

TOURO SYNAGOGUE

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A Rabbi is Never a Fundraiser?

A rabbi is never a fundraiser. This is taught to us in rabbinical school. Don't muddy the waters. Don't ever give the impression that you are concerned about money – and keep pastoral matters free of any financial fetters. An important lesson.

When congregations seek Reform rabbis and cantors, they are always asked to articulate the three aspects of congregational life in which the clergy are not to be involved. I find this an interesting thing to consider. What do you not want your clergy to deal with? Almost every single congregation states that they do not want their clergy to get involved in finances. (In case this makes you curious, when we filled out our application during the search for Rabbi Silverman, we assured him he wouldn't need to worry about scrubbing tile grout or tinkering with temperamental air conditioning systems – truth).

Like many things taught in academic settings, real life adds twists and inevitably tweaks the complexity of a situation. I completely understand the

weirdness that can ensue when clergy start to function financially – ethics concerns, professional boundaries, and lack of expertise can all make for a potential mess. I am not a finance expert.

But, I love fundraisers. Why? Because I'm so proud of this place. I'm so happy we're thriving and growing. I'm so thrilled with the life and vitality that pulses through our community. And I enjoy every program, opportunity and resource we bring to the synagogue experience. These things take money (and time and energy and interest and devotion).

I learned a while back that, in fact, while I do not care to devote myself to finance – I do very much want to invest in the goodness at work here. And, I feel like my role in that is to be very joyous in all that we do and all that we are. My role is to help inspire each soul here to give and contribute gifts of their being – offerings of our hearts, minds, hands and wallets are all welcome and necessary. I hope I can do that, always.



Rabbi Alexis Berk

So, on February 20, I, Cantor Mintz, Rabbi Silverman, and the team Touro Synagogue professional and lay leadership will be there happily helping to raise money for our community. We are planning to have a great time. The clergy are even angling to be "celebrities" (of sorts) and get some tables. We can't wait; we're all in. Are you?

See you there!

Warmly,
Rabbi Alexis Berk

Dining with the Stars

TOURO SYNAGOGUE

FEBRUARY 20, 2016

JOIN US FOR OUR FUN-FILLED FUNDRAISING EVENT!

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A Message from our President

"What is happening at Touro these days?" is a question I am asked several times in the course of a week. A better inquiry might be "What is not happening at Touro these days?"

As you peruse through any given bulletin it won't take you long to realize that our congregation and our clergy and staff are extremely committed and involved in a host of activities. Take a quick look at this short list of offerings:

Hebrew classes, book reviews, volunteer choir, Torah study, Shabbat worship and Shabbat dinner, parties (fundraisers and Mardi Gras included), discussions on ethics, concerts and a myriad of social action projects.

In the Urban Dictionary you will find the acronym "WIIFM". It stands for "What's in it for me?" - a question that may be asked about a new idea or method where the benefits are not obvious. We can promise you that the benefits you would derive by taking part in any one of these gatherings will quickly become obvious.

You are here for Touro, and Touro is here for you, so don't wait. Take advantage of these opportunities soon and often. The "What's in it for me?" will be easily answered.

B'Shalom,
Susan



Susan Good

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JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE EVENING
BENEFITTING TOURO SYNAGOGUE

Dining with the Stars

A CELEBRITY WAITER EVENT
FEATURING DINNER BY ALON SHAYA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY TWENTIETH
HALF PAST SIX O'CLOCK

TOURO SYNAGOGUE
4238 SAINT CHARLES AVENUE

Please RSVP by February 12

JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING FEATURING A DELICIOUS DINNER AND SPECIALTY COCKTAILS
SERVED BY A TALENTED COLLECTION OF NEW ORLEANS' FINEST CHARACTERS. AS YOUR WAITER,
EACH OF OUR CELEBRITIES WILL PROVIDE A UNIQUE DINING EXPERIENCE, ALL WHILE COMPETING WITH ONE
ANOTHER TO EARN THE MOST TIPS TO BENEFIT OUR CONGREGATION. AS OF THE PRINTING OF THIS BULLETIN, THE
FOLLOWING FAMOUS LOCALS ARE SCHEDULED TO JOIN US: JIM HENDERSON, SPUD MCCONNELL, JIM LETTEN, JIM
BERNAZZANI, MORRIS BART, ANGELA HILL, TRAVERS MACKEL, DAVID BERNARD, CLANCY DUBOS, SALLY SHUSHAN,
JOHN SNELL, DONNY MARKOWITZ, LANCE AFRICK, HELENA MORENO, BRUCE KATZ, FLETCHER MACKEL,
JASON WILLIAMS, KIM HOLDEN, DAVID HAMMER, NEAL BODENHEIMER AND MORE!

