are we now transmitting only garbled perversions of what was once declared as immutable? Or can this leg of the journey be seen as an unfolding of the next iteration of sacred pursuit?

As Jews, we do not delete or forget the words spoken on Sinai. In fact, quite the opposite – we read them every week as we open the Torah scroll. And, we interpret them. We add our voices. And, we even boldly admit that some of those words speak to a culture that has become part of our indelible, revered history.

This is a brave and difficult time. I know there is some sadness. And, there is some eager anticipation for what is to come. Both sadness and eagerness, we know well, can exist side by side.

I am honored to be with you as we all listen to the ongoing revelation that is happening now, in the 186th year of Touro Synagogue's inspiring lifetime.



Rabbi Alexis Berk



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO ATTEND THE PRESENTATION
OF THE

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L'Chayim Award

TO

Susan and Lou Good

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2015
TOURO SYNAGOGUE

6:30 PM WINE RECEPTION
7:00 PM DINNER AND
PRESENTATION

PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT
BENEFIT TOURO SYNAGOGUE

The Jewish Composer Lecture Series Presented by George Dansker:

LOOK FOR THE SILVER LINING: THE EXQUISITE MUSIC OF JEROME KERN

FEATURING:
Cantor David Mintz
Cantor Joel Colman
Deborah Mintz
Jesse Reeks
& George Dansker

George Dansker will present another wonderful program saluting the great Jewish-American composers of Broadway and Hollywood.

This time, we will be honoring Jerome Kern, the Academy Award winning composer of *Show Boat*, among many other musicals for the stage and screen.

**FRIDAY
JANUARY 16
7:00 P.M.
GRANT MEYER
GARDEN PAVILION
IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING
SHABBAT
SERVICES**

Free and open to the public

PRESERVATION HALL JAZZ BAND



APPEARING LIVE!



**TOURO
SYNAGOGUE'S
24TH ANNUAL**

JAZZFEST SHABBAT

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2015

Pesach by the Shores of the Sea

A Seaside Second Night Seder

**Saturday, April 4, 2015,
at the South Beach Biloxi Hotel and Suites.**

*Join us for a pop-up experiential Seder
led by Rabbi Berk and Cantor Mintz.*

*We will enjoy the Seder meal on
Saturday night on the hotel terrace
overlooking the Gulf.*

Price per person TBD

Book Your Room At The South Beach Biloxi Hotel and Suites

1735 Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, MS 39531

Spend the day and night at
South Beach Biloxi Hotel and Suites,
just 1 ½ hours and less than 90 miles
from Touro Synagogue for our
Second Night Seder on the Sea.

Book a suite for your family
(studio, one and two bedroom suites
are available at varying prices)

Rates range based on room requests
from \$129 - \$239 per night.

To make a room reservation,
call the hotel directly at 228.388.2627 and
use the group rate code "TOUR." Group
room rates will be available until
March 9, 2015. Cancellations can be
made without penalty if cancelled
48 hours in advance.

Touro Synagogue

First Night Congregational Seder

Friday, April 3, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

An evening of story,
song & celebration with
Rabbi Alexis Berk &
Cantor David Mintz

Stay tuned for more details
in the TMail and Bulletin!



A RABBI'S APPRECIATION OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS

In the wake of 9/11, globalization, and the interplay of religion, politics, and social policy, it is increasingly important for us to understand the religions of the world on their own terms as well as from a Jewish perspective. In this five session course, Rabbi Gerson will be exploring, in sequence, Christianity, Mormonism, Islam, Sufism, Baha'i, Hinduism, Buddhism, Zoroastrianism, Jainism, Sikhism, Confucianism, Taoism, Shintoism, Native American religion, Wicca and Scientology. Drawing on his life-long study of the world's religions, Rabbi Gerson hopes to bring order and meaningful understanding of these many religious paths.



