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A message from Rabbi Silverman

The fall Holy Days – from Selichot all the way until the end of Simchat Torah – are a whirlwind of energy and emotion. Although I was lucky enough to serve various Jewish communities over the course of my seminary training, being part of a team like the one here at Touro for the entire stretch of the holidays has given me a new appreciation for just how much time is spent planning, preparing, executing and following through on all the different facets of each experience. There are services to plan, of course. There are sermons to write and rewrite and rewrite and practice and practice and practice. There are text study sessions to prepare. There are caffeine headaches to endure. There are uncomfortable shoes to be worn. There are meals upon meals upon meals (upon meals) to be eaten in the company of friends, family and loved ones.

And of course, with each holiday comes a different emotional demand, a new tone and a new mindset for each day – all seeking to emulate the story and pattern of our own lives: Selichot reminds us that we are imperfect beings. Rosh Hashanah reminds us that the world is a sweet place. Yom Kippur reminds us that life is short and delicate. Sukkot reminds us that the world is constant yet ever-changing. Simchat Torah reminds us that all things go in cycles, and that beginning anew is to be expected and enjoyed.

During the Rosh Hashanah morning service – from roughly the Bar'chu until the Shofar service – I sat around tables in both the Shushan Assembly and the Grant Meyer Garden Pavilion with many of our synagogue's third- through sixth-graders. We discussed many things relating to the holiday – how the world around us came to be; what kind of sweet, wonderful miracles and blessings we find in our daily lives; the people we are blessed to have around us who love and support and encourage us. Toward the end, we talked about what we each envision as the ideal world we wish to see around us. After all, it is a central theme of Rosh Hashanah to look at what currently is and imagine what could one day be.

Having elicited some ideas from the group, I introduced them to a song which many would



recognize either from its origins as a television commercial in the '70s or from its usage in the finale of "Mad Men" just a few months ago: "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing." Easily accessible for viewing on YouTube, the song features an ever-widening shot of people of all ages, races and nationalities singing from a hilltop what they wish for the world:

I'd like to teach the world to sing in perfect harmony.

I'd like to hold it in my arms and keep it company.

I'd like to build the world a home and furnish it with love

Grow apple trees and honey bees and snow white turtle doves.

I could not imagine a lovelier, more Rosh Hashanah-appropriate sentiment to introduce to the group – but I also wondered what they would wish for; what do the eyes of a child see that some of us may miss or ignore or forget about? What would the ideal world look like if it were left up to the kids of Touro Synagogue?

So I asked them to be idealists and songwriters for a few moments. I asked them to work with their peers in small groups and create their own stanzas for the song, to think deeply about the world they wished to build and hold in their arms. And

unsurprisingly, they came forth with such hope, such love, such deep appreciation for all living things that I just couldn't resist sharing.

"I'd Like To Teach the World To Sing" **Bolded-Italicized lyrics by the Touro** **Synagogue 3rd-6th graders**

*I'd like to teach the world to sing
in perfect harmony.
I'd like to hold it in my arms
and keep it company.*

*I'd like to drain the world of crooks
no more guns and robberies.
Reading books and casting hooks
sharing fish with our communities.*

*I'd like make friends 'round the world
and play games and have fun.
I'd like to visit them where they live
and invite them to my home.*

*I'd like to see Jerusalem
and go to a kibbutz.
I'd like to walk there in the sun
and eat the native fruits.*

*I'd like to see the ocean safe
with the water blue and green.
I'd like to see the fish and sharks
be happy and be clean.*

*I'd like to see the animals
grow up free and strong.
And all the humans being right
instead of being wrong.*

*I'd like to stop all cruelty
to animals and such.
And I'd like to save the forests
and environment just as much.*

Kein y'hie ratzon – May it be God's will that one day the world will look and feel as warm, inviting, clean, safe and delicious as our children envision it.

A message from our president, Susan Good

Your synagogue Board of Directors, in preparation for the upcoming year, read Rabbi Charles Simon's book, *Building a Successful Volunteer Culture – Finding Meaning and Service in the Jewish Community*. At our Board Retreat in August, Rabbi Berk led a discussion of the book and many interesting concepts of volunteerism were suggested. With the changing lifestyle of 21st century synagogue members, we spoke about how we must constantly "think outside the box" to accommodate those who have less free-time and who shoulder full-time careers and family commitments.

In Rabbi Simon's book, Rabbi Tarfon is quoted from *Pirkei Avot*, *The Ethics of the Fathers*, with the following: "The day is short, and the work is great, and the laborers are sluggish, and the reward is great, and the Master is urgent". According to Wikipedia, this quote falls under the general grouping principle of "The time for action is now".

