

TOURO SYNAGOGUE

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President's Message

I am very excited to share with you an important change to the way we ask our members to support Touro Synagogue. We're trading in our existing dues structure for a more modern and progressive approach based on voluntary annual support – a system that has been successfully implemented by other congregations around the country. I would like to tell you the full story of how this came about, as I feel it reflects strongly on the solid ethics, principles and responsiveness of this community. Eighteen months ago a committee was formed to look at how we assess dues. The mission was to examine whether our practices are fair, well-reasoned and consistent with our values and our mission. Those questions were quickly and easily answered with a resounding “no.”

One look at our current dues structure, reflects an outdated effort to assess a fair-share membership cost based on luck and lifecycle. Presumably, somewhere along the way, it was concluded that a family would have a greater ability to support the congregation the moment a child entered their lives. With similar logic, the committee determined that, upon marriage, a couple would have more available income than a single individual of the same age. However accurate those assumptions may have been in the past, we recognize that life is just not that simple. Furthermore, the “levels” based on age didn't seem reflective of the typical professional journey in our complicated times.

How, then, should an eternally well-intentional congregation go about deciding what an individual, couple or household ought to pay to provide the support needed to run the Synagogue? Stated differently, how do we honestly communicate and hope to collect enough to cover the real cost of operating our Synagogue? In our case, that cost works out to \$2,400 per member household.

Before speaking further about the issue of member support, two important points bear mention. First, our Board has done excellent work in holding expenses to a minimum. There is no waste or fluff in our budget. Additionally, we have offset a meaningful portion of our expenses through congregational fundraisers and by leasing our religious school building during the business week to Bricolage Academy (a two year commitment only).

Second, our operating cost per member household is within the national average of \$2,200 to \$2,500 reported by Union for Reform Judaism. In addition to voluntary annual support systems, the committee comprehensively explored every other feasible system for member support.

These included:

Income Based Assessment/Fair Share: This model involves some form of disclosure of income sources, and/or interviews between congregants and the finance committee and/or presenting tax returns. While theoretically “fair”, this system is intrusive, offensive and not at all reflective of who we are!

Tiered Support: That is the system we employed in the past and assumes ability to pay based on criteria such as age, marital status, childbearing, etc. While ostensibly less intrusive than an income-based assessment, even a “modernized” rubric is often unfair and is inherently arbitrary.

Pay-as-you-go: This is how many Churches support themselves. We had trouble imagining passing a plate.

Flat “Tax”: This system simply assesses the member support number (in our case the \$2,400 discussed above) to each family. Fair and consistent, at least in theory, this cannot work because all congregants are not able to afford the “member support number.”

None of these four systems felt right to us, but voluntary annual support did. It's a fair and just approach, one that's in keeping with our values and one that will help us to foster the kind of open, inclusive Jewish community that's warm and welcoming to everyone.

To learn more about our new Voluntary Annual Support system, please join us at the Annual Congregational Meeting at 10 a.m. on May 18, 2014. If you are unable to join us, look for details to come via letters and e-mail during the week of May 19. Also included in this bulletin are the FAQ's regarding this new approach. In the meanwhile, we make this promise: Our new system will enable you to help support this special Touro community - a community that supports us all - in a way that is both deeply meaningful and right for you and your family.



Scott Silbert

COME AND GET THE SCOOP ON OUR BRAND NEW APPROACH TOWARDS DUES

ANNUAL MEETING AND CELEBRATION SUNDAY, MAY 18

Annual Meeting at 10 a.m. in the Chapel

- Presentation of the new Dues structure
- Congregational vote to approve the 2014-2015 Slate of Board Nominees
- Congregational vote to amend the Articles of Incorporation

Children's Activities begin at 10 a.m.

- Supervised fun for kids of all ages!
- Bounce House Fun
- Face Painting
- Balloon Animals by Bob Berk

LUNCH at 11:30 FOR ALL!

Join us for a delicious and plentiful lunch with Bagels and Lox, Deli, Salads, Blintzes, Snowballs, and more!

RSVP - we want to have enough food!

Email Laura at laura@tourosynagogue.com

Board of Trustees Nominations

2-year term (ending June 2016):

Michael Cohen, Ann Fishman,
Ron Gubitz, Naomi Yavneh

Re-nominated for an additional
1-year term (ending June 2015):

Karen Turkish

Re-nominated for an additional
2-year term (ending June 2016):

Diane Africk, Richard Cahn,
Sam Guichet, David Hammer,
Lisa Herman, Austin Lavin, Thaia Pick,
Stacey Weinreb, Jenny Zurik

Respectfully submitted by the
Nominating Committee:

Phyllis Alltmont, Chair

Susan Good, Sam Guichet, Teri Hunter,
Austin Lavin, Dani Levine, Dan Weiner,
Rabbi Alexis Berk, Scott Silbert,
Kerry Tapia

Amendments to Articles
of Incorporation

Visit the link below to view amendments:

www.tourosynagogue.com/articles



Cantor's Message

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the cantor of Touro Synagogue these last three years. Being one of your *sh'lichei tzibbur*, a messenger of the congregation, has been a gift, helping to create moments of prayerful uplift. I've so enjoyed singing with our kids in the religious school; creating heavenly harmonies with the choir; engaging in Torah with the sixth graders; and searching for meaning in our texts and traditions with many of you.

