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A message from Cantor Mintz

Each year, as if it were the first time, I find myself struck by how early day turns into night after the October shift of Daylight Savings Time. It's almost as though nighttime starts earlier each year; as though with each season, night encroaches just a little bit more, taking another sliver of precious daylight and sunshine. What's more, scientific studies have now demonstrated how this increase in darkness negatively impacts our sleep, emotions and our general experience. In basic terms, this change darkens much more than simply our days.

It's not accidental that in the middle of this time of the year, we celebrate Chanukah, our festival of lights. Indeed, it's this time of year in which various religions and cultures have holidays that involve lighting candles on our window sills or outside our homes, perhaps as a means to add a little light to this darkness.

Of course, for those of us in the Jewish community, our window sills hold a chanukiah - with eight burning candles and a shamash (or helper candle) meant to remind us of the miracle in the ancient Temple in Jerusalem, when a tiny amount of oil lasted eight days. While many might agree that the chanukiah has become the perennial symbol of Chanukah, there wasn't always agreement on how to light the chanukiah itself.

Rabbi Hillel and Rabbi Shammai - two great sages from the late 1st century BCE and the early 1st century CE - are renowned for holding opposing views on various areas of Jewish law and practice. The two agreed on virtually nothing. As you might imagine, the customs surrounding the lighting of Chanukah candles are no exception. Rabbi Hillel believed that we should light one candle on the first night

of Chanukah and add a new candle each night, building until the final night, when all candles are lit. Rabbi Shammai, of course, had the opposite view. Shammai said that on the first night, we should light all eight candles and then subtract one candle each night until we are left with only one candle on the eighth night.

As it happens, this dispute was about much more than candles. The rabbis' arguments, at their core, were about how best to repair and improve the world around us. According to Shammai, the rabbi who advocated for subtracting a candle each night, the world was too deeply filled with pain, destruction, and evil. The way to make that world a better place, he felt, was to destroy that evil. With the fire as a symbol of that destruction, Shammai believed that fewer flames were needed with each passing night as more of the world's evil was destroyed.

Hillel, on the other hand, felt that one could not simply destroy the presence of evil in the world. The best way of fighting darkness, he felt, was to add light. After all, we may not be able to remove all evil in our world, but we can do our best to add more kindness, goodness and holiness. Hillel's imperative was that whenever possible, we should always add more joy and more light to our days, our lives and the lives of those around us. Hillel argued that this was the way to make the world a better place. For this reason, the Jewish community collectively lights their chanukiyot according to Hillel's instruction.

In recent weeks, we've seen painful examples of the darkness in our world. As we've heard news from Paris, Beirut, Baghdad, Syria, Israel and even the streets of New Orleans, we know that



Cantor David Mintz

darkness exists in very real ways. In the wake of this darkness, let us be reminded of Hillel's imperative, echoed in the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

Next week, we'll gather in our homes (and together as a community on Friday, December 11th) to light Chanukah candles. As we do so, according to Hillel's instruction, let us be reminded of all the ways that we add our own light to the world. May the Chanukah lights inspire to seek out even more opportunities to make the world a little brighter, through acts of kindness, generosity and love.

Chag Sameach!
David



**Happy
Chanukah!**

A message from our president, Susan Good

I have recently returned from attending the Union for Reform Judaism Biennial which allowed me to hear inspiring presenters, to discuss common issues with contemporaries, and to remind myself of why Touro Synagogue is so very special.

This year's programming was divided in to four major categories: Strengthening Congregations, Audacious Hospitality, Tikkun Olam and Transforming Texts. As your temple president, I concentrated my time on the first two offerings.

My initial participation was in a learning session titled Compassionate, Connected Communities. So many of the ideas which were suggested have been practiced by our congregation for years. It was not so much a "learning session" for me, but an affirmation that efforts like our Village and Nourish programs are successful and meaningful. Many congregations have a full-time staff member who coordinates and initiates these agendas. It is heart-warming to note that at Touro we have volunteers willing to take on these enormous responsibilities and congregants who readily step up to collaborate. I felt the same sense of pride when others discussed alternative dues models, knowing that at Touro we are pioneers and innovators in this arena. It is reassuring when others ask for your examples and thoughts on how a structure is put in place and how to measure its success.

Ron Wolfson, author of *Relational Judaism*, held a session where participants could brainstorm and take his best principles in to account. In this too, Touro was already a leader.

Your synagogue board read his book two years ago and has been instituting some of these practices as part of our own Audacious Hospitality.

However, I must say, that the most interesting and uplifting program I attended was titled "The Power of Mindsets: Creating Resilient and Compassionate Congregational Communities". The dynamic keynote speaker was Robert Brooks, a psychologist and author from Harvard Medical School. He stated that if we work toward a climate that nurtures and promotes positivity, it then allows our congregations to overcome inertia and resistance. To achieve this, the following were four "motivating environments" he believes people look for:

1. The need to belong and feel connected and welcomed. Greet people by name and smile!
2. The need for self-determination and autonomy. What input and choices do all members of a community have? Do they believe their voices are being heard and respected?
3. The need to feel competent. Are their unique gifts, strengths and qualities appreciated and used?
4. The need to experience a sense of purpose and meaning. We must perceive our congregations as a place filled with contributory activities, acts of kindness and indelible memories that enrich our lives.

So much of this is already a part of the "DNA" of Touro Synagogue. However, we know there is always room for growth and improvement. Our community will continue to



Susan Good

explore more avenues for strengthening our congregation and making us a more welcoming place. I hope you will join us in this cause.