Don't miss out! Seating is limited!
DRESSY CASUAL ATTIRE

Dining with the Stars committee

JENNY AND LEE ZURIK, CO-CHAIRS
NAOMI AND LARRY ORLANSKY, CO-CHAIRS
STEPHANIE AND KEITH ADLER
AIMEE AND STEVEN BAIN
STACY AND STEVEN DEITELZWEIG
REBECCA AND SIMON FINGER
DIANE AND ALAN FRANCO

SUSAN AND LOU GOOD
CARRIE AND AUSTIN MARKS
MILLIE AND ROBERT KOHN
MICHELLE AND SHEA SOLL
VICKY AND PETER SPERLING
JENNA AND JON WALSH
RANDY ROIG AND BRIAN WEIMER

RSVP HERE: [HTTPS://TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM/DINING-WITH-THE-STARS/](https://TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM/DINING-WITH-THE-STARS/)



MARDI GRAS

at **TOURO SYNAGOGUE**



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, 5:00 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, 5:00 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, 10:30 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*

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.***

***Touro Synagogue will be closed for
Bacchus on Sunday, February 7.
Due to the conflict with Super Bowl Sunday,
we are taking the year off!***

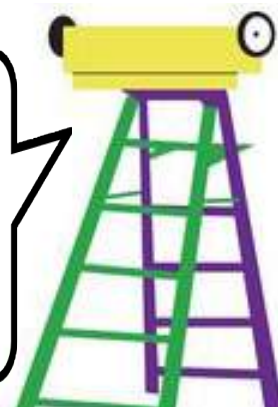
***Want to help during Carnival?
See page 5 for more information.***

MARDI GRAS RULES

- Non-members must be accompanied by a member at all times. Each non-member will be charged \$5.
- Members must remain onsite as long as their guests are present.
- Members and Non-Members are welcomed for Shabbati-Gras. \$5 per person for dinner.
- Members may enter the synagogue's property only for the parades listed.
- Access will be limited to the areas behind the fence, Bowsky Garden, Shushan Assembly, and chapel bathrooms.
- Coolers are permitted except on Shabbati-Gras. Coolers must be kept outdoors.
- No glass is allowed.
- No Pork or Shellfish is allowed.
- The building and 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.



WILL YOU HELP THE KREWE OF VIPS?

Can you host or chaperone the VIP kids on these dates?

Saturday, January 30 at 1:00 p.m.
Pontchartrain followed by Choctaw and Freret

Thursday, February 4 at 4:45 p.m.
Babylon, Muses & Chaos Parades

Saturday, February 6 at 10:00 a.m.
Iris and Tucks Parades

Touro Synagogue will once again host the Krewe of VIPs this Mardi Gras season. We will have a wheelchair 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 above. Without these stands, many children would not be able to enjoy a Mardi Gras parade! **If you are able to chaperone/host for one of the above dates, please email Hal Shepard at hal@taylor-seidenbach.com.**

SPREAD THE WORD!

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.



HELP WITH THE STANDS!

We have plenty of volunteers to help assemble the stands on Tuesday evening, January 26 but we are in need of more help to disassemble them on **Thursday evening, February 11 at 5:30 p.m.** Contact Hal Shepard at hal@taylor-seidenbach.com with any questions and/or to say that you can help!



Religious School at Touro Synagogue

"You will teach [the Torah] diligently to your children." - Deuteronomy 6

Religious School is nothing without the community that is created within each classroom's walls and beyond. We are all working diligently to make sure that this semester not only reinforces what was studied and experienced together throughout the fall, but pushes each Scholar's mind and heart forward for the remainder of the year. In addition to our young Scholars' opportunities for building camaraderie and friendship, we also are excited to offer a chance for parents to do so as well. Starting this semester, all parents are invited to sign-up to act as greeters on Sunday mornings. Information on this and all other volunteer opportunities can be found in the quick links of weekly Religious School emails.



Second graders practice their dreidel skills in preparation for the Religious School mini-tournament between grade levels.



Making Chanukah cookies in the third-grade Religious School class.



