

TOURO SYNAGOGUE

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A Message From Our Cantor

On a number of evenings during my final years in cantorial school, I found myself at Kane Street Synagogue, located in an old building on a quiet, tree-lined block in Brownstone Brooklyn. Once inside, I walked up the narrow, spiral staircase which led to an intimate choir loft, dimly lit with Christmas lights. There, friends were gathering, having a light snack or a whiskey. Seats were arranged in concentric circles to maximize communal singing and music making, and the members of the band began to sit in the inner circle. The warm and charismatic leader invited everyone to take a seat, and not to be afraid to sit too close.

That band leader was Joey Weisenberg. The band was the Hadar Ensemble. And I could not be more excited that they will be traveling to New Orleans and will be with us this coming December.

Widely considered "the next Shlomo Carlebach," Joey Weisenberg is a multi-instrumentalist musician, composer, singer, scholar and prayer-leader who is truly changing the sound of Jewish music worldwide. Inspired by elements of jazz, Balkan, soul, flamenco, bluegrass, and blues styles, Joey's melodies are chillingly beautiful (indeed, we've been singing many of them in our Shabbat services and kumzits gatherings for months). They combine the sounds of traditional Jewish music with something entirely new, creating a communal musical experience that feels truly holy.

The members of the Hadar Ensemble - the band he's assembled over the last few years - are all incredible, as well. Adding vocal harmonies and rich musical textures of guitar, mandolin, banjo, violin, upright bass, pan flutes, lap steel and percussion, they are world class musicians who approach the music they make with great skill, sensitivity and nuance, and are also

truly wonderful people. (I even decided to marry one of them.)

However, Joey Weisenberg is so much more than a musician, composer and band leader. As Tablet Magazine noted in 2013, "what's unique about Weisenberg is that he's working on so many different levels. He's weaving back together strands of Jewish music that have grown apart, articulating a vision to foster communal engagement and unity through music, playing his part to transform Jewish culture into one that listens more carefully. Unlike most talented musicians or cantors who want to be at the center without involving amateurs in creating music, Weisenberg takes a democratic approach to his work, inviting people of all skills to contribute, teaching them how to be better and modeling what could be."

On a personal note, I truly consider Joey to be one of my teachers. He models the type of musical leader that I strive to be. His philosophy of communal singing in the synagogue has shaped my cantorial vision and in turn, so much of the singing we do together at Touro - from the melodies we use, to the spaces and seating configuration we use when we sing them. I truly could not be more excited for him to join us this December, with the Hadar Ensemble, for a memorable Shabbaton of learning, music making and community building.

Through a partnership between Touro Synagogue and Shir Chadash Conservative Congregation, Joey Weisenberg and the Hadar Ensemble will be with us for a New Orleans Shabbaton on Friday, December 9th and Saturday, December 10th. The Shabbaton will begin on Friday night, when the Hadar Ensemble will be joining us at Touro Synagogue for uplifting, soul-stirring and harmony-filled



Cantor David Mintz

Shabbat services. They will be bringing tremendous spirit, energy and artistry to help the sound of our prayers truly fill our chapel. At the same time, Joey will be beginning his Shabbat residency at Shir Chadash, where he will be leading prayer, teaching texts from his groundbreaking new book, *The Torah of Music*, facilitating workshops on prayer leadership, and leading some beautiful communal singing sessions. The whole Shabbaton will conclude on Saturday night at Touro Synagogue for a community-wide concert. The concert may include some melodies you know, and others to be taken into your heart for the first time, but this will surely be a transformative opportunity for us all. I'm so excited for us to share these experiences together!

TOURO SYNAGOGUE AND
SHIR CHADASH CONSERVATIVE
CONGREGATION PRESENT

**JOEY
WEISENBERG**

**AND THE HADAR ENSEMBLE
NEW ORLEANS SHABBATON**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH -
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH**

SEE PAGE 7 FOR MORE INFO

A Message from our President

Fall has finally reached South Louisiana, albeit it is now November! Growing up I equated Fall to "Friday Night Lights" (high school football) and the scent of cotton ginning. Now the lights for my Friday nights are most always the Shabbat candles and instead of cotton gins and rice harvests, I anticipate the delicious aroma and taste of satsumas from Plaquemines Parish. Both the Mississippi Delta of my youth, and the delta at the mouth of the Mississippi are rich with flavors and tradition.