In the "Jewish Journal", Rabbi Yoshi Zweiback, senior rabbi at Stephen Wise Temple, wrote the following entitled "It's *madhim* --- it's incredible", about his Biennial experience. It summed up my sentiments perfectly.

"I wish that every Jew, every seeker in our community, could have the opportunity to experience the joy, the warmth, and the meaning that we offer. I wish that everyone, no matter his background, no matter her preconceptions, might be open to, at just the right time to what heartfelt, exuberant, soulful prayer can feel like. I wish that everyone could experience the power of community and the sense of purpose that a congregation, a movement and a People can provide. It's simply *madhim* --- it's incredible!"

Many thanks for the privilege of representing Touro Synagogue at this special gathering. And to The Union for Reform Judaism, I say *Yasher Koach*, a job well done and appreciated!

To each of you a Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year,
Susan



A MONTHLY SERVICE FOR OUR YOUNGEST MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

DECEMBER 12, 9:30 AM

Join Rabbi Silverman and Cantor Mintz for a Chanukah edition of Tot Shabbat Rocks! Bring your menorahs and watch the candles glow during a special daytime lighting!

JANUARY 16, 9:30 AM

Want to stay in pajamas all morning? Join Rabbi Silverman and Cantor Mintz for Tot Shabbat Rocks! Wear your comfy clothes and bring your favorite adult and stuffed animal for a morning of songs, prayers, stories and (of course) juice and challah!

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DINING WITH THE STARS

FEBRUARY 20, 2016

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL
FUNDRAISING AND FUN-FILLED EVENT

MORE INFORMATION COMING TO YOU SOON

Come for an exciting evening while being served by celebrity waiters and enjoying our fabulous dinner catered by Alon Shaya.

JOIN US FOR OUR UNIQUE SHABBAT EXPERIENCE EVERY FRIDAY EVENING AT 6PM

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.



STAY AFTER SERVICES AND ENJOY A SHABBAT DINNER!

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

For more information please contact Donna



SHABBAT FUN FOR KIDS

On Friday evenings Touro Synagogue offers fun activities for our youngest attendees. We've got board games, ping pong, toys and more!

Chanukah Family Dinner and Dreidel Tournament December 11, 2015 following Shabbat Services

Chanukah sing-along with Cantor Mintz, storytelling with Rabbi Silverman, dreidel tournament, sufganiyot bar, latkes and fried goodies!

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

\$15 Adults | \$10 Children (Ages 3-12)

RSVP by visiting <https://tourosynagogue.com/chanukah-family-dinner/>
Or send your check to Touro Synagogue and indicate in the note section how many will be attending



DREIDEL TOURNAMENT P SUFGANIYOT BAR Y LATKES AND FRIED GOODIES

THIRD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DAY MITZVAH AT THE REBUILD CENTER

Join us on Christmas Day 2015 when Touro Synagogue hosts the full lunch-time meal at the Rebuild Center



The Harry S. Thompson Rebuild Center serves those in need in a multitude of ways, including a lunch meal daily. For the third consecutive year, Touro Synagogue will be providing and serving lunch at the center on Christmas Day. All of the food will be supplied, prepared and served by Touro members. Please consider volunteering to help make this a very special day for the Rebuild Center's guests.

This is what we will need:

- Donations of food, paper products and other supplies
- Monetary donations
- Cooks to assist with food preparation on **December 3 and December 10**
- Cookie bakers and decorators on **December 17**
- Transporters and servers (limited number) on Christmas Day
- Christmas carolers



Sign up for this worthy mitzvah and other Touro volunteer opportunities by visiting our website and clicking on the Volunteer Spot Button!

If you have any questions about Christmas Day Mitzvah at Rebuild, please email Chris Kahn at zahava13@hotmail.com or Jeanne Kessler at Jeanne.kessler@gmail.com.

All volunteers will be coordinated through Volunteer Spot. Visit our home page (www.tourosynagogue.com) and click on the Volunteer Spot button.

Purim at Touro gets a little fuzzier... and Fozzier

PURIM CASTING CALL! AUDITION ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 24TH

Calling actors, singers, pigs, frogs, chickens and dancing bears of all ages! Come prepared to sing a song of your choice and join us for lunch and auditions, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

To join us for auditions, please email Cantor Mintz at dmintz@tourosynagogue.com or Rabbi Silverman at tsilverman@tourosynagogue.com.

**AND SAVE THE DATE
FOR THE BIG SHOW!**

**PURIM SHPIEL
SUNDAY, MARCH 20**



Religious School at Touro Synagogue

"You will teach [the Torah] diligently to your children."

This is the scriptural inspiration for our school. But learning is not just the acquisition of knowledge, it is a process of personal growth and development. When Jewish learning goes hand in hand with participation in synagogue life, it strengthens faith in God, love of Torah, connection to Israel, and identification with all Jewish people. Judaism contains answers to the challenges and questions confronting us daily.



Sixth graders work on crafts in Laura Adelman-Cannon's class



Second graders listen to teacher Ethan Krell.



Fourth Grade students pose for a photo in teacher Shelby Gadol's class.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ASSISTANT KAYLA COFFEE



We are excited to introduce you to our new part-time Religious School assistant Kayla Coffee. Kayla is new not only to the Touro Synagogue family, but also to New Orleans; she's a recent transplant from California. Kayla will quickly become a familiar face as she learns and integrates herself into the drop-off and pick-up procedures, staffing the office and being present at many of our school events and celebrations. If you see her around, make sure to say hello and introduce yourself!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

sock drive



HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!