First and fourth graders play dreidel during the Religious School mini-tournament.

**TOT
SHABBAT
ROCKS!**

**A MONTHLY SERVICE FOR OUR YOUNGEST
MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**FEBRUARY 20, 9:30 AM
IN THE SHUSHAN ASSEMBLY**

What's more fun than Tot Shabbat?
Tot Shabbat during the Hebrew month of Adar!
Come celebrate the happiest month of the year with Cantor Mintz,
Rabbi Silverman and all of your Tot Shabbat friends!
Moms, Dads, Grandparents, Siblings, Stuffed Animals -- all are welcome
to join us and be happy!



Join Cantor Mintz for

SHABBAT KUMZITS

February 12, 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 the next Kumzits on March 4!

We're livestreaming our services

Visit our homepage at touroynagogue.com to see Shabbat services live or to check out archived sermons.



A UNIQUE PRESENTATION

Pitfalls & Problems in Interfaith Dialogue: How to Have a Real Conversation



February 26, 2016
6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service
7:00 p.m. Conversations with
Dr. Michael Cowan and
Dr. Adil Khan

Dr. Michael A. Cowan is a psychologist and theologian who holds master's and doctoral degrees in psychology from Ohio State University and a master's degree in systematic theology from St. John's University (Collegeville). He is the director of the Common Good, a network of civil society organizations he founded after Hurricane Katrina to seek consensus as a basis for collective action to rebuild the city, which is part of the Lindy Boggs National Center for Community Literacy.

Dr. Adil Hussain Khan is the Assistant Professor of Islamic Studies at Loyola University New Orleans and holds a Ph.D. from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, and conducted post-doctoral research on aspects of Islam in Europe while he was at University College Cork in Ireland. His research includes sectarian reform movements in 19th century South Asia and unconventional expressions of Islam. He is also interested in contemporary Islam, Muslim identity, and aspects of Islam's tradition.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES AT TOURO

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.

Jan. 31-Feb. 6: Mishpatim

Exodus 21:1 -24:18 / Jeremiah 34:8-22; 33:25-26

Feb. 7-Feb. 13: T'rumah

Exodus 25:1-27:19 / I Kings 5:26-6:13

Feb. 14-Feb. 20: T'tzaveh

Exodus 27:20-30:10 / Ezekiel 43:10-27

Feb. 21-Feb. 27: Ki Tisa

Exodus 30:11-34:35 / I Kings 18:1-39

Feb. 28-March 5: Vayak'heil

Exodus 35:1-38:20 / II Kings 12:5-16

Parashot as requested by the Touro Torah Study group

News and the Jews with Rabbi Berk



ENGAGING DISCUSSIONS

February 4 and February 18

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. Bring your own lunch.

Alzheimer's Care Givers Support Group



**Meets every other Tuesday
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.

February 9 meeting cancelled due to Mardi Gras.

For more information on the group, please contact the Group Facilitator, Claire Jacobi at clairebjacobi@gmail.com or visit the Touro calendar for the schedule.

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

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NEW SPRING OFFERINGS

Touro's Adult Hebrew Academy

Hebrew for Beginners Part II: Beyond Hebrew Decoding 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 each week for an in-depth look at Hebrew texts beyond Torah and the Bible. We will explore texts of the siddur as well as Rabbinic texts including Midrash, Mishnah and Talmud. Scholars of all Hebrew levels are welcome to join!

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

To register please email info@tourosynagogue.com



National Alliance on Mental Illness In Our Own Voice

February 19, 2016

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Services

**7:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner
and Presentation**

Touro's Mental Health Awareness Committee has partnered with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to connect our congregants struggling with their own or a loved one's mental health condition with community offerings. The committee is proud to present a presentation by NAMI "In Our Own Voice."

The presentation is a program consisting of two trained speakers sharing their compelling personal stories of living with mental health challenges and achieving recovery. We look forward to seeing you at this special presentation. To see NAMI's counseling offerings, please visit page 16.