You have welcomed me and my family into your hearts and your homes. This community is infused with a grace that echoes the story of Abraham welcoming the three angels and the joy of Miriam leading the Israelites in song. Rabbi Berk spoke truly when she said to me, back when I was first applying for the position, that Touro Synagogue understands what "community" is. I have had the privilege of getting to know each of you over coffee and lunch, in my office or in the halls of Touro Synagogue, while hanging out at the JCC or schmoozing at the Oneg.

And above all, I am deeply indebted to Rabbi Berk. She has been for me a teacher and mentor, a guide and leader. Touro Synagogue is blessed to have her as its spiritual leader.

It's hard to wrap up three years of love and joy, friendship and faith, strength and endurance. I think of the many goodbyes that have been said and the many more to come; the work of preparing for a smooth and successful transition for my friend Cantor David Mintz as he enters the cantorate and joins this community; and the uncertainty of the future ahead. Through it all, I have faith that the Creator of All will support and sustain all of us, *mei-atah v'ad olam*, from now and for generations to come.



Cantor Jamie Marx

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. Marx'.

Join Touro on May 23 for a farewell service to Cantor Marx followed by a celebratory Oneg.



JAZZ FEST SHABBAT PATRONS

**MANY THANKS TO ALL THE
PATRONS WHOSE SUPPORT
MADE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE**

JAZZ

Diane and Alan Franco

ZYDECO

Phyllis and Jack Alltmont
Jenni and David Hammer
Jill and Dave Israel
Julie and Scott Silbert

R&B

Anonymous
Vivian and Richard Cahn
Susan and Lou Good
Carole Jacobson
Marilyn Kullman
Ruth Kullman
Shelley Middleberg
Kathy and Hal Shepard
Marjorie and Roy Weiner

BLUES

Diane Africk
Aaron Ahlquist
Ava and Michael Alltmont
Shellie Shockey and John Antonucci
Chris Roden and Alan Baer
William Taylor Barry
Cathy and Morris Bart
Joan and Gerald Berenson
Joy and Andrew Braun
Linda and Richard Friedman
Ana and Juan Gershanik
Carol and Gary Gerson
Shannie and David Goldstein
Sharon Kahn and Josh Goldstein
June Leopold and Marty Goldstein
George Greenberg
Diane and Robert Hammer
Lisa and Mike Herman



BLUES (CONTINUED)

Teri and Jonathan Hunter
Dottie Jacobs
Marlene and Bernie Jaffe
Chris Kahn
Beverly Katz
Lisa and William Keleher
Edward Klopfer
Betty Kohn
Millie and Robert Kohn
Laura and Walter Levy
Claire, Maurya Kilroy and John Lovett
Judith Lubcher and Kenneth Margolis
Rebecca Mark
Doris and Bill Norman
Janice Oldak
Rita Olmo
Naomi and Larry Orlansky
Phyllis and Jay Shames
Rob Shepard
Nancy and Gary Silbert
Barbara Simon
Cathy Lazarus and Eric Simon
Janice and Jeffrey Smith
Sheryl and Peter Title
Jeff Lockman and Mark Townsend
Susan Leboff and Bruce Weiner
Dan Weiner
Ellen and Marc Yellin
Ellen Zakris and Peter Sather
Jack Zoller
Jenny and Lee Zurik

From the Educator

The most fun thing about a Sunday morning is talking to our students. When they leave your car, they give you a look of disdain about dropping them off in this place. You must imagine that your child and others are sitting here in silence commiserating about their experience and pouting. Often when they return to your car, they will give you a full report of what went on: "Nothing. And, it was boring, we didn't learn anything and I have heard it all before." But, what we see on our end is very different. We see smiles and hear laughter. We see participation in full force and a lot of chat. Our students chime in and in fact, sometimes the teachers cannot get a word in edgewise. It's noisy here. Why – because we're busy and active in such a short time to celebrate our Jewish learning on one Sunday morning together.

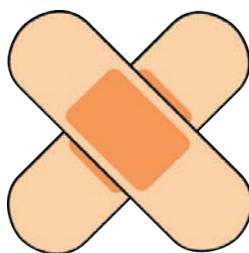
Last week I told some very young students about Chelm, a small village of Jewish people, from a faraway place, from a very long time ago, who were described as "silly" or "foolish." I asked if someone could explain that that means. And from the back shot up the hand of a Kindergartner who said, "they are the kind of people who slip on banana peels!" And I said, yes. We read a precious story about Chelm and some soup made from a stone....and all listened so intently.

It was such a pleasure, and after I went to talk to our older students who asked when we could travel again together. We went on a Civil Rights Journey not too long ago. I told them not for two more years, but indeed, we would go on another trip and there it came – a scream – of delight. They started talking about their plans right away. We had a Late Nite just last Wednesday with our 3,4,5 and 6 graders and the exuberance was so great, no one realized it was time to go. The hour and a half passed so fast because we were all so engaged in the activities. Debate, fun, trivia, food and more. What a blast!

You should always believe what your children tell you, it may be important. But, don't believe it all when they say that they never have fun at religious school. One thing is for sure, I will let you know when something of concern happens here. But, for most of the time, I can tell you great stories – funny, interesting, and amazing – because I hear all this from your children – the greatest, smartest, and most interesting children in New Orleans.



Eileen Hamilton



"Tolerance Kids Bandage Project" is collecting 1.5 million bandages to honor the children killed in the Holocaust. Touro will accept bandages through May 4 for the project. Just sign your name on the bandage box and drop them off at the General Pershing entrance.