For the first two weeks of December, the Religious School will collect packages of new white sports (crew) socks for the Harry S. Thompson Rebuild Center. Believe it or not, socks are one of the hardest items to come by for those who are without a home or in transition between homes - even more so than toiletries.

Can you help us reach our goal of **200 PAIRS OF SOCKS** for donation? Next time you shop online or stop by a department/big-box store, grab a package of 6 or 10 pairs. All donations can be brought to Touro on Sundays during religious school or any other time of the week. Let's help those in need get back on their feet!

Contact Rabbi Silverman with any questions at tsilverman@tourosynagogue.com.

UPCOMING BAR MITZVAH

Jared Glassman

Bar Mitzvah on December 5, 2015 (Bio included in last month's issue)



Zachary Brown Wilkins

Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, January 9, 2016

My mitzvah project is to provide athletic equipment to students who may not have easy access to it. I am working with Renew Cultural Arts Academy to help them gather equipment so their students can play sports during recess, P.E. and after school.

My goal is to get new or gently used equipment as well as to raise over \$1800 for bigger school purchases, including team uniforms for their championship soccer team. With your help, we will be able to do this...maybe even more.

All you need to do is put sports gear (footballs, basket balls, volley balls, soccer balls, dodge balls, jump ropes, cones, yoga pads, volley ball nets, mitts, bats, hula hoops etc), either new or gently used, into Zachary's Sports Baskets. They are located around the synagogue. Or, put a small donation in the basket for the Renew Cultural Arts Academy so we can raise money for their uniforms.

This project is very important to me as I become a Bar Mitzvah. My goal is to make the world a better place as an adult in the Jewish faith. I am starting with connecting students with athletics. Sports are so important to a child's educational experience. I know - I love playing sports at school and want to make sure that all kids have the same opportunity. Please help me do that.

Zachary is the son of Ginny Wise and Kevin Wilkins; brother to Jonathan and Benjamin Wilkins; grandson of Carol Wise and the late Richard Wise, and the late Virginia and Walter Wilkins.

Help support Zachary's Mitzvah Project by donating gently used equipment for the students at Renew Cultural Arts Academy.



JEWCCY NEWS - YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES



Latkes & Football with JewCCY

**Come cheer on the Saints and
enjoy some latkes with JewCCY!**

December 13th
12:00 p.m. kickoff
3725 Rue Emilion, Metairie

RSVP here:

<https://jewccy.wufoo.com/forms/latkes-and-football/>



PRESENT:

VIVA NEW ORLEANS DANCE4JUSTICE

A COMMUNITY GATHERING TO BENEFIT HUMANITY

JANUARY 17, 2016

TOURO SYNAGOGUE * 7:00PM

Las Vegas Theme (SemiFormal Attire)

Ticket Purchase Required \$18 per guest



please join members
of Touro Synagogue

Havdalah & Chaverim

JANUARY 9 Come together for
dinner at six o'clock

A new initiative by our Caring & Mitzvah Committee

Close out Shabbat by meeting new Touro members, enjoying the company of old friends, and savoring delicious home-cooked food by signing up to be a guest in a congregant's home. Guests will be randomly assigned to a host family for dinner in their home on this night. Single adults, couples, and families are all welcome!

Say you'll join us!

Please indicate your interest here:

<https://tourosynagogue.com/havdalah-chaverim/>
by December 15.

Questions? Contact Lisa Keleher at
(504) 296-5472 or lisatkeleher@gmail.com



TOURO SYNAGOGUE VILLAGES

Our Touro Villages are doing well and have enjoyed a lot of activity over the past two years. A Village is a group of members who live in the same neighborhood. Maybe you've received a care package, a note, or a birthday treat from someone in your Village.

Would you like to become more involved with your Village? We have opportunities in leadership roles and assistant roles. We are currently developing a social director role that will organize gatherings of Village-members just for fun. Some Villages could use an extra hand in the coordinator role - dropping off care packages, writing notes, and welcoming new Touro families. We also have a group of birthday couriers, who deliver birthday treats in the form of beautiful plants or home-baked goodies.

Do any of those activities appeal? Would you like to learn more about the Villages? Call or email Lisa Keleher at 504-296-5472 or lisatkeleher@gmail.com.



Join Cantor David Mintz for

SHABBAT KUMZITS

January 8, 2016
after Shabbat Services

Join us for our monthly
gathering of communal singing!

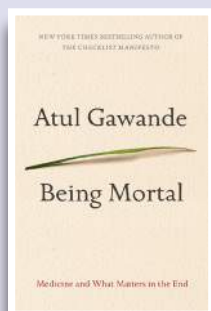
Literally meaning "come and sit" in Yiddish, a kumzits is an opportunity to gather together in an intimate setting for some beautiful passionate singing and a powerful, spiritual experience.

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

And while you're at it, mark your
calendar for our Kumzits
on February 12th!

LITERATURE & LIBATIONS

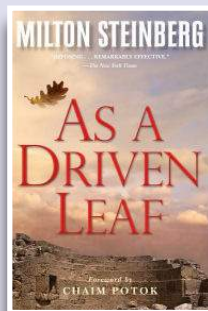
TWO EVENINGS OF DISCUSSION AND DINNER WITH FRIENDS



BEING MORTAL

WITH RABBI BERK
JANUARY 13, 6:00 PM

Join Rabbi Berk for a light dinner, a glass of wine, and a lively and reflective discussion. All are welcome. Whether you are old, young, parent, child, caregiver, care receiver, well, ailing, or just a human being traveling on this journey of life, this book is for you.