Rabbi Gary S. Gerson is a graduate of the Lee Honors College of Western Michigan University (B.A. Magna Cum Laude, 1967), Temple University (M.A., Religion, 1976, and M.A., Psychology, 1977), The Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (Rabbi, 1976), and The Chicago Theological Seminary (Doctor of Ministry, 1984). He is also certified by the Family Therapy Training Center of the Philadelphia Child Guidance Clinic. In 1967, he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship grant for study in India and Japan, and in 1969, a graduate fellowship for study at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

Dr. Gerson served as Senior Rabbi of Oak Park Temple B'nai Abraham Zion, Oak Park, Illinois, a position he held from 1979 to 2009.

Now a man of leisure, he and his wife Carol spend a great deal of time in New Orleans, especially during the winter, and are active in the Touro Torah Study Group as well as the Touro Choir.

<p>CLASS SCHEDULE 7-8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>January 7: <i>Christianity, Part I</i> January 14: <i>Christianity, Part II; Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints</i> February 4: <i>Islam, Sufism, Baha'i</i></p>	<p>February 18: <i>Hinduism, Buddhism</i> February 25: <i>Zoroastrianism, Jainism, Sikhism; Confucianism, Taoism, Shinto Native American Religion, Wicca, Scientology</i></p>
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HUNGRY FOR HEBREW? *continued*

January Dates: 6, 13, 20 & 27

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.

Our study will include:
Psalms 95, 96, L'cha Dodi, Psalms 92 and 93,
and other Friday evening liturgy such as
Maa'riv Aravim, Ahavat Olam,
Shalom Rav, and more.

**This class is for those who already
have basic Hebrew skills.**

Please register your interest with Eileen.

By Phone: 895.4843

By Email: direduc@tourosynagogue.com

SPIRITUAL PARENTHOOD WITH RABBI BERK

DEATH .

SEX .

GOD .

**Sunday, January 18 at 9:15 a.m.
in the Mautner Learning Center**



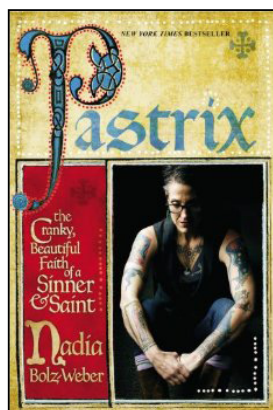
Discussion of the tough topics.
Advice and guidance on addressing
some difficult questions asked by children.

Parents, grandparents, teachers - all are welcome.

Coffee & light breakfast for all who attend.

Please RSVP to info@tourosynagogue.com

Literature & Libations with Rabbi Berk



Wednesday,
January 21, 2015,
Dinner, wine
& discussion:
Nadia Bolz-Weber's
Pastrix

Available for
purchase here:

<http://www.amazon.com/Pastrix-Cranky-Beautiful-Faith-Sinner/dp/1455527084>



Nadia Bolz-Weber

RSVP to info@touro synagogue.com by January 14 so we can save your seat!

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.

January Sessions: 8 & 22

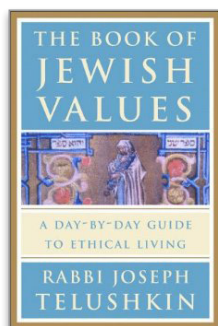
"The Book of Jewish Values," by Rabbi Joseph Telushkin is available on Amazon.

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

Mark your calendars for the next sessions:

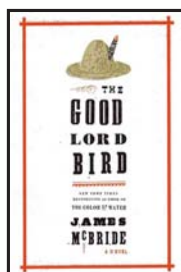
Feb. 5, 12 ▶ Mar. 5, 19

Apr. 2, 16, 30 ▶ May 14, 28



Touro Book Group for Women *The Good Lord Bird* by James McBride

Monday, January 26 at 10:30 a.m.
in the Mautner Learning Center



Join the Touro Book Group for Women for a discussion of James McBride's
"The Good Lord Bird."

For more information and to be included on the mailing list, please contact Marjorie Weiner at mgweiner@aol.com or 398-1669.

JEWISH ETHICS for Professionals Series: *Physicians and Health Care Providers*



Tuesday, January 27, 6:30 p.m.

Join Rabbi Berk in exploring what it means to be an ethical Jewish professional. In this upcoming session, we will examine the ethics of doping.