And action was something we needed quickly during the summer months! Touro was informed in the early part of summer of some deficiencies by the State Fire Marshal. Several issues needed attention to come within compliance. With the assistance of Kerry Tapia, our Executive Director,



President Susan Good

we immediately called together a group of architects and construction specialists (all Touro members and volunteers) to discuss a resolution and plan of action. These individuals all have full-time professions and their days are short. Surely the laborers were sluggish at times and for certain, the work was great. However, each and every one of them made this project a priority in their lives. Meetings, phone calls and emails moved at lightning speed. Decisions were made with

consideration of time and expense to the synagogue.

In this case, the Master was urgent, and this committee responded without any hesitancy. I would like to publicly thank architects Ava Alltmont and Daniel Weiner, contractor Chris Kornman, construction experts Hal Shepard, Randy Pick and Ben Beasley and Touro vice-president Robert Kohn. Individually and collectively, they provided know-how to our staff and, in addition, saved our congregation a tremendous amount of financial resources by their volunteer efforts. Hopefully, they felt that the reward was great. It certainly was for Touro!

In *Pirkei Avot*, under the same principle of "the time for action is now," is another quote of Rabbi Tarfon: "It is not incumbent upon you to complete the work, but neither are you at liberty to desist from it". It is comforting to know that at Touro Synagogue we have such caring and giving members, willing to give of their time and expertise when called upon. We applaud and appreciate their hard work and dedication.

On behalf of our entire congregation, I say *Todah Rabah* to these and the many more volunteers who have the power to make a difference in the life of our synagogue!

SAVE
— the —
DATE

**PLEASE JOIN US
FEBRUARY 20
FOR OUR
ANNUAL
FUNDRAISING
AND FUN-FILLED
EVENT**

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Save the date - Chanukah Dinner on Dec. 11!

Chanukah sing-along with Cantor Mintz
Chanukah storytelling with Rabbi Silverman

Dreidel tournament
Sufganiyot bar
Latkes and fried goodies.

Bring your friends, spouses, children and parents -a
joyful celebration for all!

RSVP HERE

<https://tourosynagogue.com/chanukah-family-dinner/>

Please join us following Shabbat services

Shabbat AT TOURO

At Touro Synagogue, we constantly strive to balance the words and teachings of our tradition with creative ritual and exploration, in cultivating an experience of prayer that is dynamic, spirited, meaningful and embracing. Blending the ancient words of our liturgy together with contemporary texts, Shabbat services at Touro Synagogue give us the opportunity to raise our voices together in song and prayer, to transcend the here and now, and create something truly beautiful together.

Following services on Friday nights, please join us for Shabbat Dinner in the Grant Meyer Garden Pavilion. Help support Touro Synagogue's beautiful Shabbat experience as you remember a loved one, celebrate your next birthday, anniversary, engagement, child's birth, grandchild's birth or other simchas by sponsoring a dinner at one of our Friday night services.

On Friday evenings during Shabbat services, Touro Synagogue is pleased to offer fun activities for our youngest attendees. We've got board games, ping pong, toys and more! Littles (ages 0-5) are in the Pre-K classroom on the 1st floor of the Religious School. Bigs (6 and up) are in the Jacobs Social Hall.

Please consider making a donation for babysitting. You can donate online or by sending a check to the Touro office.

Did you know that for \$250
you can sponsor the Shabbat Dinner on
Friday Night?

For more information please contact
Donna in the office at 895-4843.



Friends. Family. Community. Delicious Dinner —
Every Friday after services.



Play. Laugh. Sing. Dance —
Every Week at Touro Synagogue.

Blessings, Sweets, Smiles and Dinner.
Got Shabbat?



Every week we offer a unique Shabbat experience
in our lovely communal setting. Please join us!



Touro Synagogue

is pleased to present it's 25 Annual

JAZZ FEST SHABBAT

Featuring Jon Cleary and
the Absolute Monster Gentlemen

April 29, 2016



Join Cantor David Mintz for
SHABBAT KUMZITS

Join us for the another of our monthly gatherings of communal singing!

Literally meaning "come and sit" in Yiddish, a kumzits is an opportunity to gather together in an intimate setting for some beautiful passionate singing and a powerful, spiritual experience.

We hope you'll join us following Shabbat services and dinner!

MEET US IN THE SHUSHAN ASSEMBLY FOLLOWING SERVICES & SHABBAT DINNER ON NOVEMBER 13

Shabbat	Tisch
	

Join Rabbi Silverman 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! Bring a light dish or snack to share, as we come together for this monthly Shabbat celebration.