AS A DRIVEN LEAF

WITH RABBI SILVERMAN
APRIL 14, 6:00 PM

Join Rabbi Silverman for an in-depth discussion of one of the most significant Jewish novels of the 20th century. For anyone who has ever struggled to reconcile their faith with their surrounding culture, this book may be right up your alley.

\$10 suggested donation for dinner.

To RSVP for the dinner and discussion, or if you have any questions, please email info@touroynagogue.com or call the Touro office (504) 895-4843.

BOTH TITLES ARE AVAILABLE TO ORDER ONLINE FROM YOUR FAVORITE BOOK SELLER.

The Jewish Composer Lecture Series Presented by George Dansker:

TAKE ME TO THE WORLD: THE LIFE AND MUSIC OF STEPHEN SONDHEIM



The George Dansker lecture series continues with another wonderful program saluting the great Jewish-American composers of Broadway and Hollywood. This year, we will honor Presidential Medal of Freedom Award winner Stephen Sondheim, perhaps the greatest Broadway composer of our time. Learn about his fascinating life, hear his glorious music and explore the ways that he redefined contemporary musical theater as we know it today.

**FRIDAY,
JANUARY
15TH**

**FOLLOWING
SHABBAT
SERVICES IN
THE GRANT
MEYER
GARDEN
PAVILION**

**Be sure to
join us for
this special
evening!**

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES AT TOURO

Alzheimer's Care Givers Support Group

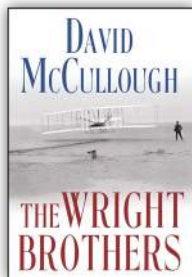


**Meets every other Tuesday
December 8 & 22, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
in the Chapel Study**

Caregivers for Alzheimer's face special challenges. You are not alone. Whether you need information about early-stage care giving, middle-stage care giving, or late-stage care giving, the Care Givers Support Group meets to discuss the issues caregivers deal with on a day-to-day basis.

For more information on the group, please contact the Group Facilitator, Claire Jacobi at clairebjacobi@gmail.com.

Touro Book Group for Women



**Monday, January 25
10:30 AM in the
Mautner Learning Center**

Pat Reardon will lead the discussion on The Wright Brothers by David McCullough. For more information email Marjorie at mgweiner@aol.com.

Monthly Meditation Group with Rabbi Berk

**December 15 and January 12
12:00 PM in the Forgotston Chapel**

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.



News and the Jews with Rabbi Berk



A NEW LEARNING EXPERIENCE!

**December 17, January 7 and 21
12 - 1 p.m. in the Mautner Learning Center**

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.

Torah Study Every Saturday at 9:00 AM!

Everyone is invited on Saturday mornings to unwrap ancient wisdom in a post-modern world with our Torah Study group.

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

Dec. 13-Dec. 19: Vayigash

Genesis 44:18-47:27 / Ezekiel 37:15-28

Dec. 20-Dec. 26: Va-y'chi

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

Dec. 27-Jan. 2: Sh'mot

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

Jan. 3-Jan. 9: Va-eira

Exodus 6:2-9:35 / Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

Jan. 10 - Jan. 16: Bo

Exodus 10:1-13:16 / Jeremiah 46:13-28

Jan. 17-Jan 23: B'shalach

Exodus 13:17-17:16 / Judges 4:4/5:31

Jan. 24 - Jan. 30: Yitro

Exodus 18:1-20:23 / Isaiah 6:1-7:6; 9:5-9:6

Parashot as requested by the Touro Torah Study group

new

NEW SPRING OFFERINGS

Touro's Adult Hebrew Academy

Beyond Hebrew Decoding with Cantor Mintz

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM

To those who completed this fall's introductory course on Hebrew decoding or those with basic Hebrew reading ability but want to take his or her skills to the next level, be sure to join Cantor Mintz for this Tuesday evening class!

February 16, 23 and March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Hebrew of the Siddur and Rabbinic Texts with Rabbi Silverman

Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Join Rabbi Silverman on Thursday evenings to practice your Hebrew reading skills and learn the vocabulary of the literature of the Rabbis -- Midrash, Mishna and Talmud.

February 18, 25 and March 10, 17, 24, 31

To sign up please email info@tourosynagogue.com



JEWISH ETHICS IN HEALTH CARE

**Dinner and Discussion
Tuesday, January 19, 6:30 p.m.
in the Shushan Assembly**

Join Rabbi Berk in exploring how we bring Jewish ethics to our professional lives. The session is driven by relevant ethical issues affecting health care providers.

We look forward to seeing you there.
Please RSVP to info@tourosynagogue.com.

\$10 suggested donation for dinner.

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 are interested, please contact Cantor Mintz at
dmintz@tourosynagogue.com

Rick Recht rocked the Main Sanctuary



Students who have participated in a summer or semester Israel program share their experiences during a panel discussion organized by JewCCY and Touro's Religious School.



Attendees wait for the Rick Recht concert to begin while enjoying lunch in the Grant Meyer Garden Pavilion.



Parents watch as their kids sing and dance on stage with Rick Recht.



ABOVE: Chelsea Deitelzweig, Sydney Gold, and JewCCY organizer Ivy Cohen sell baked goods. **RIGHT:** Children interact with performer Rick Recht during his performance in the Main Sanctuary.



The Installation of Rabbi Todd Silverman



ABOVE: Rabbi Alexis Berk, Rabbi Emeritus David Goldstein, Rabbi Todd Silverman, Cantor David Mintz and Rabbi Uri Allen during the Installation of Rabbi Todd Silverman.