JEWISH ETHICS IN HEALTH CARE

**Dinner and Discussion
Tuesday, March 15, 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 per person for dinner.

LITERATURE & LIBATIONS

AN EVENING OF DISCUSSION AND DINNER WITH FRIENDS

ALL WHO GO DO NOT RETURN

WITH RABBI BERK ON MARCH 2, 6:00 PM

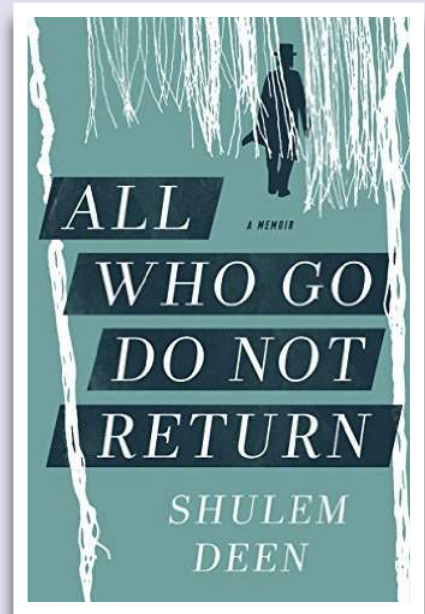
A Conversation About Jewish Fear, Faith, and Fanaticism

Shulem Deen was raised to believe that questions are dangerous. As a member of the Skverers, one of the most insular Hasidic sects in the U.S., he knows little about the outside world—only that it is to be shunned. His marriage at eighteen is arranged and several children soon follow. Deen's first transgression—turning on the radio—is small, but his curiosity leads him to the library, and later the internet. Soon he begins a feverish inquiry into the tenets of his religious beliefs, until, several years later, his faith unravels entirely.

Now a heretic, he fears being discovered and ostracized from the only world he knows. His relationship with his family at stake, he is forced into a life of deception, and begins a long struggle to hold on to those he loves most: his five children. In *All Who Go Do Not Return*, Deen bravely traces his harrowing loss of faith, while offering an illuminating look at a highly secretive world.

**RSVP TO INFO@TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM
\$10 FOR DINNER**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT LITERATURE & LIBATIONS.
RABBI SILVERMAN WILL DISCUSS *AS A DRIVEN LEAF* ON APRIL 14.



GLAMPING

AT TICKFAW STATE PARK

MARCH 11-13, 2016

Sign up now! Cabin space is limited
info@tourosynagogue.com



Thirteen 2-bedroom cabins available.
Each cabin includes two bunk beds; one queen size bed;
one sleeper-sofa and sleeps up to 8 people.

Bring your friends! Share a cabin!
\$225 per cabin for the weekend

Erev Shabbat potluck under the stars

Morning Torah in nature
Storytelling & singing overlooking the Cypress trees!

Picnic lunch
Bring all your favorite picnic stuff to share.

Afternoon hikes, canoeing, playing & resting
Sublime and peaceful Shabbat fun.

Gourmet (and rustic) grill-fest
Elegant and rugged
Campfire Havdalah – wine and s'mores!

Join us. We can't wait!

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

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

**PURIM SHPIEL
SUNDAY, MARCH 20
10 AM IN THE
GRANT MEYER
GARDEN PAVILION**

Featuring actors, singers, pigs,
frogs, chickens and dancing
bears of all ages!



Touro Synagogue

is pleased to present its 25th Annual

JAZZ FEST SHABBAT

Featuring Grammy Nominee Jon Cleary
and the Absolute Monster Gentlemen

April 29, 2016

Chanukah celebration

LEFT: Stacey Weinreb laughs with a younger congregant at the Sufganiyot bar.

RIGHT: The Dreidel tournament took a lot of concentration, as shown in this photo.



ABOVE: Rabbi Alexis Berk helps some of our younger congregants to light the menorah.

RIGHT: Rabbi Todd Silverman, dressed as Rabbi Dreidelman, spins from table to table during the Dreidel Competition.



RIGHT: Two of our younger congregants work on their dreidel skills during the competition.





TOP: Some of our younger congregants play during our Chanukah event.
ABOVE: From left, Brian Bain and Bob Berk participate in the Dreidel competition.
LEFT: Youngsters enjoy the Chanukah dinner.

LEFT: Congregants enjoy the Chanukah dinner.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO SCOTT SALTZMAN FOR THE PHOTOS

Havdalah & Chaverim

On January 9, we had our first Havdalah and Chaverim event. Six host families welcomed 19 guest families for dinner that night. It was a lovely way to close out Shabbat and spend time enjoying the company of fellow Touro members. Stay tuned for the next Havdalah and Chaverim event in late spring.

Huge thanks to those who participated! We can't wait until the next Havdalah and Chaverim event. Stay tuned for more information! We'd like to extend a very special thank you to Lisa Keleher for organizing this wonderful event!