Please join us for Shabbat Tisch on
Saturday, November 7 at 5:00 pm.

Welcome to New Members

Megan "Meg" Marino

Jo and Andrew "Andy" Lawton

Emma Herr

Jee Park and Daniel Engelberg,
Lillian and Isabel Engelberg

André Strumer and
Kristall Strumer

Rebecca and Robert "Walker" Jones,
Eli and Sylvie Jones

Andrew Freeman

Jacqueline and Jeremy Epstein,
Sephora and Avivah Epstein

Carol and Donald "Donny" Markowitz,
Samuel and Sadie Markowitz

Alexa and Robert "Rob" Craig

Rebekah "Bekah" and Nathan Aronson,
Benjamin Aronson

Karen and David "Dave" Curry,
Parker Curry

Paige and Andrew "Andy" Katz,
Daniel and Liam Katz

Mauricio Torres

Annette Petty

Carey and Ann Kaufman,
Eve and Clyde Kaufman

Mazel Tov

To **Lee Zurik** for being recognized and receiving the following awards in October: nominated for a National Emmy, honored as one of 50 Alumni from Syracuse University's Newhouse School as an accomplished professional as part of the school's 50th anniversary celebration, and received two Edward R. Murrow Awards from the Radio Television Digital News Association. All of these were presented at ceremonies in New York in October.

To **Lily Shattenkirk** for competing in the backstroke at the Louisiana State Swim Finals.

To **Morton H. Katz** and **Cathy Glaser** for being honored at the 102nd Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans and the Jewish Endowment Foundation of Louisiana.

To **Julie Schwartz** on being awarded the Tikkun Olam Award for Campaign Excellence from the Jewish Federation.

To Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans Board members Vice President **Brian D. Katz**, Vice President **Dana Shepard** and Treasurer **David Radlauer** and newly-elected board members **Marc Behar** and **Sidney Pulitzer**.

To **Scott and Jenny Pollack** on the birth of their daughter, **Remi Pearl Pollack**.

To **Rella and David Zapletal** on the birth of their son **Meyer Martin Zapletal**.

To **Beth and Austin Lavin** on the birth of their daughter **Amelia Claire Lavin**, granddaughter to Touro members **Nancy Aronson** and **Ginger Besthoff** and **Catherine Boozman** and **Howard Shapiro**.

BECOME A TOURO STORYTELLER

"Our tours have been a wonderful way to tell visitors our rich history and share with them the many beautiful aspects of our sanctuary and chapel. As the oldest congregation outside the original 13 colonies and the sixth oldest congregation in the country, we have a wonderful tale to tell. In addition, our benefactor, Judah Touro, was an enigmatic and very private man who became one of the most generous Jewish philanthropists in the U.S. at the time."

Wouldn't you like to know more about Judah and his famous Will? Adie Genet is holding storytelling training sessions for Touro docents. Contact the office 895-4843 to sign up.



Limmud New Orleans presents a Special Event at

TOURO SYNAGOGUE FRIDAY DECEMBER 4, 2015

FOLLOWING SHABBAT SERVICES

Casual dinner during the Oneg Shabbat.
Then there will be 3 mini Limmud classes from which to choose.
Get a feel for what Limmud Learning is all about with
a variety of topics available!

Dessert Reception immediately following the mini sessions and while you enjoy a sweet treat, you will also have the opportunity to hear more details about Limmud New Orleans 2016.

The evening will conclude at 8:30 p.m.

What's happening at Religious School and Uptown Hebrew?

Have a chat and a coffee with Rabbi Silverman

Parents, please join Rabbi Silverman in the Mautner Learning Center to discuss the coming Religious School year - curricula, programs and ideas.

Nov. 8: Grades 7 - 10

Nov. 15: Grades Pre-K - 2

ALL SESSIONS BEGIN AT 9:15 A.M.



Our first Late Nite event for Uptown Hebrew and Religious School students "Slice in the Sukkah" was a great chance to hang with friends while enjoying a delicious dinner under our beautiful sukkah.



Hanging out with Religious School friends.



Cantor Mintz leads pre-k through second graders in song and interactive prayer.

A message from Rabbi Berk

"Will You Be the Rabbi or the Mom?"

Ari asked me that question in the car on the way home from a Bat Mitzvah last year, in anticipation of his own day. It's not that I'd never thought about it before, but, somehow that very honest and reasonable question caught me off guard.

I asked what he preferred, and he thoughtfully admitted it might be most wonderful for all of us if I were just the mom.