You are cordially invited to attend

Confirmation and L'ador V'ador

Friday, May 30, 2014, at 6 p.m.

1 Sivan 5774



Alex Morais Abramson
son of Kelly and David Abramson

Samuel Evan Baum
son of Jaymi and Mark Baum

Todd Jacob Hamilton
son of Eileen and Larry Hamilton

Samuel Matthew Laufer
son of Elizabeth and Jeffrey Laufer

Samuel Axelrod Schaefer
son of Foofie and Darrah Schaefer

Oneg Shabbat follows service

Doors close promptly for processional

BLESSINGS ABOUND: ROSH CHODESH MONTHLY MEDITATION GROUP

Explore meditation with Rabbi Berk on Rosh Chodesh Shabbat mornings at 9:00 a.m. No previous meditation experience necessary. Come to our last sessions. Drop-ins welcome!

Rosh Chodesh Iyar – May 3, 2014
Rosh Chodesh Sivan – May 24, 2014
9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary



Saturday, May 10, 9:30 a.m.

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

The theme is:
Yom Ha'atzmaut – A celebration of Israel.

Come celebrate Cantor Marx's
last Tot Shabbat at Touro!

PJ Library Books



If you are receiving PJ Library books and want more....check out Sifriyat Pijama B'America, the Hebrew version of PJ Library.

All you have to do is register at www.sp-ba.org.
Registration is open while supplies last.

FIRST TUESDAYS: *Spirituality In the City Speaker Series*

TANIA TETLOW

Felder-Fayard Associate Professor at Tulane Law School and
Director of the Domestic Violence Clinic

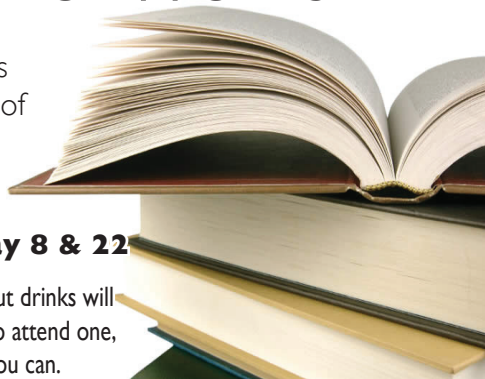
"THE SPIRITUALITY OF SURVIVAL: WORKING WITH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE" MAY 6, 12:30 P.M.

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. All are welcome. Admission is free.

THE BOOK OF WORDS

Join Rabbi Berk in this
lunchtime exploration of
Lawrence Kushner's
"Book of Words."



Remaining Dates: May 8 & 22

Our lunches are brown bag, but drinks will be provided. You are invited to attend one, or as many sessions as you can.

TOURO BOOK GROUP

Monday, May 19, 10:30 a.m., Mautner Learning Center



Pat Iwachiw will lead the discussion of "Moloka'i" by Alan Brennert. There will be a Summer Lagniappe meeting in mid-July at a date yet to be determined. The book is "Once We Were Brothers" by Ronald Balson, and the discussion will be led by Kitzi Goldman.

**PRAYER RECITATION AND EXPLORATION:
A Shabbat Dinner & Study Series
with Cantor Marx**

May 9, 7:30 p.m.

"Mi Chamocha: Redemption For Our People"



Once a month in the spring, Cantor Marx will lead a Shabbat study focusing on Friday night prayers. We will explore translations, historical context, different melodies and how they all come together to evoke a sense of meaning and connectedness.

Grab a plate of food at the oneg and come down to the library for an hour of learning!

**SUPPORT GROUP FOR
SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS**

Survivors of Suicide Loss is a free peer-led support group for adults whose lives have been impacted by the loss of a loved one to suicide, whether recently or in the past.

The group meets from **6:30-8 p.m.**
on the **2nd and 4th Wednesday** of each month
Remaining 2014 dates included below

Meetings are held at the
NAMI New Orleans Uptown Friendship Club
1538 Louisiana Ave., New Orleans, LA 70115
Parking on ground floor, meeting room on the 2nd floor

Please call (504) 410-7025 or email survivors.nola@gmail.com
before attending and a volunteer facilitator will
contact you as soon as possible.

2014 MEETING DATES:

May 14 & 28	November 12
June 11 & 25	November 26 (tentative)
July 9 & 23	December 10
August 13 & 27	(not meeting December 24)
September 10 & 24	
October 8 & 22	

**LAST DAY OF
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL
Annual Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, May 4**



Please join us for the Touro Synagogue Religious School Annual Pancake Breakfast, awards, certificates, a celebration of Israel and Yom HaAtzmaut, and a special tribute to Cantor Marx.

Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m.

Sit with your teacher and friends and enjoy a delicious breakfast together.

9 – 9:30 a.m.

Visit the classroom for a fun review of the year and pick up any books and materials.

9:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Awards, certificates, and a farewell to Cantor Marx

Early dismissal at 10:45 a.m.

**UPTOWN HEBREW
LAST DAY**

Wednesday, May 7, 4-5 p.m.

Parents, please join us in the Chapel at 5 pm on Wednesday, May 7 for our final tefillah of Uptown Hebrew for the year. Honoring our Dalet students who are finishing their Hebrew studies as we present them with a personalized Yad.

YAD Ceremony for our DALET Graduates



Wednesday, May 7, 5:00 p.m.