FAR LEFT: Rabbi Alexis Berk talks with Diane and Mark Silverman, Rabbi Todd Silverman's parents, during the Installation of Rabbi Silverman.

LEFT: Rabbi Uri Allen and Rabbi Todd Silverman hug.



LEFT: Rabbi Alexis Berk and Rabbi Todd Silverman share a moment during the ceremony.

THANK YOU SCOTT SALTZMAN

A special thank you to Scott Saltzman who year after year has been capturing the essence of Touro Synagogue through his photography. We are so grateful for his talent, spirit, and generosity. You can learn more about Scott and view his amazing images by visiting his website, www.barefootphotography.com.

Get involved at Touro!

Our social action initiatives at Touro Synagogue would not be possible without the dedication of our passionate congregants. The help we give the community is immeasurable and we strive to continue our missions. Please take a look at ongoing volunteer efforts as well as initiatives we are undertaking in the future and find out how you can get involved. *Also, don't forget about our VolunteerSpot button on our homepage for the most up-to-date volunteer opportunities.*



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Will you help the Krewe of VIPs?

Touro Synagogue will once again host the Krewe of VIP's this Mardi Gras season. We will have a wheel chair accessible platform set up on the steps of our sanctuary for those with disabilities or special needs to view the Mardi Gras parades on the dates listed below. These Mardi Gras stands are handicap accessible and provided free to children with disabilities and their families during some Mardi Gras parades. Without these stands, many children would not be able to enjoy a Mardi Gras parade!

Help is needed to ensure the success of this very important mitzvah! If you are able to chaperone/host for one of following dates, please contact Hal Shepard at hal@taylor-seidenbach.com.

Saturday, January 30 @ 12:00 p.m.

Pontchartrain, Choctaw and Freret Parades

Thursday, February 4 @ 4:45 p.m.

Babylon, Muses & Chaos Parades

Saturday, February 6 @ 10 a.m.

Iris and Tucks Parades

If you know of any child with special needs who could benefit from VIP treatment during Mardi Gras, please have their guardians contact Dr. Juan Gershanik's office by calling 504-896-2229 or 504-377-1162 to reserve a spot at this year's parades.



Cantor Mintz helps entertain the VIP kids during last year's Mardi Gras parades.

If you build it, they will come!

We need some volunteers to help assemble the stands on **Tuesday, January 26th** and disassemble them on **Thursday evening, February 11th**.

Contact Hal Shepard at hal@taylor-seidenbach.com with any questions and/or to say that you can help!



Hal Shepard and Juan Gershanik stand in front of last year's Mardi Gras platform they helped construct.

The Social Action Wheel: Be the Change You Wish to See in the World!

A Social Action Workshop for all Members!

December 13, 2015 at 9:15-11:15am

Many of us are concerned about issues of social justice, but not sure how to take action that will effect true change. In this workshop, we will use the "social action wheel" to think about the ways - as individuals and a community - we might move from direct service (feeding homeless people, for example) to a variety of community-engaged actions (e.g. advocacy, education) to create a more just world. All adults are welcome to the discussion. **Contact info@touro-synagogue.com with any questions. Please RSVP with number attending by December 7.**

HELP ANYTIME - ONGOING INITIATIVES

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.



We have a collection bin inside the General Pershing entrance. Please rubber band your shoes, as shown above, and place inside our collection bin. We will be collecting through **December 15**.

Eden House

Eden House is a residence/program for women in need of a safe home where they 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

Contact tlhunter22@gmail.com with any questions.



Please consider donating items such as:
toothpaste • brushes • shampoo • conditioner • soap
• body lotion • towels • any personal care items

You can help the teachers and staff of Religious School and Sophie B. Wright

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: <http://vols.pt/FUo8Us>, or click our VolunteerSpot button on our homepage.

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 use this link for more information or to sign up: <http://vols.pt/FD4Tzu>



TOURO & SOPHIE B. WRIGHT
SYNAGOGUE & CHARTER SCHOOL

RECENT VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

TOURO'S GARDEN

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 helped 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!

Please contact 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, or cereals when you come for Shabbat services or anytime you come to the synagogue or you are in the neighborhood.

- WE'RE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS -

Say you'll join in the fun of harvesting by emailing

Ann Fishman at dagadam@aol.com.

Look at the pictures below. It's fun and easy!

LGBTQ ACTION

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

On November 5, 2015, at the URJ Biennial, the Union for Reform Judaism once again confirmed our commitment to equality and inclusion with a sweeping resolution on the rights of transgender and gender non-conforming Jews. This year at Touro Synagogue, the LGBTQ Advocacy group is focused on steps we can take to improve the synagogue environment for all. We are also developing an LGBTQ Shabbat service and organizing a panel discussion around issues of LGBTQ youth and parental concerns. We are a passionate group, and amidst that passion we have lots of fun and great conversation. All are welcome. For more information, or to share your thoughts and ideas, contact Laura Levy at laura.silven.levy@gmail.com.

MASS INCARCERATION - STAY TUNED

We are continuing our study of topics associated with the issue of mass incarceration. Be on the lookout for an upcoming informative discussion of youth incarceration issues led by members of the Orleans Parish Public Defender's Office. Please contact Dani Levine at dlevine@avodah.net, Julie Silbert at julie.silbert@keanmiller.com, or Naomi Yavneh at yavneh@loyno.edu for additional information.