I have thought of this very often since. Can I "just" be the mom? Can any of us just be one singular thing, with our many hats? I've never tried it before. I've never been to my own son's Bar Mitzvah before.



I committed to Ari that I will be fully present as his mom. I will move over a few chairs, and sit in a different place. I

think that perspective will help. But/and, I am overwhelmed by the beauty and meaning of being a rabbi on the bima of Touro Synagogue, surrounded and supported by all of you in this holiness. I do hope you've received your electronic invitation to this moment. Seth, Ari, Bob and I all look forward to being with you on this day in our lives. Your faces, and your feelings of goodness, are an integral part of this memorable occasion. My heart is fluttering - as a rabbi and a mom. Will you come share the day with us?

With love,
Rabbi Alexis Berk



PLEASE JOIN US
AS OUR SON BECOMES
BAR MITZVAH

ARI MATAN BERK

SHABBAT VAYETZE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015, 10:30 A.M.
TOURO SYNAGOGUE, NEW ORLEANS

LUNCHEON FOLLOWING SERVICES

WITH LOVE,
ALEXIS AND BOB BERK

PLEASE RSVP TO ABERK@TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM

Hi! I'm Ari Berk. I'm excited about my Bar Mitzvah because I get to see all of my friends and family, all of the people I love, in one place. And in such a holy place as Touro Synagogue.

For part of my Mitzvah project, I had the privilege of working with Mr. Justin Ehrenwerth (Executive Director of the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council - and Touro member), and the

Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana (CRCL). On the anniversary of Hurricane Katrina this past August 29th, Justin and I went out to Bayou Sauvage and planted marsh grasses to help restore our disappearing coast. It was hot, muddy, wet, hard work (mostly because our feet were submerged in mud, making it hard to even take a step!), and it felt great; I knew I was doing my part to help to my city, state, country,

and world. In this same spirit, I am also donating to the World Wildlife Fund. If you are moved, please feel free to make your own contribution at <https://support.worldwildlife.org>. Everything helps.

I look forward to seeing you at my Bar Mitzvah!

Ari Berk

ADULT BAR MITZVAH OF JARED GLASSMAN



Please join me and my family on Saturday, December 5th at 10:30am, as I am called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah.

As the culmination of several years of adult study, this moment will ritually mark an affirmation of my Jewish identity and my place in the Jewish community. I hope you will join me on this special day.

All are welcome to a Kiddush luncheon following services. Please RSVP to jaredglassman@gmail.com

A SPECIAL FAREWELL TO WIL CRARY

We are sad to have to say farewell to our Religious School Assistant, Wil Crary. While we will miss him here at Touro, we are happy to see him following his passion of food-centered community building. Wil came to us by way of our vertical gardens, and while we have been fortunate to have him here with us part-time for the last several months, he has received a full-time position with Market Umbrella, the non-profit that organizes the city's farmers markets.

But Wil's not leaving us completely! He has decided to join the synagogue and will continue to work with our garden in a volunteer capacity. So next time you see Wil around, please extend him a hearty mazel tov on his new endeavor as the Market Manager.



Staff gathering in October 2015.

LET'S GO *glamping*

Glamping is the glamorous version of camping! We have wonderful cabins available, or you can rough it in the traditional camp sites!

RSVP: info@tourosynagogue.com

Join us
March 11-13, 2016
at Tickfaw State Park
for an unforgettable
weekend!

(with well
appointed cabins)

Shabbat services, Shared meals,

Canoeing,
Hiking, Singing, Laughing,
Playing & Havdalah

RIGHT:
Cantor
Mintz leads
everyone in
song during
Tashlich.
BELOW:
Story time
during
Yom Kippur
morning.



A younger
congregant
listens as Rabbi
Todd Silverman
leads our
young family
services for Rosh
Hashanah with
song leader
Nick May.



Rabbi Berk and Cantor Mintz show some
younger congregants the Torah during our
Simchat Torah celebration.

HIGH HOLY DAY CELEBRATIONS



What an unforgettable High Holy Day season! From Selichot to Simchat Torah, we had a lovely time celebrating with such an active and passionate congregation. Thanks to all those who made this year truly special.

We would like to give a special thanks to those who helped construct our lovely sukkah.

Hal Shepard
Chris & Noah Kornman
Andy Jacobs
Scott Saltzman
Dan Forman
PJ Rosenberg
Karen and Dave Curry
Jonathan Wallick

Adrian Juttner
Heather Glass
Jessie Pitcher
Jeff Amann
Adrienne Juttner
Jenny Zurik
Dan Weiner



ABOVE: Volunteers begin looking over the plans for the sukkah.