Kaitlin Gelman, Maddie Goff,
Eli Kanner, Ethan Katz,
Hudi Potash, Benjamin Wilkins

Social Action at Touro

All initiatives allow one time or on-going commitments



REFLECTING ON THIS YEAR IN SOCIAL ACTION

It's been another busy year together in social action. All of these efforts have allowed for one time and/or on-going participation. Thanks to all for your support of our numerous social action initiatives. Together, we are making a difference in this community.

Sophie B. Wright: Our members rallied to support SBW this year as they settled into their temporary school building in Hollygrove. Tutors and college application mentors offered donations of student incentive gift cards, birthday cookies for each child and faculty member, monthly teacher appreciation snacks, and donated ACT and SAT prep books. There was even a \$3000 donation from a Touro member so that Touro could offer it to SBW for technology. SBW students joined us in a holiday food drive for Second Harvest and contributed cases and cases of canned foods. Touro sponsored the first of what will be an annual award to a graduating senior.

The Touro Synagogue Citizenship Award will be awarded to the graduating senior who consistently exhibited exemplary strength of character. Teri Hunter will present the award at the May 19th graduation. The award comes with a \$100 gift certificate thanks to the generosity of Touro member donations for SBW student incentives and achievements. SBW will spend the 2014/2015 year in their current, temporary building with sights set to return to their home on Napoleon Avenue for the start of the 2015/2016 school year.

Loyola Honors Students: Touro entered into a new partnership with the Loyola Honors Students in an effort to bring more inter-faith collaboration to both organization's work in the community.

Broadmoor Food Pantry, Second Harvest, and the Fight Against Hunger: We stepped up our efforts to feed the hungry in this community by joining in partnership with the Broadmoor Food Pantry, adding food collections and volunteer labor to our collection efforts for Second Harvest. Together we have collected thousands of pounds of non-perishable food items to help feed the many faces of hunger in New Orleans. We have much more work to do in this arena. Stay tuned!

Walks for Causes: We walked together to raise awareness and dollars for NoAids Task Force, Alzheimer's, Lymphoma/Leukemia, The MLK Walk, and the Pride Parade. Join Touro as we march together in this year's **Pride Parade**, Saturday, June 21 at 7 p.m. Stay tuned for details and contact Laura Levy (llevy@tulane.edu) or Dani Levine (dlevine@avodah.net) for details.

Eden House: A residential facility for women recovering from prostitution and sex trafficking. Touro once again hosted their fundraiser in November, donated all welcome baskets for new residents and some for resident birthdays, donated new towels and sheets, personal care items, chairs, a television, and an armoire to help further build their house into a home. We helped with their gardening, celebrated Chanukah with them, and one member provided them with a lovely New Year's Eve dinner celebration!

Masjidur-Rahim: The mosque with whom we have had an ongoing relationship, again hosted their MLK weekend free give away to the most needy in our community. We contributed several carloads of donations for them and we continue to be listed as a partner in their endeavors for this day. Our contributions to this day are greatly appreciated!

VIP Kids: Once again we built viewing stands for special needs children and adults. Opened our doors free of charge, provided food, entertainment, and volunteer hours to host and welcome our guests. We welcomed a record crowd this year.

Harry Thompson Rebuild Center: A homeless day shelter run by an order of nuns and other (mostly) catholic organizations. Our ever growing relationship took on a new dimension this year when under the leadership of Chris Kahn, Jeanne Kessler, and Eileen Hamilton, Touro hosted Christmas Day lunch for roughly 150 guests of the shelter. It was a hugely successful event for all!! Additionally Touro members served lunch and snacks individually on other days. And our religious school makes and contributes an on-going supply of pb&j sandwiches and fresh fruit to the center. Touro has donated hundreds of travel sized toiletries which their homeless guests use daily for showering. One member is contributing volunteer hours as a mental health professional, others are contributing as lawyers and providing occasional legal aid. Jazz Fest Shabbat again brought a call for donations of toiletries for Rebuild and had a huge response.

Alzheimer's Care Giver Support Group: Touro hosts this group twice a month.

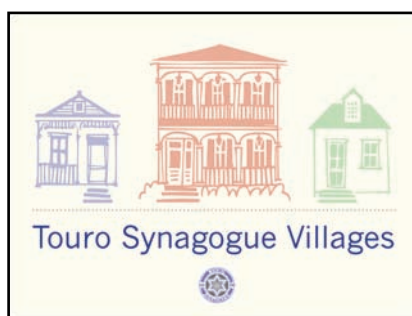
The AIDS Memorial Quilt: For two weeks this year, Touro hosted a panel of the AIDS Quilt. The quilt was a powerful visual reminder of the AIDS pandemic and of our own ability to make a difference in healing the world together.

Welcome Home Glenn Ford: Touro members prepared homemade meals and treats as they helped welcome to freedom Glenn Ford, a man wrongly held on death row for 30 years for a murder he did not committ. Stay tuned for more upcoming initiatives as we begin to look at involvement in the issue of mass incarceration.

Contact Teri Hunter (tlhunter22@gmail.com) or the Touro office (504-895-4843) to learn more about any of these initiatives and/or to get involved.

Caring and Mitzvah: Under the leadership of Lisa Keleher, we are working hard to improve the internal arm of our outreach by reaching out more consistently to our own members in loving care and support. We continue to send handwritten notes of welcome to new members but have also begun sending handwritten notes to members at other times when they might welcome the caring touch of our community. We have begun to send hospital recovery care packages, have had new Touro onesies made to welcome our newest members--they really are adorable! Ask to see one at the office. We had a very successful Passover outreach initiative to some of our elderly and less connected members. Caring and Mitzvah programming will be ever evolving and growing more in the year ahead.