Helping with our harvest



Congregants help gather the harvest from Touro's vertical gardens. Scott Saltzman (top left) clipping red mustard greens. Michelle Soll (far right) and Aimee Bain (bottom left) work on harvesting the collard greens. The produce gathered went to Broadmoor Food Pantry to help feed families in need.





At Touro Synagogue we are very fortunate to be located right on the parade route - for what we believe to be one of the best spots on St. Charles Avenue! Below you will find a schedule of when the synagogue will be open for members who would like to join the revelry of Carnival in New Orleans.

CARNIVAL SEASON ACCESS AT TOURO SYNAGOGUE

Friday, January 29, 5:15 PM

Shabbat Services followed by
Krewe of Oshun and Krewe of Cleopatra.
Dinner will be served. \$5 per person

Saturday, January 30, 1:00 PM

Krewe of Pontchartrain followed by
Krewe of Choctaw and Krewe of Freret.

*Open to the congregation but
the stands are reserved for VIP Kids*

Wednesday, February 3, 6:30 PM

Krewe of Druids followed by Krewe of NYX.

Thursday, February 4, 5:45 PM

Krewe of Babylon followed by
Krewe of Chaos and Krewe of Muses.

*Open to the congregation but
the stands are reserved for VIP Kids*

Friday, February 5, 5:15 PM

Shabbat Services followed by
Krewe of Hermes, Krewe of d'Etat
and Krewe of Morpheus.
Dinner will be served. \$5 per person

Saturday, February 6, 10:15 AM

Abbreviated Shabbat Service followed by
Krewe of Iris and Krewe of Tucks.

*Open to the congregation but
the stands are reserved for VIP Kids*

Sunday, February 7, 3:00 PM BACCHUS BASH

Details to be announced!
Stay tuned!

Monday, February 8, 5:15 PM

Krewe of Proteus followed by
Krewe of Orpheus

***Touro's facility will be closed
for all other Uptown parades
that are not listed on this schedule.***

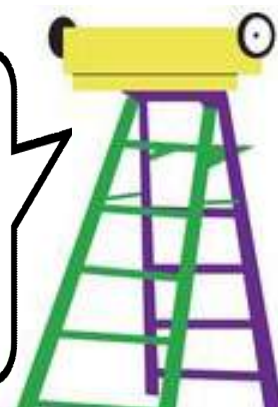
***Want to volunteer this Carnival?
See page 18 for more information.***

MARDI GRAS RULES

- Non-members may enter only if accompanied by a member. A charge of \$5 per person will be requested for each non-member.
- Members are allowed entrance to the synagogue's campus for the parades listed above (separate fees apply for Shabbati-Gras and Bacchus Bash).
- Access will be limited to the areas behind the fence, Bowsky Garden, and Shushan Assembly.
- Coolers are permitted on days when Touro Synagogue is not hosting an event (Shabbati-Gras & Bacchus).
- Coolers must be kept outside.
- No glass is allowed.
- No Traif (pork or shellfish).
- In order to keep the facility available, the property grounds must be respected by all members and guests, and all trash must be disposed of properly.

Want to store your ladder at Touro for the Carnival Season?

For a donation of \$50
your ladder will be made
available on all the open
days listed above



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED THIS CARNIVAL SEASON



Will you join Krewe of Touro?

We are in need Touro members to help out on the days that Touro is open for members and their paid guests to view parades inside our gates.

We're depending on volunteers to make this Carnival Season a fun and safe place for our members. Touro volunteer "Hosts" will staff the gate all the while having a great time and watching the parades roll by.

Interested in helping? Check out the schedule on page 17 and then visit our VolunteerSpot page to sign up (<http://vols.pt/b21sBA>).

Responsibilities include staffing the front gate and handing out wristbands to Touro members and collecting the non-member fee for each guest (a list of members will be provided). A Touro Staff person will be on hand at each parade to help throughout the evening. Hosts are asked to work to the end of their shift.



Touro Synagogue

is pleased to present it's 25th Annual

JAZZ FEST SHABBAT

Featuring Jon Cleary and
the Absolute Monster Gentlemen

April 29, 2016

Welcome to New Members

Aimee Brown and Keigan Stacho

Amanda and Graham Hill,
Benjamin and Louis Hill

Shane and Allison Kupperman

Oliver "Bob" Weisz and Rachel David

Jennifer Hood

Benjamin "Benjy" and Jeanette Jaffe,
Emma Jaffe

Mazel Tov

to **Josh Balkin** for being selected to attend the Anti-Defamation League Grosfeld Family National Youth Leadership Mission in Washington D.C. He was 1 of 130 selected to attend nationally

to **Beth and Austin Lavin** on the birth of their daughter **Amelia Claire Lavin**, granddaughter to **Nancy Aronson and Virginia Besthoff** and **Catherine Boozman and Howard Shapiro**

to **Daniel Meyer and Jennifer Barriere** on the birth of their daughter, **Josephine Emery Meyer**, granddaughter to **Judy Barrasso and Brent Barriere**

to **Jay M. Shames, MD**, for receiving the 2015 Judah Touro Society (JTS) Award at the Touro Infirmary Foundation Gala

to **Bill Norman**, on being honored by the Jewish Community Day School during their 2015 Fall Gala

to **Ellen Balkin** on receiving the National Arts and Humanities Youth Programming Award. The award was presented at the White House by First Lady Michelle Obama

to **Cantor David and Deborah Mintz** on the birth of Baby Boy Mintz on November 18. Baby Boy Mintz weighed 8 lbs. 1 ounce



In Memoriam

Touro Synagogue extends its deepest sympathies to the families and friends of...