If you have an interest in a particular subject or case study, please contact Rabbi Berk to submit for our session.

RSVP to info@touro synagogue.com so we can prepare dinner and save you a spot.

\$10 suggested donation for dinner.



Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat

Saturday, January 17 at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary

To celebrate the beginning of each new Hebrew month, join Lisa Keleher and Denise Hoffman in meditation. Practiced in our peaceful sanctuary, take this time for yourself to clear your mind and prepare yourself for a fresh start to the coming month.

No meditation experience is necessary.
Feel free to come to one or all sessions.
Drop-ins are welcome!



Mah Jongg Madness

Fun with friends @ Touro Tables

Thursdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

January Dates: 8, 15, 22 & 29

All Thursdays, except for holidays

Tables open for all players – all levels.
Call Eileen at 895.4843 to register your interest or for more information. Please let us know if you will be joining us!

Must bring 2014 card to play.



CALLING ALL TORAH READERS!

(and Torah readers to-be!)

Do you enjoy chanting Torah and are looking for opportunities to use this vital skill to empower yourself and the community? Has it been many years since you chanted Torah, and you're looking to re-learn, review, and re-use this skill? Have you always wanted to chant Torah, but have never learned?

Join our corps of Torah chanters and help lead and elevate our community in new and exciting ways!

Basic Hebrew skills are necessary.

For more information email Cantor Mintz at dmintz@touroynagogue.com.

FIRST TUESDAYS: *Spirituality in the City*



FEATURING:

Donald Frampton,
Senior Pastor,
St. Charles Avenue
Presbyterian Church
"Holy Play"

**Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at
12:30 p.m. at Lenex 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 Lenex 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.



TOURO SYNAGOGUE'S

7TH ANNUAL

BACCHUS BASH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 3 PM, at TOURO'S PRIMO PARADE SPOT

The central image is a photograph of a crowd at a parade, with people wearing beads and raising their hands. Overlaid on the photo is a large, ornate purple and gold masquerade mask. The text "TOURO SYNAGOGUE'S" is at the top in purple, "7TH ANNUAL" is in yellow, and "BACCHUS BASH" is in large green letters. A green banner at the bottom contains the date and time in white text.

SHABBATI GRAS

\$5/person for dinner

Friday, February 6 & 13

Join us for a casual, relaxing and abbreviated service followed by a family dinner in the Bowsky Garden as the parades go by.

The bottom section features a white, cloud-like shape with a gold border. Inside, the words "SHABBATI GRAS" are written in large, stylized letters. Below this, in smaller black letters, is "\$5/person for dinner". To the right, the text "Friday, February 6 & 13" is written in a large, stylized font. Below this, in smaller black letters, is the description of the event. The entire section is framed by a decorative border of purple, yellow, and green beads.

Touro Synagogue Religious School

SUNDAY DRIVES



Over the Counter Medications for Eden House

It's cold and flu season, so over the counter meds are needed. Please bring in Tylenol, Mucinex, Cold-eze, Nyquil, cough drops, and the like, also tissues, and thermometers to keep those cold symptoms under control.

A collection bin will be at the General Pershing entrance on **January 4**.

TOT SHABBAT ROCKS!

Saturday, January 10, 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 January are
**Nola, Leslie, and Ron Gubitz, and
Max, Rachel, and Mark Wilson**

The theme is **Mishpachah (Family)**



SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 3 AT 6:30 P.M.

JEWISH ETHICS for Professionals Series: *Attorneys and Judges*



Shabbat

Tisch



Saturday, January 10 at 5 p.m.

Tisch, meaning "table" in Yiddish, refers to the warm and casual table around which we gather for Shabbat.

As Shabbat day turns into evening, and we prepare to transition into the week, join Cantor Mintz as we come together to enjoy the final moments of the day with festive singing, stories, Torah learning, havdallah, and of course, food and drink!

Please bring a vegetarian snack to share and join us for the next Shabbat Tisch.

MAZEL TOT!