Stay tuned and contact Lisa Keleher (lisatkeleher@gmail.com) to see how you can help. Contact the Touro office (laura@touroynagogue.com or 504-895-4843) with names of those who might welcome the warmth of our outreach.



Introducing Caring & Mitzvah - Villages

Wikipedia describes a village as "a clustered human community...consisting of perhaps 5 to 30 families...situated together for sociability and defense." Touro is like a big village, maybe even a town. We don't know everyone in our Touro town, but perhaps we can come together in smaller groups to share our life journey - celebrating simchas, providing some comfort in times of need, or just being sociable.

Soon you will be receiving a letter of welcome to your village and an introduction from your village coordinator. A meet-and-greet date will be set, and you will have the opportunity to visit with some of your Touro neighbors. Some you will already know

well, and some you'll meet for the first time. URJ's president, Rabbi Jacobs, calls on us to embrace "audacious hospitality" in our communities. I look forward to hearing how your village's vision comes into being.

Shalom,
Lisa Keleher
lisatkeleher@gmail.com

Brenan Alan Kronenberg

will become a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 10, 2014



For my Bar Mitzvah project, I have been working with the LASPCA. This organization rescues animals and takes care of them until someone adopts them. My Mitzvah project has two focuses: one is collecting items such as food, blankets and toys for the shelter. The other focus of my project is volunteering at the shelter this summer. My Mitzvah project is very special to me as it is a way for me to help animals that are helpless.

Becoming a Bar Mitzvah means I am able to follow my ancestors in this generational tradition. The preparation process has made me more knowledgeable of what it means to be Jewish. The process also made me more responsible. If I had a choice to go through this process again, I would do it in a heartbeat.

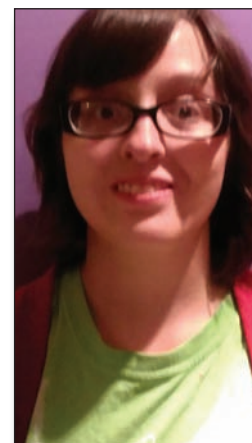
Brenan is the son of Mark and Kirsh Kronenberg; brother to Conley Kronenberg; grandson to the late Ira Alan and Kay Siegel Kronenberg, and William Michael and Mary Grace Reinhardt.

Jessica Rachel Neal

will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 24, 2014

When you make your Bar or Bat Mitzvah it means to come of age as a young Jewish man or woman. Sometimes it's your choice, your parents' choice, or both your choices. Having a Bar or Bat Mitzvah means you have decided to stay Jewish your whole life. Most people have their Bar or Bat Mitzvah at 12 or 13 years old. When I said I was too old to have a Bat Mitzvah because I was almost 19, my brother told me there was an 80 year old woman who just had hers. When I asked my mom how old she was when she had hers, she said she was 45 years old. I thought, "wow" when she said that. I love being Jewish.

My Mitzvah Project is with the SPCA because they take all animals, all sizes and shapes, and animals that other places won't take. I like that if a dog or cat is injured the SPCA takes care of that before anything else. I think all the things that the SPCA does for these animals is very sweet and loving. They open up their hearts for these dogs and cats. That is what I love about them and that is why I want to work there. I love the SPCA.



Jessica is the daughter of Burt and Michelle Neal; sister to Devin, Stephen, and Jillian Neal, and Jenessa Maas, granddaughter to Burt and Barbara Neal, and the late Gerald and Judith Neal.

CELEBRATING A SIMCHA?



Celebrate your next birthday, anniversary, engagement, child's birth, grandchild's birth or other simchas by sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat at one of our Friday night services.

For more information please contact Donna in the office at 895.4843 or at Donnap@touro synagogue.com.

ATTENTION 5TH-9TH GRADERS

URJ is opening a new camp called **6 Points Camp for Science and Technology** this summer in Boston, MA for campers entering fifth – ninth grades. The camp will offer 3 – two week sessions.

Special Women of Reform Judaism scholarships are available for new campers. If you're interested, please let Eileen know.

Touro Congratulates our 2014 High School Graduates

Andrew (Drew) Balkin

Parents

Ellen and Mark Balkin

High School

Isidore Newman School

Activities and Honors

- Peer Leader
- Newman Swim Team Captain (State Champions)
- NFTY-SO Spring Conclave Co-Chair (2013-14)
- NFTY-SO Regional Secretary (2012-13)

College Attending in the Fall

Louisiana State University

Course of Study

Broadcast Journalism



Molly Rae Greenberg

Parents

Lauren and David Greenberg

High School

Lusher Charter School

Activities and Honors

- Volleyball (4 years)
- Tennis (2 years)

College Attending in the Fall

Louisiana State University

Course of Study

Undecided



Daniel Silbert

Parents

Julie and Scott Silbert

High School

Isidore Newman School

Activities and Honors

- Class Treasurer
- Cum Laude Society
- National Merit Finalist
- Newman Jazz Band
- JewCCY President
- Sewanee Book Award for Excellence in Writing