LEFT: Thanks to all the hard work put in by our volunteers, we were able to have a wonderful Shabbat dinner under our sukkah for Sukkot.

BELOW: A lovely Simchat Torah celebration at Danneel Park.



Get involved at Touro!

There are many opportunities to volunteer at Touro from small tasks to big ones. Here are a couple that you can sign up for this fall:

Teacher Breakfast Treats for our religious school teachers: Twelve muffins or biscotti dropped off Friday during the day or before services are a lovely way to say thank you to our religious school teachers. Use this link to help out with this: <http://vols.pt/FUo8Us>

Treats for the Teachers and Staff at

Sophie B. Wright: A bag of fruit and some yogurt, a tray of muffins or homemade cookies. All of these gestures say that we at Touro continue to support our friends at Sophie B. Wright. We have made this mitzvah easier to perform by creating more flexibility with dates. If this is something you would like to do but there is not a date that works for you, contact Sam Guichet at ssguichet@me.com and we can adjust the date. Please follow this link for more information or to sign up: <http://vols.pt/FD4Tzu>



BELOW: For just \$35, you can supply the teachers and staff of Sophie B. Wright with a simple yet bountiful breakfast.



Broadmoor Food Pantry

In addition to collecting food for our shelves- the BFP Thanksgiving fund drive has begun. They have set up a gofundme account to help raise the money needed to assist their clients with their Thanksgiving meal. The link is <https://de.gofund.me/g536kfu4>

Donations can also be made by email. Please make checks out to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church with "food pantry" written on memo line and mail to:

Broadmoor Food Pantry
2021 S Dupre, NOLA 70125.

As always, they are in need of bags, canned protein, dry beans and rice, shelf-stable milk and coffee. Thank you!

NAMI'S SOLES FOR SOULS

Donate your gently used or new shoes to Touro to benefit NAMI New Orleans. Any new or gently used pairs of shoes will do. For every pound of shoes donated, NAMI New Orleans will receive \$0.40 to use in providing crucial services and programming for those with mental illnesses in our city. The shoes themselves will be sent to developing nations across the globe and will help provide economic opportunities for impoverished communities. A great benefit to all! How many souls can Touro touch with our soles?

We have a wooden collection bin inside the General Pershing entrance, please rubber band your shoes, as shown to the right, and place inside our collection bin. We will be collecting through Dec. 15.



LGBTQ ACTION

At our LGBTQ Advocacy dinner, we considered issues of importance that our group may be able to address:

- > Sanctioned discrimination in employment, housing, lending/credit
- > Disaffected youth/youth suicide/bullying
- > LGBTQ over-representation in jails/prisons

What community (communities) should we try to reach?

- > Is our own congregation a safe place for LGBTQ youth?
Can more be done?
- > Parents need help, within and outside our community.
- > Can our synagogue kids be ambassadors to schools, help set up gay-straight student alliances?

What steps can be taken at Touro Synagogue to improve the environment for all?

Signage to indicate location of gender-neutral bathroom, updated signage in bathrooms to include helplines for LGBTQ kids/adults in need, additions to our synagogue website to provide useful links for parents, kids with LGBTQ questions/fears/concerns.

TOURO WALKS

Light The Night: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light The Night® Walk funds research to find cures and ensure access to treatments for all blood cancer patients. The New Orleans area walk is Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 5:30 pm at Lafreniere Park (3000 Downs Blvd., Metairie, LA 70003). You can register as individuals to participate. Touro members are invited to join Team Sessions. For more info: <http://pages.lightthenight.org/msla/NORleans15/teamsessions>.

Walk to End Alzheimer's: The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. This year's Walk to End Alzheimer's will be at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at La Salle Park (behind Zephyr Stadium). To join Touro Synagogue's Team or donate to the Alzheimer's Association in honor of Touro's participation, please use the link: www.alz.org and search for Team "Touro Synagogue."

A LOOK AT SOME RECENT WALKS

NO/AIDS Walk



NAMI WALK



The Loyola Honors Community: Scholars for Justice in the Heart of New Orleans

Touro joins with The Loyola University Honors Program in collecting books for guests at the Harry Thompson Rebuild Center. Because this respite center serves homeless people, paperbacks and lightweight hardcovers are especially appreciated -- this is not the moment to get rid of your old physics textbook!

Books should be placed on the top shelf of the Broadmoor Food Pantry collection area in the Shushan Assembly.

For further information, contact Naomi Yavneh Klos at yavneh@loyno.edu.



Have you been wanting to help fight hunger, but didn't want to get your hands dirty?