Happy birthday to our youngest congregants

1/3/2014
Louis Hill

1/10/2012
Nadia Erenberg

1/11/2013
Zella Mardon



1/13/2013
Max Wilson

1/14/2013
Franklin Theis

1/15/2010
Hannah Alltmont

1/26/2013
Louis Levine

Don't see your little one on the list?
Email info@touro synagogue.com.

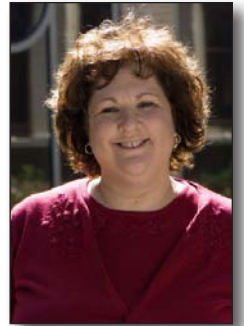
From the Educator

This January 8, New Orleans will commemorate the Bicentennial of the Battle of New Orleans. Two hundred years ago in early January, Judah Touro fought in that battle and was gravely wounded. He recovered, slowly, with the help and patient friendship of Rezin Shepard. Touro was said to have been left with a limp from the wound, but this did not stop him from focusing on his business ventures and saving a fortune that would benefit our congregation. Also in January, on January 13 to be exact, 160 years ago, Judah Touro died. He is not buried in New Orleans, rather in his home of Newport, RI, but his name lives on here and in many places by virtue of his philanthropy. Each January, we hear his name read as we observe his Yahrzeit. I walk by Judah Touro's portrait almost daily. There is something so intriguing about his hat.

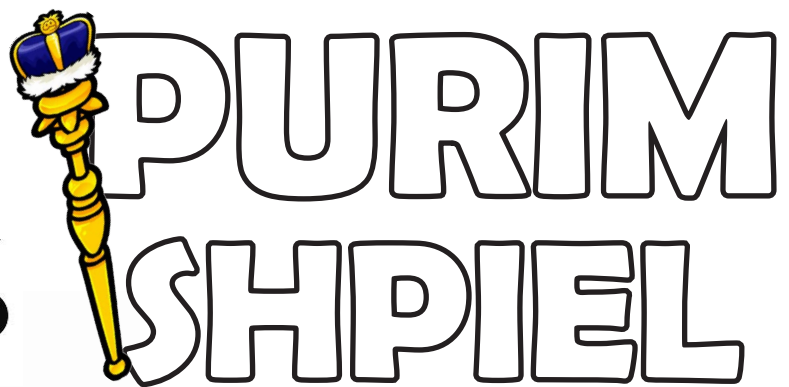
Judah Touro was born in Newport, RI to Hazzan Isaac Touro and Reyna (nee) Hays. The Touroes were affluent, but after the Revolutionary War, the economy of Newport tanked and the Touroes moved to Jamaica, British West Indies, where they lived in poverty. Isaac Touro died soon after, so Judah's mother and siblings moved to Boston to live with Reyna's brother Moses Michael Hays and family. From Hays, Judah learned business practices, and soon moved to New Orleans to invest in real estate and the import business. Some say that Judah moved away from the Hays household because he was in love with his first cousin, Catherine Hays. Interestingly, Judah Touro never married in his life, nor did Catherine.

Judah saved money religiously in his lifetime, but he was not a religious observer. After strengthening his friendship with Shepard, and also developing a friendship with Gershon Kursheedt, a northern Jew and early leader in New Orleans congregational life, they convinced Touro to care more about Judaism and support Jewish organizations. So he did, leaving money to start Touro Infirmary, Nefushot Yehudah, and other national and non-Jewish causes and charities all around the country.

This January, our Uptown Hebrew School Late Nite program will focus on "Touro Pride." Students will not only hear more about the history of Touro Synagogue (and before), but eat dinner with Judah Touro himself (or at least someone who will impersonate him). It will be a night to commemorate and celebrate what makes our synagogue unique and special and a place to be especially proud of.



Eileen Hamilton



save the date
Sunday, March 1, 2015
10:00 a.m.

Are you bummed that you missed auditions?
Don't worry, for a limited time you can still
get involved! Just contact Cantor Mintz at
dmintz@tourosynagogue.com!

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.



Megan Zurik shows off her bounty

Exciting News for Touro Grows!

Have you seen our Pitt Street garden lately? That small garden has produced six harvests of mustard greens and collard greens for the Broadmoor Food Pantry! And there is more to come. So we need your help.