College Attending in the Fall

Undecided

Course of Study

Undecided



Jake Zakris

Parents

Elly Zakris and Peter Sather

High School

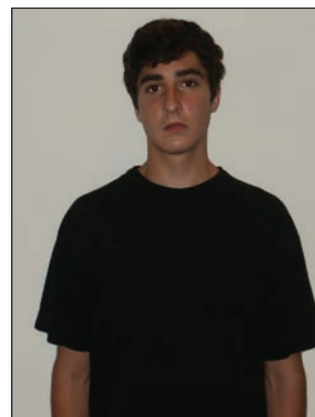
Metairie Park Country Day School

College Attending in the Fall

University of Georgia

Course of Study

Undecided



WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO
CONGRATULATE:

Deborah Amann
Rachael Moss
Brooke Rittenberg

May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 No Choir Rehearsal	2 6:00pm Shabbat Service/ Birthday Blessings	3 9:00am Torah Study 9:00am Blessings Abound: Rosh Chodesh 10:30am Shabbat Service
4 8:30am Annual Pancake Breakfast 9:00am Religious School Closing Day and Awards, All Grades in Session & Early Dismissal at 10:45am 12:45pm Synagogue Softball League– Touro vs. Beth Israel	5	6	7 4:00pm Uptown Hebrew Closing Day and Awards 5:00pm Yad Ceremony for Dalet Graduates	8 12:00pm Book of Words 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	9 6:00pm Shabbat Service 7:30pm Prayer Recitation and Exploration	10 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Tot Shabbat Rocks! 10:30am Shabbat Service— Bar Mitzvah: Brenan Alan Kronenberg
11 10:40am Synagogue Softball League– Touro vs. Gates of Prayer	12	13	14	15 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	16 6:00pm Shabbat Service	17 9:00am Torah Study 9:30am Shabbat Club 10:30am Shabbat Service
18 10:00am Annual Meeting & Family Fun	19 10:30am Touro Book Group	20	21	22 12:00pm Book of Words 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	23 6:00pm Shabbat Service/ Farewell to Cantor Jamie Marx/Choir Shabbat	24 9:00am Torah Study 9:00am Blessings Abound: Rosh Chodesh 10:30am Shabbat Service— Bat Mitzvah: Jessica Rachel Neal
25	26 Office Closed for Memorial Day	27	28	29 7:30pm End of the Year Choir Party	30 6:00pm Shabbat Service/ Confirmation with L'Dor Vador	31 9:00am Torah Study 10:30am Shabbat Service

Torah Study

Every Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.
Unwrapping Ancient Wisdom
in a Post-Modern World

PARASHIYOT

April 27-May 3: Emor

Lev. 21:1-24:23 / Ezekiel 44:15-31

May 4-10: B'har

Lev. 25:1-26:2 / Jeremiah 32:6-27

May 11-17: B'chukotai

Lev. 26:3-27:34 / Jeremiah 16:19-17:14

May 18-24: B'midbar

Num. 1:1-4:20 / Hosea 2:1-22

May 25-31: Naso

Num. 4:21-7:89 / Judges 13:2-25

June 1-7: B'haalot'cha

Num. 8:1-12:16 / Zechariah 2:14-4:7

June 8-14: Sh'lach L'cha

Num 13:1-15:41 / Joshua 2:1-24

June 15-21: Korach

Num. 16:1-18:32 / I Samuel 11:14-12:22

June 22-28: Chukat

Num. 19:1-22:1 / Judges 11:1-3

June 29-July 5: Balak

Num. 22:2-25:9 / Micah 5:6-6:8

July 6-12: Pinchas

Num. 25:10-30:1 / I Kings 18:46-19:21

July 13-19: Matot

Num. 30:2-32:34 / Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

July 20-26: Mas'ei

Num. 33:1-36:13 / Jeremiah 2:4-28, 3:4, 4:1-2

July 27-Aug. 2: D'varim

Deut. 1:1-3:22 / Isaiah 1:1-27

Aug. 3-9: Va-et'chanan

Deut. 3:23-7:11 / Isaiah 40:1-26

Aug. 10-16: Eikev

Deut. 7:12-11:25 / Isaiah 49:14-51:3

Aug. 17-23: R'eih

Deut. 11:26-16:17 / Isaiah 54:11-55:5

Aug. 24-30: Shof'tim

Deut. 16:18-21:9 / Isaiah 51:12-52:12

Aug. 31-Sept. 6: Ki Teitzei

Deut. 21:10-25:19 / Isaiah 54:1-10

IN MEMORIAM

May their memory be for a blessing

Phyllis Buchsbaum, mother of Richard Buchsbaum

Cynthia Ann Ballon "Cyndi" Garaudy, wife of Sidney F. Garaudy

Nettie Regenbogen "Nat" Forman, grandmother of Dan Forman (Cat)

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Leah Lichtenstein Pollman, aunt of Laura Levy (Walter)

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Reita Anne Paplanus Franco, mother of Alan Franco (Diane)

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to Mara Goldberg and Alessandra Ward on their recent engagement;

*to Joan Wightkin on the engagement of her daughter
Jessie Ritter Wightkin to Joe Gelini;*

*to Joy and Andy Braun on the engagement of their son
Robby Braun to Joella Fink*

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

Tuesday, June 3, 7 pm at Touro Synagogue &
Wednesday, June 4, 10:30 am at Gates of Prayer



7 pm: Sumptuous Potluck
Dairy Dinner

7:30 pm: Study and
Discussion
**Torah as THE Word
of God: Myths and
Mysteries. What really
is Torah? Who wrote it?
Why?**

9 pm.: Sacred Moment of Torah

Come for participation in and exploration of
the purpose and place of Torah in our lives

** How can Torah be the actual word of God? * If
Torah is not the word of God, why bother? *
What is the point of it all?*

No previous Torah knowledge needed.