From left, Jenni and David Hammer, Taylor Barry and Bob Hammer toast in the Hammer's home.



From left, Lisa Keleher, Shelley Saltzman and Sam Guichet try on silly masks at the Guichets' home.



From left, Carol and Donny Markowitz, Fran and Bob Simon, Vivian Cahn, Katie and Henry Alpert, and Phyllis and Joel Nitzkin enjoying dinner in Vivian and Richard Cahn's home.

George Dansker Concert-Lecture



Rachel Laufer performs during the George Dansker concert-lecture.



Thank you to George Dansker for presenting yet another incredible program of Jewish composers from film and Broadway. We still have Stephen Sondheim's music in our ears!

LEFT: George Dansker speaks during the concert-lecture.

MIDDLE: Deborah Mintz performs during the program.



Cantor Mintz singing during the concert-lecture on famous Jewish composer, Stephen Sondheim.

Thanks to all who Participated at the Christmas Day Mitzvah at the Rebuild Center!

The 2015 Christmas Day Mitzvah Lunch at the Rebuild Center was very special. Thanks to the efforts and contributions of a group of dedicated and generous members we successfully served nearly one hundred guests a delicious "homemade" meal. The guests were entertained with live music and caroling while they dined and each received a gift bag with candy, a pair of socks and toothbrush. Everyone was very appreciative of our efforts and it was a truly enriching and heartwarming experience for all.

We are very grateful for the efforts of Touro members **Chris Kahn** and **Jeanne Kessler** for coordinating everything from preparation to serving, as well as Kenitha Williams, of the Rebuild Center, and her staff for allowing us to be a part of this meaningful endeavor.



Rabbi Todd Silverman and other volunteers prepare to serve lunch on Christmas Day at the Harry S. Thompson Rebuild Center.



Touro volunteers serve lunch during the Christmas Day Mitzvah at the Harry S. Thompson Rebuild Center.



Julie Koppman surveys the desserts to be served on Christmas Day.

On behalf of Touro we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to following people for making this extraordinary day possible:

Elizabeth Ahlquist
Julie Koppman, Brian and J.K. Bain
Jaymi Baum
Nina, David and Zoe Beriss
Catherine Caldwell
Mike Cohen
Moir Crone
Sister Enid
Maureen, Alex, Sofia, Katie, and Thomas
Gershanik
Eileen Hamilton
Jennifer Hood
Teri Hunter

Marc, Ben, and Abby Kahn
Lisa and Josie Kehleher
Maurya Kilroy
Ruth Kullman
Beth and Austin Lavin
Laura and Walter Levy
Anamaria Villamarin-Lupin
Suzette and Rick Perles
Shelley, Scott and Tierney Saltzman
Julie Schwartz
Julie Silbert
Rabbi Todd Silverman
Fran and Robert Simon

Bobbie Smith
Jan Smith
Helen Stone
Kerry Tapia
Cheryl Timmins
Joan Wightkin
Kenitha Williams
Naomi Yavneh-Klos and family
Renee Zack
Jenny, Ellie and Megan Zurik
Touro Synagogue Hunger Fund
Touro Synagogue Office Staff
Touro Synagogue Religious School

Get Involved at Touro!

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



SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Habitat for Humanity and Touro Synagogue join forces for Rebuild Day

Sunday, May 15
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
We are SO excited!

Join us as we come together for a build day with Habitat for Humanity. We've done it before and it is time to do it again!

Habitat will offer a special build day for Touro members and friends. Everyone 16 years and older is encouraged to join us! No previous experience or skill is required.

All you need is a willing spirit and a desire to build a dream.

**Contact Teri Hunter to sign up or to find out more
information at tlhunter22@gmail.com.**



HELP ANYTIME - ONGOING INITIATIVES

You can help the Teachers, Staff and Students at Sophie B. Wright Charter School

CONGRATULATIONS

**Sophie B. Wright had the most improved ACT scores in
New Orleans in 2015!**

Treats for the Teachers and Staff at Sophie B. Wright: You can make a difference in the lives of the Sophie B. Wright teachers as they continue to make a huge difference in the lives of the Sophie B. Wright students. It's easy! Sign up to contribute a snack to the teachers by using this link: <http://vols.pt/FD4Tzu> or contact Sam Guichet at ssguichet@me.com.