All volunteers are welcome, especially religious school parents, because we harvest on Sunday mornings during school. You're there anyway.

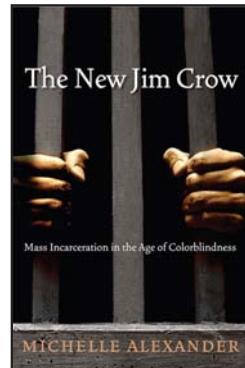
It's easy. Really. Come. Have a good time, and do something that is very meaningful for people who don't have easy access to fresh vegetables. Set an example and make your children (and grandchildren) proud!

To volunteer, please contact Ann Fishman at dagadam@aol.com

Mass Incarceration

Wednesday, January 14 at noon &

Wednesday January 28 at 7 p.m.



"The New Jim Crow offers a devastating account of a legal system doing its job perfectly well. We have simply replaced one caste system (Jim Crow) for another one (imprisonment, parole, detention) that keeps the majority of minorities in a permanent state of disenfranchisement. . . . Alexander does a fine job of truth-telling, pointing the finger where it rightly should be pointed: at all of us, liberal and conservative, white and black."

— Forbes

We hope you'll join us for a conversation on Michelle Alexander's book, *The New Jim Crow*. We'll be meeting on two separate dates to discuss these intersections of criminal justice, racism, and how they are manifesting in social movements



Michelle Alexander

happening now in Ferguson and elsewhere. Attendance is open to all who are interested in this conversation, and all are encouraged to review this trailer at <http://newjimcrow.com/about/book-trailer> prior to the conversation. Feel free to attend one or both sessions.

RSVP to Dani Levine: dlevine@avodah.net or Julie Silbert: julie.silbert@keanmiller.com.

Loyola Honors Program

In January, the Loyola Honors Program will hold their annual feminine hygiene products drive for homeless guests of the Rebuild Center. They will have a pink collection bin by the Broadmoor Food Pantry shelf in the Shushan. If you prefer they buy the products on your behalf, email Naomi Yavneh Klos (yavneh@loyno.edu).



TOURO WALKS

Won't you join with the Touro community as we walk together in support of the following cause? To learn more contact Aimee Bain (aimee.bain@thomsonreuters.com).

MLK Day March – *"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."* – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. New Orleans' annual, city-wide Martin Luther King, Jr. Day March, which commemorates Dr. King's lifelong quest for peace and justice, begins at City Hall and proceeds to the MLK Monument on South Claiborne Avenue. The MLK Day March will be held on **Monday, January 19, 2015.**

Masjid-ur-Rahim

Our friends at Masjid-ur-Rahim (Mosque of the Merciful) will once again be distributing clothing and household items to those in our community who are most needy, at their annual Martin Luther King Jr. weekend free health fair and hot community meal on Saturday, January 17.

We would like to help them by donating used and/or new clothing and household items collected from our Touro members. Please drop off your donations at the synagogue in the donation bin in the hallway by



Thursday, January 15. Any type of clothing and household goods will help. Warm adult and children's clothing and socks are particularly appreciated!

If you have ever been a part of this event you know just how extraordinary it is. If you are new to Touro, and/or Touro Social Action, then you should know the positive impact of this event on the people in our New Orleans community who have few other resources. Your generosity in donation here is greatly appreciated and does much to help the underserved in our community. Our collection efforts also help us to maintain our cherished ties with our friends at Masjid-ur-Rahim.

If you have questions, please email Lisa Herman at herman87@cox.net.

Sophie B. Wright School

The Sophie Wright building is receiving a total renovation with the addition of a gym, so SBW is displaced in temporary housing. SBW will remain out of their building through the 2014/15 school year. Our support is crucially important as they try to maintain their customary high morale, strong sense of community, and motivation in their temporary home in a neighborhood riddled with problems. It is easy to help. Contact Teri Hunter for more information (tlhunter22@gmail.com).



TOURO & SOPHIE B. WRIGHT
SYNAGOGUE & CHARTER SCHOOL

NEW: ACT PREP - In conjunction with our partners at the Loyola Honors Program, Touro members are invited to help prepare a select group of SBW students for their ACT. Please contact Teri Hunter if you are interested.