I visited my "hometown" this past summer for the de-consecration of our temple. Whereas there was no one there who had been a founding member, a large delegation of children of former members were in attendance. As a matter of fact, my entire Confirmation Class (all five of us!) along with Rabbi Barry Kogan who had been our student rabbi that year, 1968-69, was present. It was a bittersweet occasion for everyone and the small sanctuary, which accommodates about the same as our chapel, was filled. Rabbi Gene Levy, who officiated at the Shabbat service, noted that if the crowds had been this large in recent years there would be no need to have a closing service!

What was extremely touching were the number of non-Jews from our small communities who came out of respect

for the former vibrant Jewish presence in Southeast Arkansas. Many said that their only connection to Judaism had been through Meir Chayim Temple and its members.

Rabbi Kogan spoke about the many letters he had received from other former student rabbis. A theme that carried throughout all their writings was the tremendous hospitality extended by this small but active congregation.

When I attended the URJ Biennial last fall, there was an entire learning track entitled "Audacious Hospitality". It is something we try to pursue at Touro Synagogue on a daily basis. From delicious Shabbat dinners to programs such as Chaverim and Havdalah, we want each visitor and congregant to feel welcomed and included. Jews and non-Jews alike are encouraged to participate in prayer and discussion. It is our intention that our Voluntary Annual Support system makes it possible for anyone to be a member no matter their financial situation. I felt our delegation from Touro could lead the sessions on Audacious Hospitality as it is the heart of who we strive to be. I certainly hope it is something that each of you have experienced at some time or many times over.

Since there is literally only a handful of



Susan Good

Jews left in the area, all the hospitality in the world could not prevent the closing of Meir Chayim Temple. However, Rabbi Kogan ended his remarks with these stirring words of prayer: "Each of us will go forth from this sanctuary fully cognizant of the blessings we have been given, and we will choose to share them and extend them to others...simply because we realize we have been called from the very beginning to be a blessing."

The congregation of my youth and Touro Synagogue are both communities filled with loving and caring individuals. May we continue to share our "audacious hospitality" with others.

B'Shalom,
Susan

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Save the Date!

Join us for our
Chanukah Family Dinner
DECEMBER 30, 6:30 PM

for a fried food fest of deliciousness.

Chicken, Latkes, Doughnuts,
and more!

Following Shabbat service
\$15/Adults \$10/Kids

RSVP at [http://touroynagogue.com/
chanukah-family-dinner/](http://touroynagogue.com/chanukah-family-dinner/)



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

ABOUT SHABBAT SERVICE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

In order to allow our support staff to celebrate with their families over Christmas weekend, there will be no Shabbat dinner following services on Friday, December 23.

Our full Shabbat dinner following services will resume on Friday, December 30th for our Chanukah Family Dinner.

We hope you can join us!

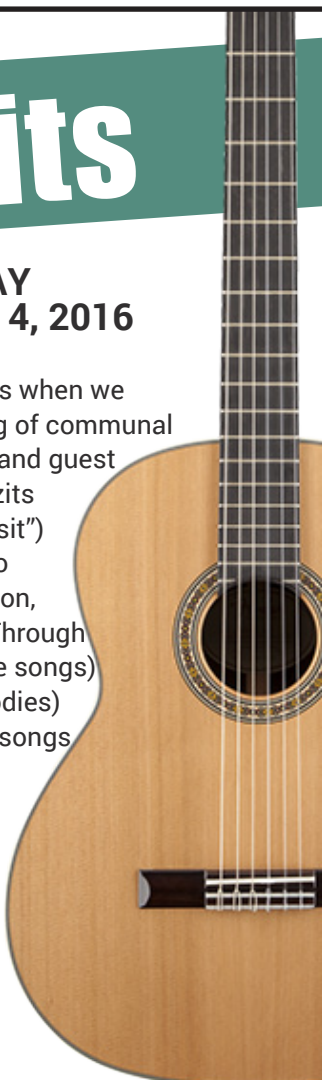
SHABBAT Kumzits

**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 4, 2016**

Join us after Shabbat services when we gather for an intimate evening of communal singing. Led by Cantor Mintz and guest musicians, the Shabbat Kumzits (literally meaning "come and sit") offers a special opportunity to embrace Shabbat joy, relaxation, and celebration with music. Through singing z'mirot (Shabbat table songs) and niggunim (wordless melodies) let's raise our voices, singing songs both old and new.