Gerald Stanley Carr,
husband of the late Roberta Ratner Carr.

Seymour "Sy" Deitzelzweig,
father of Dr. Steven Deitzelzweig (Stacy) and grandfather of Chelsea and Chloe Deitzelzweig.

James Lawrence Earley,
uncle of Nora Udell (Michael Leikin).

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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Our new website has an easy-to-access online donation form. If you'd like to make a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one, please visit www.tourosynagogue.com/donate/donate-online/

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

ABOUT SHABBAT SERVICES

As we allow our staff to celebrate the holidays, we will provide a small motzi and kiddush following Shabbat services on December 25 and January 1.

Our full Shabbat dinner following services will resume on January 8. We look forward to seeing you!

**Motzi and Kiddush following Services
December 25 (Christmas Day) &
January 1 (New Year's Day)**



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, Dec. 4 / Saturday, Dec. 5

INEZ LEVY ROSENTHAL, DUDLEY UDAL YOEDICKE, EUGENE MAAS, FLORETTE GEISMAR MARGOLIS, MAURICE BERNARD SONTHEIMER, MICHAEL A. BERENSON, RAY HANDELMAN MASLANSKY, ADRIAN C. BENJAMIN, SR., GERTRUDE LEVY PHILLIPS, ABRAHAM ROSENBERG, JAY ZAKRIS, EVANGELINE KATZ HOCHSTEIN, IRVING I. ADLER, BRUNETTE AARON LEVY, WILLIAM HARRY SHUSHAN, HARRY H. BEAR, CECELIA HILBORN SCHERCK, SARAH KELLER, HARRY HYMAN, ROSA MICHAELIS, HELENE METZGER CYMBAL, JEROME ZAROWITZ

Friday, Dec. 11 / Saturday, Dec. 12

PAULINE ADLER, RUTH GOTTESMAN COHEN, WILLIAM GORDON KESLER, HELEN FINGER SINGER, JEANETTE LITH, HENRY A. MASLANSKY, JANIS SCHWARTZ BERENSON, ABE BERENSON, FLORENTINE HAYEM ZANDER, RUTH ANN RABIN, ABRAHAM ROSENBERG, HERMAN JEFFER, DAVID TOBIAS PICK, CHARLES L. WOLDENBERG, LILLIE MANSBERG BLOCK, JEANETTE MEYER BENJAMIN, LOUIS AARON GLAZER, HANNAH COHEN LIGHTMAN, GERTRUDE SCHWARZ STERN, BERTHA LISCHKOFF SONTHEIMER, IDA KAGAN BERG, MILTON H. COHEN, MATHILDE KAHN LEUCHT, HARRY GOODMAN, EMILIE KAHN GRUENBERG, BEN COHN, BOAZ KIRSTEIN, LEONARD M. WOLFF

Friday, Dec. 18 / Saturday Dec. 19

LOUIS MAX OCHS, BENJAMIN LOUIS LEVY, SR., ALVIN PHILLIP LICHTENTAG, ALFRED GEISMAR, JAC STICH, MARY HEINEMANN, ALFRED LEON ALAYNICK, HELEN AXINN GOLDSTEIN, SELMA THALSHEIMER HUSS, NORMA TANNENBAUM DUFF, HARRY BENNETT, LOUISE GOLDMAN KAPLAN, MAURICE A. MARKLEY, JULIA SIMON AARONS, ELISE YARRUT FISHMAN, RUTH ISRAELSON ADIGER, ESTHER HASPEL MAYER, DOUGLAS NORMAN WEINREB, PHILIP F. PHILLIPS, LEON FRANK

Friday, Dec. 25 / Saturday, Dec. 26

ERNEST S. FRANK, ADOLPH LOUIS STIEBEL, RUTH H. WEIL, FANNY LOB, ALBERTINE MARX, ELKIN MOSES, WILLIAM YOUNG, BABETTE COHN GOLDEN, JOSEPH D. FREEDMAN, MORRIS KEIL, SAMUEL B. FELLMAN, FANNYE OESTERMAN MEYERS, DOROTHY BETTY SALE LEVY, FANNIE BURG AUER ULLMAN, RAE MARKS ROSENBERG, ISAK M. LAYMAN, ABRAHAM L. FISHMAN, BEN FRANK FREEDMAN, HENRY NEWMAN, LEOPOLD R. HIRSCH, NATHAN GREENSPAN, MARIE BERTHA VAN OS, RUTHANN ARZBERGER FRANCIS

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Friday, Jan. 8 / Saturday, Jan. 9

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Friday, Jan. 15 / Saturday, Jan. 16

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Friday, Jan. 22 / Saturday, Jan. 23

SAMUEL BERLIN, HELEN POLACK LOEB, JOSEPH CLAY SHIELDS, SR., WALTER F. MARCUS, CLEM KOHLMANN SALMON, EMELIE ISAACS TURKHEIMER, JUDAH TOURO, RICHARD S. RUCK, MORRIS J. LEVY, MILDRED KOPLOW DEROF, JESSIE HILLER WAGNER, MARCUS M. LEVY, EMILE KAHN, MAURICE LEVY LELAND, SELMA HEYMANN WOLFF, WILLIAM G. FELLMAN, ALFRED CHARLES ALLTMONT, DANIEL B. FEITEL, FREDERICK A. KULLMAN, MAYME OSTERMAN ISAACS, PEGGY COHEN BENNETT, WILLIAM MARSHAL TEAGUE, SOL SUCHERMAN, ABRAHAM LAZARD SHUSHAN, JR., MAX ADOLPH GOOD, EDITH LOU BACH, CARRIE KOHLMAYER, RACHAEL LEVY MARX, FLORENCE N. TRAUTMAN, JOSEPHINE MOSES DIAMOND, SUSAN BLOCK SEELIG, HAROLD H. SOGIN