You can also donate \$5 gift cards to Canes for student achievement incentives. These cards can be dropped off at the Touro office.



TOURO & SOPHIE B. WRIGHT
SYNAGOGUE & CHARTER SCHOOL

HELP ANYTIME - ONGOING INITIATIVES (continued)

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 at tlhunter22@gmail.com or Eden House directly at assistant@edenhousenola.org

Please consider donating items such as:

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

Please drop your donations off at Touro Synagogue

Teacher Breakfast Treats for our Religious School teachers

Want to thank Religious School teachers for their hard work? Drop off 12 muffins or pastries at Touro Synagogue on Friday. With this simple gift, you can provide the teachers with Sunday morning breakfast.



Use this link to sign up for
teacher breakfasts:

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



Broadmoor Food Pantry



Non-perishable foods are much needed at The Broadmoor Food Pantry. Please drop off canned goods, beans, rice, or cereals anytime the Touro office is open.

The First 72+

Calvin Duncan, of the First 72+, has expressed his sincere gratitude for all the wonderful donations from the Touro community. Did you know that Louisiana leads the United States in the number of adults who are incarcerated? Two out of every five people released from prison in our state return to prison.

Want to help? The First 72+ is still in need of:

- Men's underwear • Socks • T-shirts •
- Large and extra large dress shirts • Winter items

The First 72+ has a one hundred percent success rate, and needs help from the community to maintain that statistic. Please drop donations off at the synagogue office.

Touro's Garden Needs Harvesters



Touro's vertical gardens are virtually dirt free and they provide fresh produce for the hungry in our community! 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! The photo on the left shows the bounty of just one of our harvests from 2015. Each harvest is sent to the Broadmoor Food Pantry.

- WE'RE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS -

Say you'll join in the fun of harvesting by emailing
Ann Fishman at dagadam@aol.com.

Harry S. Thompson Rebuild Center

Although homelessness is often viewed as resulting from an individual problem (poor life choices or "laziness"), it is largely reflective of social problems such as poverty, income inequality and a lack of access to mental health care. Many members of the Touro community have become acquainted with The Rebuild Center through our "Christmas Mitzvah," but Rebuild serves as a respite for homeless people in New Orleans every weekday, offering lunch, showers, restrooms, toiletries, legal aid and some medical care. **You and your family can help the Rebuild Center's guests. They are in need of:**

- New or gently used books
- Unopened, travel-size toiletries

You can drop your donations off in the bin labeled "Harry Thompson Rebuild Center" at the General Pershing Street entrance. This collection will be in addition to our annual toiletry collection in conjunction with Jazz Fest Shabbat.

If you are a mental health care professional or other health care professional who wants to help with your expertise, please contact Naomi Yavneh Klos at yavneh@loyno.edu.

WHERE TO GET HELP

NAMI New Orleans Offers Support Groups



National Alliance on Mental Illness

Touro's Mental Health Awareness Committee has partnered with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to connect our congregants struggling with their own or a loved one's mental health condition with community offerings. NAMI offers hope, help and healing to people with mental illness - and to those who share their lives - through family support, education, advocacy and quality psychosocial services. If you or a loved one is seeking counseling or guidance, please see NAMI's support group offerings for the month of February.

Family Support Groups (For loved ones of those living with mental illness)

Feb. 3: 6:30-8:00pm at 1538 Louisiana Ave., New Orleans (NAMI New Orleans Uptown Office)

Feb. 8: 5:30-7:00pm at 2200 Lafitte St., New Orleans (Sojourner Truth Neighborhood Center)

Feb. 16: 6:30-8:00pm at 2051 8th St., Harvey (NAMI New Orleans Westbank Office)

Feb. 25: 6:30-8:00pm at 4004 W Esplanade Ave., Metairie (Congregation Beth Israel)

*Please visit page 9
to learn more about
a special NAMI
presentation following
Shabbat services at
Touro Synagogue.*

Connection Recovery Support Groups (For individuals living with mental illness)

Every Thursday: 1:30-3:00pm at 1538 Louisiana Ave., New Orleans (NAMI New Orleans Uptown Office)

Every Friday: 10:30am-12:00pm at 2051 8th St., Harvey (NAMI New Orleans Westbank Office)

NOLA Survivors of Suicide Loss

Feb. 10: 6:30-8:00pm at 1538 Louisiana Ave., New Orleans (NAMI New Orleans Uptown Office)

Feb. 24: 6:30-8:00pm at 1538 Louisiana Ave., New Orleans (NAMI New Orleans Uptown Office)

(Please call 504-410-7025 or email survivors.nola@gmail.com before attending your first meeting)

CARING AND MITZVAH

BY THE NUMBERS: A LOOK AT 2015

130

Families reached through notes,
care packages, welcome bags,
meal trains and phone calls.