Wednesday, June 4, 10:30 am
Shavuot Festival Service with Yizkor at
Gates of Prayer

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Their Wedding

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Rabbi Berk and Cantor Marx for a wonderful &
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Touro Synagogue welcomes the following people who have joined our congregation since the printing of our last bulletin:

Jared Glassman

Leslie Goldberg

Yahrzeits

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 months of May, June, July and August.

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Friday, May 9 / Saturday, May 10

MAX U. MARCUS, PETER E. MOSS, MAX ZELDEN, MRS. ISIDORE MANASSES, BARBARA BORINSKY STILES, IRA MAURICE KOHN, MRS. BERYL ALAYNICK MARCHIZ, MAURICE BLUMENFELD, ESTELLE FRIEDMAN GERVIS, ALVIN COHEN, M.D., SARA MEYERS, JULIAN OPOTOWSKY, JENNIE A. BENNETT, KATE FRIEDLANDER KOPPEL, LUCIEN ZILBERMANN, JOSEPH FRANK, DR. ABE GOLDEN, GOLDIE PHILIPSON STEUER

Friday, May 16 / Saturday, May 17

SAMUEL EDELSTEIN, BERNARD HIRSCH HERMAN, WILLIAM ADLER, MEYER HANDELMAN, SHIRLEY WEIL GREENGUS, HENRY WEIL, BERTHA K. HOCHSTEIN, JOSEPH ZELDEN, LEON E. BER, JULIUS GOLDMAN, RUTH BENNETT KATZ, IONE SINGERMANN FELLMAN, LEAH OFFNER DEUTCH, SAMUEL JULIUS WEISS, ROSE KASDAN ENELOW, WILLIAM MAYER, BERNARD DAVID MINTZ, MORRIS B. SONTHEIMER, ELIZABETH EDELSTEIN, ADELE SCHWARTZ, MORRIS WILLIAM LEVY, M.D., ARNOLD FALK

Friday, May 23 / Saturday, May 24

MINA LEVY BOLLAGE, HARRY H. GOLDSTEIN, HENRY HIRSCH, CHARLES A. ZUCKER, MITCHELL P. SAMUELSON, DAVID BERTRAM YOUNG, ALEX LITH, PERCIVAL STERN, BYRON MAYER, LENA MILLER BURK, ANNIE CAMPBELL FISHMAN, MAX MARGOLIS, ANNA KAY GOLDSTEIN, CAROLINE H. THALSHEIMER, KARL EDWARD HEINEMANN

Friday, May 30 / Saturday, May 31

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Friday, June 6 / Saturday, June 7

GERTRUDE HARRIS, FLORENCE FRANK, HAZEL HENINGER MEYER, ROGER BISSINGER, HAROLD SALMON, HARRIET GREENBLATT, ROBERT ALFRED KOTZWITZ, RABBI ISAAC L. LEUCHT, MEYER DAVID TEITELBAUM, JULIUS LEONARD LEVY, DOROTHY ADLER STETTER, ROBERT SUGAR, GEORGE YOEDICKE, JENNIE HOCHSTEIN, NATHAN KOHLMAN, CLARA FEIBLEMAN ADLER, HULDA WEXLER MANSBERG, ISADORE SEELIG, CICELY L. WEIL, EVA G. WALDHORN, JENNIE BERLIN, LOUIS LEVY

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SAMUEL RUBENSTEIN, EMMIE HIRSCH ISAACS, MARSHALL SIMON PULITZER, STELLA BERGMAN SAMUEL, BESSIE G. ZELDEN, BLANCHE L. SCHWARTZ, CAROLYN RUBENSTEIN RUMM, HARRY DEROY, MARCELLE KLOTZ HAGEDORN, MORRIS BART, JR., MEYER NEWHOUSE, LIONEL S. WEIL, JR.

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Friday, July 11 / Saturday, July 12

JEAN SAMUELSON, ANNA F. GROSS, CAROLYN OLDENBURG, DORA FERBER, CHARLES W. COHEN, DANIEL NOWAK, MARY YOUNG, KATHERINE POLACK RITTENBERG, DR. MEYER WILLIAM ISRAEL JACOBSON, MOLLIE TANNENBAUM MINTZ, SIMON ROSENBERG, GERTRUDE RUBENSTEIN, HELEN NAGEL MCCLURE, EVA S. FEITEL, HOWARD DAVID WOLCHANSKY, LINDA MALKIN ZOLLER, BURTON GILBERT WAGGER, EARL MARVIN ZANDER, CARRIE WILDENSTEIN ALLTMONT, NATHAN CLARENCE GERNSBACHER, SOLOMON ADLER, LEONARD HOCHSTEIN, SUZANNE KAGAN WEXLER, SAMUEL BARKOFF, M.D., ERHARD MICHAEL MAYER

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Friday, July 25 / Saturday, July 26

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Friday, August 1 / Saturday, August 2

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Friday, August 8 / Saturday, August 9

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Shabbat Services May 2014

Friday, May 2

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

Saturday, May 3

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service,
Forgotston Chapel

Friday, May 9

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service,
Forgotston Chapel

Saturday, May 10

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service-
Bar Mitzvah of Brenan Alan
Kronenberg, Main Sanctuary

Friday, May 16

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service,
Forgotston Chapel

Saturday, May 17

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service,
Forgotston Chapel

Friday, May 23

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service,
Farewell to Cantor Marx, Choir
Shabbat, Main Sanctuary

Saturday, May 24

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service
- Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Rachel Neal,
Forgotston Chapel

Friday, May 30

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service,
Confirmation with L'Dor V'ador,
Main Sanctuary

Saturday, May 31

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service,
Forgotston Chapel

Summer Union Shabbat Services

During the months of June, July and August, the three reform congregations in New Orleans will join together for Summer Union Shabbat Services. Shabbat Services will rotate between Gates of Prayer in June, Temple Sinai in July, and Touro Synagogue in August.