Then Touro is the place for you! Touro's vertical gardens are virtually dirt free and they are providing fresh produce for the hungry in our community!

This year's first crops from our gardens are ready to feed the hungry at the Broadmoor Food Pantry. And we need you to help with the harvesting. It's fun, it's easy, it's quick, and it is mess and stress free! It's a mitzvah just waiting to happen; a mitzvah that is guaranteed to make you feel good!

Those who rely on food pantries to fill their own cupboards rarely get fresh, healthy produce. Touro's vertical gardens have changed that reality for the clients at the Broadmoor Food Pantry! You CAN make a difference in the lives of those who are hungry in our community. All you have to do is harvest with us! Harvest once or on-going.

Please be in touch with Ann Fishman at dagadam@aol.com or 460-1049 to say you will help harvest.

Please note that non-perishable foods also are much needed at The Broadmoor Food Pantry. Please drop off canned goods, beans, rice, cereals at the Synagogue when you come for Shabbat services or anytime you come to the Synagogue or you are in the neighborhood.



Eden House

Eden House is a residence/program for women who are recovering from human and sex trafficking. It is a safe home where women come to heal, learn, and rehabilitate for a better future. They have nothing to call their own when they arrive at Eden House.



Special Request : Eden House is looking for a volunteer reading specialist (dyslexia) to help the women learn to read and/or improve their reading skills. If you would like to volunteer or know of someone who works with those learning to read, please contact Teri Hunter or Eden House directly at assistant@edenhousenola.org

These items are used to create a welcome basket that Touro lovingly provides to new residents of Eden House.

Please consider donating items such as:

- toothpaste • brushes • shampoo • conditioner • soap
- body lotion • towels • any personal care items.

Contact tlhunter22@gmail.com with any questions.

ADULT EDUCATION AT TOURO

Calling all Torah readers

Do you enjoy chanting Torah and are looking for opportunities to use this vital skill to empower yourself and the community? Join our corps of Torah chanters and help lead and elevate our community! Basic Hebrew skills are necessary.



If you're interested, please contact Cantor Mintz at dmintz@touro synagogue.com

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.

PARASHOT*

Nov. 1-Nov. 7: Chayei Sarah
Genesis 23:1-25:18 / I Kings 1:1-31

Nov. 8-Nov. 14: Tol'dot
Genesis 25:19-28:9 / Malachi 1:1-2:7

Nov. 15-Nov. 21: Vayeitzei
Genesis 28:10-32:3 / Hosea 12:13-14:10

Nov. 22-Nov. 28 : Vayishlach
Genesis 32:4-36:43 / Hosea 11:7-12:12

Nov. 29-Dec. 5: Vayeishev
Genesis 37:1-40:23 / Amos 2:6-3:8

Dec. 6-Dec. 12: Mikeitz
Genesis 41:1-44:17 / Zechariah 4:1-7

**as requested by the Touro Torah Study group*

News and the Jews

A New Learning Experience!

Each week, there are stories in our community and our world that confound us and comfort us, confuse us and confront us.

What would Judaism say about these world issues?
What is a Jewish response?

Join Rabbi Alexis Berk in the Mautner Learning Center for a lunchtime study. Each session will be completely unique in that we will explore a story from the week's news through a Jewish lens, with a Jewish mindset.

Come join us! All are welcome.

Dates below:

Nov. 12, 19; Dec. 3,

***All sessions will take place from 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.**

Touro Synagogue Monthly Meditation Group with Rabbi Berk

Spend your midday with Rabbi Berk and take a little sweet time for the soul. Allow the heart to focus and the mind to be calm - a spiritual oasis in your day. No previous meditation experience necessary.
Come to one or all sessions. Drop-ins welcome!

Meet us in the Forgotston Chapel at 12:00-12:45

**Rosh Chodesh Kislev
November 11**

CARING & MITZVAH

Caring & Mitzvah helps members of our congregation connect with each other. We've initiated a village program, so that we can become better acquainted with members who live near us. We offer mazel tovs when families are celebrating a simcha, and our sympathy and love when times are tough.

Thank you - to all those who have participated as givers as well as those who have graciously received. It takes courage to do both. We have appreciated baking, writing, and stopping by. And we know from the lovely responses, that you have enjoyed our visits, prayers, and offers of comfort.

Lisa Keleher
504-296-5472
lisatkeleher@gmail.com



Henry, Amos, and Jonah Alpert during a village Tiferet 1 gathering at the home of Richard and Vivian Cahn.



Meal Trains

We have been happily cooking and delivering a few meals to families who recently welcomed new baby boys and girls. Such a nice way to connect with families in your village, and a much appreciated mitzvah!