Friday, Jan. 29 / Saturday Jan. 30

FANNIE SAFFERSTONE KLEIN, SALLY SPICKLER GOTTSEGEN, IDA RITTENBERG KOHLMAYER, OTTO AARON LEVY, JULIUS KEIFFER, JOSEPH E. MILLER, HERMAN MAY, MONROE PFAELZER, WALTER LEONARD BROWN, SR., EVA KARNOFSKY LOEB, SAMUEL BERNARD KATZ, EDWARD D. LEVY, SAUL SINGER, SUNNY NORMAN, LEONIE BER HASPEL, ROSETTA GOLDBERG, SHIRLEY SHEIN HILLER, ADELE OBERDORFER LEVY, CARL D. REED, ESTELLE PHILLIPS, ETHEL ALLTMONT ABRAMSON, BESSIE WEINBERG SMITH, THERESA HAUSMANN, IRVIN S. SMITH, JULIE HIRSCH BLOCH, LEON SIMON GEISMAR, MATHILDE HEINEMANN WEIL, LEOPOLD FEIBLEMAN, GUSTAVE J. KLOTZ, SR.

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December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 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	4 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service / Birthday Blessings 7:10 p.m. The Taste of Limmud, Grant Meyer Garden Pavilion	5 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service / Adult Bar Mitzvah of Jared Glassman
6 9:00 a.m. Religious School (All grades)	7	8 12:00 p.m. Alzheimers Care Givers Support Group	9 4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew	10 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	11 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Chanukah Family Celebration 7:15 p.m. Chanukah Family event	12 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 9:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat Rocks! 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
13 9:00 a.m. Religious School (All Grades) 9:15 a.m. Social Action Wheel: Be the Change you wish to see in the world!	14	15 12:00 p.m. Monthly Meditations with Rabbi Berk	16 4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew	17 12:00 p.m. News and the Jews with Rabbi Berk 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	18 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service / Choir Shabbat	19 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
20 Religious School not in session Winter Break	21	22 12:00 p.m. Alzheimers Care Givers Support Group	23 Uptown Hebrew not in session Winter Break	24	25 Christmas Day Office Closed 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service	26 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
27 Religious School not in session Winter Break	28	29	30 Uptown Hebrew not in session Winter Break	31		

January 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					New Years Day Office Closed 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service / Birthday Blessings	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
Religious School not in session Winter Break			4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew	12:00 p.m. News and the Jews with Rabbi Berk 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Friday Night Kumzits (Com- munal singing)	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service / Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Brown Wilkins 6:00 p.m. Havdalah in Homes
9:00 a.m. Religious School (All Grades)		12:00 p.m. Monthly Meditations with Rabbi Berk	4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew 6:00 p.m. Literature and Libations with Rabbi Berk	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:15 p.m. Concert-Lecture on Stephen Sondheim with George Dansker	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 9:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat Rocks! 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
9:00 a.m. Religious School (Pre-K - 8th grade)	Martin Luther King Day Office Closed	6:30 p.m. Jewish Ethics for Professionals Series: Physicians	4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew 5:30 p.m. Uptown Hebrew Late Night	12:00 p.m. News and the Jews with Rabbi Berk 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service / Choir Shabbat	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
9:00 a.m. Religious School (All Grades, except Grade 6) 11:30 a.m. Purim Audition & Lunch	10:30 a.m. Touro Book Group Meeting	5:30 p.m. Building of viewing stands	4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	5:00 p.m. Casual Shab- bati Gras - Shabbat Evening Service with Family Dinner and parade to follow (casual attire)	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
Religious School not in session Mardi Gras Parades						

Shabbat Services December 2015/January 2016

Friday, December 4

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

Saturday, December 5

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

Friday, December 11

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Chanukah Family Celebration, Forgetston Chapel
7:15pm Chanukah Family Event, Grant Meyer Garden Pavilion

Saturday, December 12

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgetston Chapel

Friday, December 18

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

Saturday, December 19

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgetston Chapel

Friday, December 25

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgetston Chapel
Kiddush and Motzi to follow services

Saturday, December 26

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgetston Chapel

Friday, January 1

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service / Birthday Blessings, Forgetston Chapel
Kiddush and Motzi to follow services

Saturday, January 2

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgetston Chapel

Friday, January 8

6:00pm Shabbat Morning Service, Forgetston Chapel
7:30pm Friday Night Kumzits, Shushan Assembly

Saturday, January 9

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service / Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Brown Wilkins,
Main Sanctuary

Friday, January 15

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgetston Chapel
7:15pm Concert-Lecture on Stephen Sondheim with George Dansker,
Grant Meyer Garden Pavilion

Saturday, January 16

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgetston Chapel

Friday, January 22

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

Saturday, January 23

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgetston Chapel

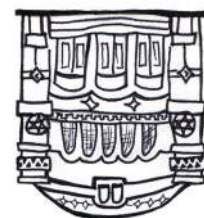
Friday, January 29

5:00pm Casual Shabbati Gras - Shabbat Evening Service with family dinner and
parade to follow, Forgetston Chapel

NOTE EARLIER TIME

Saturday, January 30

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgetston Chapel



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