100

Families invited to light Shabbat
candles or say kiddish during
Friday night services.

136

Birthday treats and
plants delivered.

LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP

We are looking for Touro members to take a role in developing their village. Our villages arose out of a desire to build connections between members who live in the same neighborhood. Primarily a way for us to celebrate simchas and support each other with meal trains and condolences, the villages also offer opportunities to get together in smaller groups socially.

VILLAGE ROLES

Village Coordinator: Handles delivery of care packages to members recovering from illness, sends condolence notes and mazel tovs and delivers welcome bags to new members. Expected time commitment: 1 – 2 hour(s)/month.

Birthday Courier: Contacts members who have birthdays and delivers a treat or plant. Expected time commitment: 1 – 5 hour(s)/month, depending on whether you are baking the treats and how many people you choose to deliver to.

Social Director: Organizes super-village get-togethers and communicates via email/phone/note with members on upcoming group events. Expected time commitment: 1 -2 hour(s)/month.

**Please contact Lisa Keleher at lisatkeleher@gmail.com or
504-296-5472 to indicate your interest or start a conversation.**

Welcome New Members

Jenna Addis

Brenda and Michael Goldman

Deborah "Debbie" and Stephen "Steve" Marx

Jenny Katz and Gregory "Greg" Nichols

Fern Kruger

Hannah Udell and Jonathan Tebeleff

Mazel Tov to:

Parrish R. Abramson
on becoming a Bar Mitzvah

John Antonucci
on receiving his graduate degree in Counseling

Aimee Brown and Keigan Stacho
on the birth of their son, Brayden Samuel Stacho

Clem Goldberger
for being named the 2015 Woman of the Year by City Business

Carole Jacobson and Ross and Diane Jacobson
on the birth of their grandchildren, Lillian Nadia Orbitz and
Henry Landan Kessler

Lou Good
on becoming the president of Touro Infirmary

Lisa and Michael Herman
on the birth of their grandson,
August "Gus" Herbert Herman Noble

Betty Kohn
for being named one of the two honorary
Co-Chairs of the Jewish Children's Regional Service's
Jewish Roots of Celebration Gala

Simone Levine and Will Harrell
on the birth of their son, Ezra Clark Levine-Harrell

Lee Sucherman and Ellen Kempner Sucherman
on the birth of their first grandchild, Wyatt Sonny O'Berry

In Memoriam

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

Alvin Kenneth Halpern,
husband of Theone Halpern

Judith Clare Cohen,
wife of Gerald Cohen

James Maurice "Jimmy" Glickman

Arnold Jerome "Jim" Bennett,
brother-in-law of Stanley Schwam

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Amy Linker Bonoff,
mother of Jennifer Koppel

Joan Levy Sheridan,
cousin of Adie Genet (Errol)

Janice Hortense Fisher

Dorothy Reiner "Dot" Shushan,
mother of Mathilda "Mat" Berenson

*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
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By: George Dansker

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By: Jacqueline and Beryl Ames

Barbara Herman

Honors received at delightful Shabbat mornings

Rabbi Silverman for lovely d'var Torah

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Bar Mitzvah of Jared Michael Glassman

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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 month of February.

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.

Friday, February 5 / Saturday, February 6

SIMON JONAS ROSENTHAL, SHEBA ORECK, DAVID JACOB RABIN, HERMINA OCHS SCHWARTZ, HILDA LEVY JACOBS, JACQUELYN BARBARA MINTZ, LILLIAN WIDOFKY, DOROTHY FEITEL ROTHSCHILD, MALVIN P. RAHM, THIRBA W. GREEN MARGOLIS, HELEN WEIL YOUNG, VALERIE B. WOLF, THEONE GREENSPAN, LOUIS KAUFMAN GOOD, JR., HILDA AARON GODCHAUX, CHARLES MAYER SAMUEL, IRMA DRESNER BOCCAR, CHARLES LOUIS STERN, SR., AMELIA MEYER