Birthday Treats

We're still growing this wonderfully fun way to connect with fellow members. Contact Lisa Keleher to get involved with baking and delivering in your neighborhood.



Care Packages

Pre-assembled or home-baked gifts to bring a little comfort to those recovering from illness or surgery, or those who need some extra hugs in the form of challah and tea. (Please contact Touro's office if you know of a member who would appreciate receiving a care package or a call from our clergy.)



Friday Night Blessings

We are inviting members in advance to join us at Shabbat services on Friday night for the honor of lighting the candles and blessing over the wine.

Our Villages

We are making connections with members in our villages (geographically close Touro families) with our current activities. But we continue to brainstorm new ways of helping each other connect. If you have an idea or would like to join our coordinator team, please contact us!

*Please
join us*



His Excellency
Gregory Michael
Aymond



Dr. Michael Cook

Join the Jewish Federation and the Jewish Community Relations Council in partnership with the Archdiocese of Greater New Orleans at Loyola University in Nunez Hall on **Monday, November 23** to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Nostra Aetate, a declaration by the Vatican that opened relations between the Catholic Church and non-Christian religions. Beginning at **6:30 p.m.**, the program will feature **Dr. Michael Cook of Hebrew Union College** and the **Archbishop of New Orleans, His Excellency Gregory Michael Aymond**.

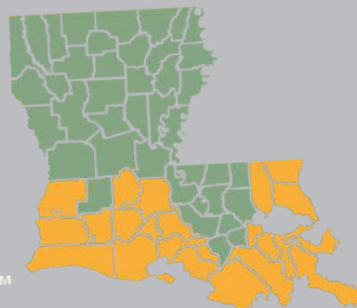
The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Allison@jewishnola.com.

Thank you Touro members! The donations you make during the Yom Kippur food drive make a difference. The letter below is from Second Harvest Food Bank:



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Thank you for your continued generosity to Second Harvest and for hosting such a meaningful community effort at Touro Synagogue. On behalf of the many individuals and families you have helped through your ongoing support of our anti-hunger charge, we thank you once again for your generosity, commitment and patronage. Together, we can solve hunger.

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Yahrzeits

Perpetually enshrined on the Yahrzeit Tablets of Touro Synagogue are the following loved ones for whom Kaddish will be recited for the months of November and December.

Friday, Nov. 6 / Saturday, Nov. 7

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Friday, Nov. 13 / Saturday, Nov. 14

BEATRICE BASHEIN GROGINSKI, RACHEL SINGERMAN BERENSON, MICHAEL BLUM, ELSIE HAMBURGER PHILLIPS, ELIE AARON, SARA M. SUNSHINE, EDWIN C. LAZARD, CLEMENCE L. KOSMINSKY, LEON AARON GREENBLATT, JOSEPH H. WEIL, JULIUS COHEN, MAX SINGER, KENNETH R. MENSZER, NETTIE SILVERSTEIN SOLOMON, REBECCA KATZ ALAYNICK, MILLIE SILVERSTEIN RIGSBY, FLORA MAY, REGGIE MARKLEY, ELAINE F. MENSZER, ISAAC SONTHEIMER, MATHILDE KOHLMAN, HILDA WOLF LEVY, OSCAR Z. LEVY, SR., ELIAS BOWSKY, FERDINAND F. WEILL, JACK SILVEN, IRWIN H ISAACS

Friday, Nov. 20 / Saturday, Nov. 21

RUTH JOY SOGIN, BERTHA S. GOLDMAN, MAX N. TOBIAS, SAMUEL RATNER, BERTHA R. SONTHEIMER, ISADORE BRANDT, MORRIS FEITEL, ROSE BLOCK PINCUS, NORINE MARKS

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Friday, Nov. 27 / Saturday, Nov. 28

HORTENSE BOWSKY FELDMAN, TILLIE L. GOULD, MIRIAM DULITZ LEFKOWITZ, DAVID TRAUTMAN, CHARLES KOHLMAYER, SR., DAVID F. SHUSHAN, ALEXANDER DREYFUS, FRANK MEYER CHESKY, EMANUEL NATHAN MANSBERG, JR., WARREN LEUCHT ROSEN, MARION HIRSCH, BERTHA LEOPOLD STERN, ANNA YOUNG MARKOWITZ, EVELYN VAN DER LINDEN ROSENBAUM, FANNY KREEGER PHILLIPS, SANCHEN LEVY, LOUIS LEUCHT ROSEN, MEYER A. BERENSON, HANNAH HASPEL SAMUELS ADAM, MYRON M. GOLDMAN, ROBERT ALLEN LEVY, CONSTANCE S. KAUFMAN, HERMINA OCHS SILVERMAN

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IN MEMORIAM

May their memory be for a blessing

Isidore Cohn, Jr., MD, husband of Marianne Cohn, father to Ian J. Cohn (Vicki) and Lauren Fours, grandfather to Kevin A. Cohn (Karen) and Adrian K. Cohn (Samantha Wolf), Allison Miller (Josh Murack) and Jacob Miller, great-grandfather of Teagan and Alexander Murack Miller.