LGBTQ ALLY TRAINING *follow up dinner*

Tuesday, January 13 at 6 p.m.

We are stronger as individuals and as a congregation when we stand together, as we did recently at Touro Synagogue when our Confirmation class and other congregants received professional training as LGBTQ allies.

To continue the conversation, join Rabbi Berk and Cantor Mintz on **Tuesday, January 13, 6:00 p.m.** for dinner and discussion.

RSVP for dinner to Laura Levy at laura.silven.levy@gmail.com.



Ethan Katz Helps Make Music in NOLA

For Ethan's Bar Mitzvah project, he has become involved with the organization Make Music NOLA. Make Music NOLA is a music for social change program that provides free music instruction to high poverty students in the 9th ward and Central City.

Ethan has been going to Arise Academy, with a teacher from his school, to help teach violin to middle school students. Ethan hopes to continue his involvement long after his Bar Mitzvah is over. He has truly enjoyed meeting the students at Arise and sharing his passion for the violin with them. He says that it's just "fun" playing the violin with them.



Ethan Katz helps teach his peers violin

Besides sharing music together, Ethan and these students are learning from each other's differences and realizing how much they have in common. Ethan also hopes to bring awareness about the organization to his friends, family, and Touro community and encourages people to support the organization by volunteering, donating instruments, or providing financial support. Please visit www.makemusicnola.org for more information.

Bake Sales for Good

Maddie Goff is working hard to raise money to send one camper to Jacobs Camp this summer. Through bake sales and other creative sale items, she is well on her way.



Marley Aamodt, Maddie Goff & Catherine Cahn making hot chocolate gift bags.

Benjamin's Book Baskets



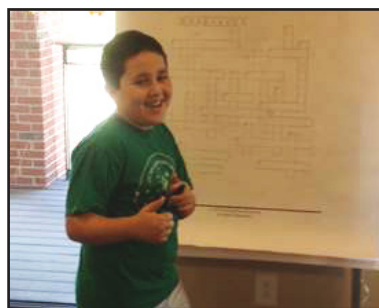
Benjamin Wilkins became a Bar Mitzvah on December 6. He collected books for the Renew School students and exceeded his goal by leaps and bounds. Benjamin collected 400 books before his Bar Mitzvah and anticipates over 1,000 books to be placed in the hands of all the Renew School students.

Way to Go Nola!

Nola Timmins became a Bat Mitzvah in October. Her final donation to Half the Sky, an organization to assist with Chinese adoptions was **\$2,200**. She exceeded her goal of **\$1,000** by over double.



Lambeth House Fun



Hudi Potash & his giant crossword puzzle!

Hudi Potash is entertaining the residents at Lambeth House. He plays games, giant crossword puzzles, and even has set up a 40's and 50's music "name that tune" game. Stay tuned for more updates!

January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Office Closed for New Years Day No Choir Rehearsal	2 6:00pm Shabbat Service/ Birthday Blessings	3 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Service
4 9:00am Religious School, Grades K-8 In Session	5	6 12:30pm Hungry for Hebrew	7 4:00pm Uptown Hebrew 7:00pm World Religions with Rabbi Gerson	8 12:00pm Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Berk 12:30pm Mah Jongg Madness 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	9 6:00pm Shabbat Service	10 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Tot Shabbat Rocks! 10:30am Shabbat Service 5:00pm Shabbat Tisch
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18 9:00am Religious School, Grades K-8 in Session 9:15am Spiritual Parenthood	19 Office Closed for MLK Day 9:00am MLK Day Parade	20 12:30pm Hungry for Hebrew	21 4:00pm Uptown Hebrew 6:00pm Literature & Libations with Rabbi Berk	22 12:00pm Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Berk 12:30pm Mah Jongg Madness 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	23 6:00pm Shabbat Service	24 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Club 10:30am Shabbat Service
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Donations

TOURO SYNAGOGUE FUND

In Honor of:

Birthday of Amy Lake
Birthday of Marilyn Brown
Special Wedding Anniversary of Phyllis and Jack Alltmont