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Friday, February 19 / Saturday, February 20

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Friday, February 26 / Saturday, February 27

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Friday, March 4 / Saturday March 5

FLORENCE JOELSON FREEDMAN, JACQUELYN "JACKIE" WOLFF, JACOB M. GENSBURGER, EMILY LAZARUS COHEN, GERSON ALETRINO, HERBERT H. MEYER, TESTA JOSEPH NAGEL, SIDNEY DEUTCH, FANNIE OCHS RUBENSTEIN, SOLOMON TURKISH, ROGER G. WEILL, GERTRUDE DAVIS SHERMAN, JOEL KERN HANDELMAN, LOUIS G. SHUSHAN, BIANCA ADLER KLING, ISKA BROWN KOHLMAYER, LOUISE LOWENSTEIN LEVY, DUKE ISADORE A. MARCHIZ, ROSE FATT NEWHOUSE, ETHEL LILLY GORDON

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Rabbi Berk and Cantor Mintz lead Friday evening Shabbat services.



Rabbi Silverman opens the arc to remove the Torah.



Congregants smile during Friday evening Shabbat services.

February 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Uptown Hebrew not in session	4 12:00 p.m. News & the Jews with Rabbi Berk	5 5:00 p.m. Casual Shabbati Gras - Service with Family Dinner and parade to follow	6 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Songs and Kaddish - Ab- breviated Shabbat Morning Service
7 Religious School not in session	8	9 Touro Office closed for Mardi Gras	10 Uptown Hebrew not in session	11 5:30 p.m. Disassembling the viewing stands 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	12 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service/ Birthday Blessings 7:30 p.m. Friday Night Kumzits (Com- munal singing)	13 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
14 9:00 a.m. Religious School (Pre-K - 8th grade) 11:30 a.m. Purim Rehearsal & Lunch	15	16 6:30 p.m. Hebrew for Beginners, Part II: Beyond Hebrew Decoding with Cantor Mintz	17 4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew	18 12:00 p.m. News & the Jews with Rabbi Berk 6:30 p.m. Adult Hebrew Academy: Hebrew of the Siddur and Rabbinic Texts With Rabbi Silverman 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	19 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m. Presentation of "In Our Own Voice" by NAMI	20 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 9:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat Rocks! 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service 6:00 p.m. Touro Synagogue Annual Fundraiser
21 9:00 a.m. Religious School (Pre-K - 8th grade) 11:30 a.m. Purim Rehearsal & Lunch	22	23 12:00 p.m. Alzheimer's Care Givers Support Group 6:30 p.m. Hebrew for Beginners, Part II: Beyond Hebrew Decoding with Cantor Mintz	24 4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew	25 6:30 p.m. Adult Hebrew Academy: Hebrew of the Siddur and Rabbinic Texts With Rabbi Silverman 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	26 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m. Guest speakers Dr. Michael A. Cowan & Dr. Adil Hussain Khan	27 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
28 9:00 a.m. Religious School (All Grades) 11:30 a.m. Purim Rehearsal & Lunch	29					

Shabbat Services February 2016

Friday, February 5

5:00pm Casual Shabbati Gras - Abbreviated Service and parade to follow (casual attire), Forgetston Chapel

NOTE EARLIER TIME

Saturday, February 6

10:30am Shabbat Songs and Kaddish - Abbreviated Shabbat Morning Service (due to parades), Forgetston Chapel

Friday, February 12

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

7:30pm Friday Night Kumzits (Communal singing), Shushan Assembly

Saturday, February 13

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgetston Chapel

Friday, February 19

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgetston Chapel
NAMI presentation "In Our Own Voices," following services

Saturday, February 20

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgetston Chapel

Friday, February 26

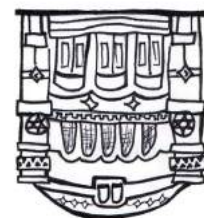
6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgetston Chapel
Guest Speakers present an interfaith dialogue, Forgetston Chapel, following services

Saturday, February 27

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgetston Chapel

Torah Study - Every Saturday at 9 a.m. in the Mautner Learning Center

Join Torah study at Touro Synagogue! Each week the group discusses the weekly Parashah or Torah Portion in the Mautner Learning Center at 9:00 a.m., with the sessions led by different lay leaders. All who are interested are welcome, no prior Torah knowledge or Hebrew skills needed. A light breakfast of bagels and coffee is served.



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