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Leonard Nathan Silbert, husband of Sondra Goldfield Silbert, father of Scott Silbert (Julie), Gary Silbert (Nancy) and Loren Silbert (Nancy), grandfather of Susan Silbert Greenberg (Greg), Nicholas Silbert, Sara Silbert, Daniel Silbert, Matthew Silbert and Jacob Silbert.

Bettylee Spizer, mother of Lynn Richard (Billy).

Suzanne Landreneau Seelig, daughter-in-law of Alana Block Seelig, sister-in-law of Nancy Silbert (Gary).

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



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 a.m. Religious School (All grades)	2	3 6:30 p.m. Adult Hebrew Academy: Intro to Decoding with Cantor Mintz	4 4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew 73rd URJ North American Biennial Convention in Orlando, Florida	5 6:30 p.m. Adult Hebrew Acad- emy: Advanced Decoding with Rabbi Silverman 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 73rd URJ North American Biennial Convention in Orlando, Florida	6 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service / Choir Shabbat 73rd URJ North American Biennial Convention in Orlando, Florida	7 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service 5:00 p.m. Shabbat Tisch 73rd URJ North American Biennial Convention in Orlando, Florida
8 9:00 a.m. Religious School (Pre-K - 8th grade) 9:15 a.m. Parents Coffee session with Rabbi Silverman (Grades 7-10) 73rd URJ North American Biennial Convention in Orlando, Florida	9	10 12:00 p.m. Alzheimer's Support Group 6:30 p.m. Adult Hebrew Academy: Intro to Decoding with Cantor Mintz	11 12:00 p.m. Monthly Meditations with Rabbi Berk 4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew 5:30 p.m. Uptown Hebrew Late Night	12 12:00 p.m. News and the Jews with Rabbi Berk 6:30 p.m. Adult Hebrew Academy: Advanced Decoding with Rabbi Silverman 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	13 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service/ Guest Speaker Dr. Allison Padilla- Goodman 7:30 p.m. Friday Night Kumzits (Com- munal singing)	14 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Club 9:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat Rocks! 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
15 9:00 a.m. Religious School (All grades, except grade 6) 9:15 a.m. Parents Coffee session with Rabbi Silverman (Grades Pre-K -2nd)	16 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting	17 6:30 p.m. Adult Hebrew Academy: Intro to Decoding with Cantor Mintz	18 4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew	19 12:00 p.m. News and the Jews with Rabbi Berk 6:30 p.m. Adult Hebrew Academy: Advanced Decoding with Rabbi Silverman 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	20 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service	21 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service/ Bar Mitzvah of Ari Berk
22 9:00 a.m. Religious School (Pre-K - 8th grade)	23	24 12:00 p.m. Alzheimer's Support Group	25 Uptown Hebrew not in session	26 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	27 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service	28 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
29 Religious School not in session	30					

Shabbat Services November 2015

Friday, October 30

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service,
Installation of Rabbi Todd Silverman, Main Sanctuary

Saturday, October 31

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgetston Chapel

Friday, November 6

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service / Choir Shabbat,
Forgetston Chapel

Saturday, November 7

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgetston Chapel
5:00pm Shabbat Tisch, Shushan Assembly

Friday, November 13

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service / Special Guest Speaker,
Forgetston Chapel
7:30pm Friday Night Kumzits, Shushan Assembly

Saturday, November 14

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgetston Chapel

Friday, November 20

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Main Sanctuary

Saturday, November 21

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service / Bar Mitzvah of Ari Matan Berk,
Main Sanctuary

Friday, November 27

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgetston Chapel

Saturday, November 28

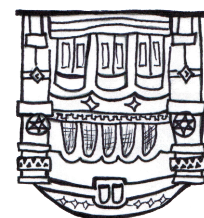
10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgetston Chapel

Friday, December 4

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service/ Birthday Blessings, Forgetston Chapel
7:10pm Taste of Limmud, Grant Meyer Garden Pavilion

Saturday, December 5

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service / Adult Bar Mitzvah of Jared Glassman,
Main Sanctuary



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