By: Betty Kohn
Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Norton Wilkins
By: Lisa and David Schlakman
Tour of Touro Synagogue
By: Miriam Schenker

In Memory of:

Beverly Leopold Levy
By: Martin Goldstein and June Leopold
Marianne and Isidore Cohn
Marilyn Levy Planer and Ed Planer
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May their memory be for a blessing

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sister-in-law of Andi Lestelle (Terry) and Lee Sucherman (Ellen)

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mother of Kathy Opotowsky (Randy),
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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 **Matthew Leonard Kupperman**,
son of **Emily and Zach Kupperman**,
grandson of **Mara and Stephen Kupperman**,
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on the birth of **Jacob Max Bain**,
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and **Julie Koppman and Brian Bain**

to the **Cahn family** who will be honored by
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to **Nathan Wexler** for receiving the
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Perpetually enshrined on the Yahrzeit Tablets of Touro Synagogue are the following loved ones for whom Kaddish will be recited at Touro Synagogue for the month of January

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Friday, Jan. 9 / Saturday, Jan. 10

ADOLPH GOOD, ROSA LEHMANN, WILLIE MINTZ, MARX MEYER LEVY, ALEXANDER GOTTSEGEN, HERBERT SCHWARTZ WEIL, DR. SIMON GEISMAR, ALICE KAHN SCHOEN, MIRIAM KOHLMAYER BEAR, LEON HEYMANN, BARBARA S. GLAZER WEINSTEIN, ALLAN L. WOLFF, BEN B. BRILL, SR., SHIRLEY KASTEN, DAVID LANGER, BENJAMIN BARCON GOLDMAN, GERTRUDE HIRSCHMAN GOLDSMITH, ALEXANDER JULIUS HEINEMANN, MOSE JACOBS, MINNIE BERENSON AMES, IRMA S. SCHWARZ, M. WALDO MAYER, SR., HAROLD A. FRANK, HARRY M. MILLMAN

Friday, Jan. 16 / Saturday, Jan. 17

DORA ELIAS HASPEL, SYLVIA FRIEFELD WEINER, CLARA WEIL STERN, MRS. JESSE P. STERN, DR. MARCUS GOODWIN, LOUIS SPIRO, HELAINE KAHN KLING, SIMON BOLLAG, SI BERG, MAX M. LEVY, NORA K. FEIBLEMAN, MARCUS BERLIN, CLARA NEWMAN HYMAN, RHODA LEWIS SUCHERMAN, LEOPOLD WOLFF, MILDRED NORMAN FORGOTSTON, DAVID HOCHSTEIN, SAMUEL BERLIN, JOSEPH CLAY SHIELDS, SR., WALTER F. MARCUS, CLEM KOHLMANN SALMON, HELEN POLACK LOEB, EMELIE ISAACS TURKHEIMER

Friday, Jan. 23 / Saturday, Jan. 24

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Friday, Jan. 30 / Saturday, Jan. 31

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Friday, January 2

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

Saturday, January 3

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service,
Forgotston Chapel

Friday, January 9

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service,
Forgotston Chapel

Saturday, January 10

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service,
Forgotston Chapel

Friday, January 16

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service,
Main Sanctuary

Saturday, January 17

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service,
Forgotston Chapel

Friday, January 23

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service,
Forgotston Chapel

Saturday, January 24

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service,
Forgotston Chapel

Friday, January 30

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service,
Choir Shabbat, Forgotston Chapel

Saturday, January 31

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service,
Forgotston Chapel

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PARASHIYOT

Dec. 28-Jan. 3: Va-y'chi

Gen. 47:28-50:26 / I Kings 2:1-2:12

Jan. 4-10: Sh'mot

Exod. 1:1-6:1 /
Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-29:23

Jan. 11-17: Va-eira

Exod. 6:2-9:35 / Ezekial 28:25-29:21

Jan. 18-24: Bo

Exod. 10:1-13:16 / Jeremiah 46:13-28

Jan. 25-31: B'shalach


Exod. 13:17-17:16 / Judges 4:4-5:31

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