Torah Study will continue through the summer at Touro at 9:30 a.m. every Saturday.

JUNE AT GATES OF PRAYER

*Friday Evening Shabbat Services at 8 p.m.
Saturday Morning Shabbat Services at 10:30 a.m.*

JULY AT TEMPLE SINAI

*Friday Evening Shabbat Services at 6:15 p.m.
Saturday Morning Shabbat Services at 10:15 a.m.*

AUGUST AT TOURO SYNAGOGUE

*Friday Evening Shabbat Services at 6 p.m.
Saturday Morning Shabbat Services at 10:30 a.m.*

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FAQ's about the Voluntary Annual Support System



Q: Why are we moving to a Voluntary Annual Support system?

A: Touro Synagogue exists to foster an open, inclusive Jewish community that's warm and welcoming to everyone. We are moving to a Voluntary Annual Support system because it better reflects these true Jewish values while providing the resources that our community needs to pay our bills, maintain and preserve our historic building and pay for the Rabbinic and Cantorial leadership and pastoral support as well as programming and services that you have come to expect.

We have always relied on a set dues structure to allow us to pay our bills and to ensure that Touro is here for you 365 days a year. However, over the years our dues structure has become increasingly complex and outdated, and is not reflective of our inclusive community.

Q: How will the new Voluntary Annual Support system work?

A: Instead of issuing "dues" statements in June for the upcoming fiscal year, we will create a "Voluntary Annual Support" amount based on the projected budget for the fiscal year, which represents the actual annual operating cost per household. **If each household were to support Touro at the same sustaining level, that amount would currently be \$2,400.** The \$2,400 level is a guideline to help you determine an appropriate amount to give; it is our hope that those who can give more, will, in order to supplement those who cannot. And that those who cannot afford that level will give what they can – no questions asked. While the actual annual operating cost per household is \$2,400, every contribution, no matter the size, is deeply meaningful and helps make it possible for Touro to be here for you.

Q: Have other synagogues adopted similar systems?

A: Yes, and quite successfully. A committee of Board Members and Congregants spent almost two years reviewing our current system and researching newer support models adopted by synagogues across the country. Our new Voluntary Annual Support system was crafted after careful examination of what has and has not worked for other congregations, and with consideration of which practices would best meet the needs of our congregation. Like other synagogues that have successfully implemented voluntary support systems, we understand the importance of clearly communicating the change and the reasons behind it to our community. We appreciate your help insuring that this change is successful at Touro.

Q: If the new support system is voluntary, why are you suggesting support categories and contribution levels?

A: We are suggesting categories to provide some guidelines for our members – guidelines that we feel are fair and take the cost of running the synagogue into account.

Q: Are there still opportunities for patron membership?

A: Of course. Please know that your kindness and generosity in supporting Touro at a patron level means the world to us, and we cannot thank you enough. We have simplified our patron levels, so that there are now four categories rather than seven. Patron level support begins at \$3,000 per year and patrons will continue to be recognized for their generosity.

Q: What if I am a dual member of Touro and another synagogue? Will there be reductions for dual membership?

A: We know that membership in two Jewish worship communities is important to some of our members, and we appreciate that you are part of ours. Because the amount of your pledge is voluntary, there is no need for a dual membership category per se. Please continue to support Touro at the level you feel is appropriate. Your support as a dual member remains critically important to us.

Q: Are there payment options for my Voluntary Annual Support?

A: Absolutely. We appreciate your support however you prefer to pay, and offer many options. You can choose to pay monthly, quarterly or semi-annually via ACH or credit card; you can choose to make a partial payment at the time of your pledge via check or credit card with the remaining balance paid in full by December 31, 2014; or you may pay in full at the time of your pledge via check, credit card, or appreciated securities.

Q: What if I don't send back my pledge form by the due date?

A: Receiving your pledge form on time allows the office to set up billing or ACH withdrawals in our accounting system – based on your chosen payment option – in a timely and efficient manner. If we do not hear from you by the due date, you will be contacted by the synagogue to help facilitate your support.

Q: What percentage of Touro's budget is covered by Voluntary Annual Support?

A: Annual Support is the single largest source of revenue for Touro Synagogue at a percentage of roughly 60% for this coming fiscal year. The second largest source of income is the allocation we receive from the Touro Synagogue Foundation. All remaining income is made up from fundraisers, support donations, and Religious School and Uptown Hebrew tuition, and temporary rental income.

Q: Will my Voluntary Annual Support cover tuition for Religious School or Uptown Hebrew?

A: Your voluntary annual support will NOT include tuition for Religious School or Uptown Hebrew; those fees will continue to be paid separately by the families enrolling their children in these programs.

Q: If somebody has further questions, where can I direct them?

A: We appreciate your help spreading the word about our new system to your friends and family members. If any of them have further questions, please direct them to call our Executive Director, Kerry Tapia, at 895-4843.