This gathering will take place after a soulful Shabbat service and a delicious community dinner.

We hope you join us!



SHABBAT ROCKS!

(formerly Tot Shabbat)

NOVEMBER 12 & DECEMBER 10
9:30 AM - SHUSHAN ASSEMBLY

TOT SHABBAT
(INFANTS - 3)

SHABBAT KREWE
(AGES 4-6)

Join Rabbi Silverman and Cantor Mintz once a month for a special Shabbat morning of singing, stories, Shabbat activities, and of course, challah and juice!

For more information, contact
Rabbi Silverman or Cantor Mintz at 895-4843.



ADULT HEBREW ACADEMY:

HEBREW FOR BEGINNERS PART I

TUESDAY NIGHTS THIS FALL AT 6:30PM

November 1, 15, 22, 29
and December 6

Join Cantor Mintz for this weekly class for those seeking to study the Hebrew language for the very first time!

The class will include learning the basics of decoding Hebrew letters and building the skills for Hebrew reading.

HEBREW FOR BEGINNERS PART II

TUESDAY NIGHTS THIS SPRING AT 6:30PM

January 17, 24, 31
February 7, 14

For those who completed the introductory Hebrew course in the fall, or those with basic Hebrew reading ability but want to take his or her skills to the next level by exploring the Hebrew of the siddur (prayer book), be sure to join Cantor Mintz for this Tuesday evening class!

Materials and Registration Fees per semester:

Members - No Charge / Non-Members - \$50

Register by emailing
info@touroynagogue.com.

PIRKEI AVOT: THE ETHICS OF OUR SAGES

THURSDAY NIGHTS THIS FALL

November 3, November 10

There is arguably no text other than the Torah as widely known throughout the Jewish world as *Pirkei Avot* — the Ethical Sayings of the Rabbis. Found within a 1st-century Jewish legal anthology, *Pirkei Avot* has steered the moral compass and ethical decisions of Jews for nearly two millennia. Together we will study it chapter-by-chapter to mine the depth of its wisdom and challenges.

Join Rabbi Silverman on Thursdays at 6:30 for a lively discussion and some light refreshments.

Materials and Registration Fee:

Members - No Charge / Non-Members - \$50 Register
by emailing info@touroynagogue.com.



TORAH STUDY

EVERY SATURDAY MORNING

9:00 - 10:30 AM

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Each week the group discusses the weekly Parashah or Torah Portion in the Mautner Learning Center, and the session is led by a different lay leader each week.

Come to one, or all the sessions.

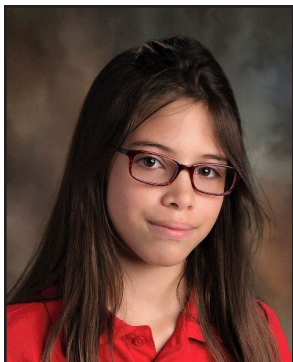
All who are interested are welcome.

No prior Torah knowledge or Hebrew skills needed.

Join us for bagels, coffee and a thoughtful conversation.

Bat Mitzvah of Teresa Maria Glass

December 17, 2016



To me, becoming Bat Mitzvah means becoming one with the community. As little kids, sometimes we feel left out, but when we become adults there are more privileges to be had. At the same time, becoming Bat Mitzvah also means having more responsibility - to ourselves, our family, and the world around us. As I reach this milestone, I want to also bring awareness that halfway around the world the Red Pandas are losing their habitat at alarming rates. I hope you will all take the time to learn about these super cute animals and consider donating to their conservation efforts!

Terry is the daughter of Heather Glass.

JewCCY News

JEWCCY IS KICKING OFF 5777 STRONG!

The JewCCY board has worked incredibly hard to create great programs throughout the year, which we believe will make 5777 an EXTRA special year.

Mark your calendars for these fun upcoming events!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - 6:00PM - 9:30PM

Join us at the Uptown JCC for an election watching party with BBYO (B'nai B'rith Youth Organization). Snacks and drinks will be provided!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - 6:30 - 8:30PM

Come hangout with other JewCCY kids for the second Humpday Hangout of 5777! Open to all 8th Grade JewCCY members. Teens can bring their homework, or just themselves; food and drinks will be provided. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for location details.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 - 7:00PM

JewCCY and BBYO (B'nai B'rith Youth Organization) will be hosting a joint group social, with teens from both JewCCY and BBYO. We will have more information on our Facebook page, YouTube channel, and email in the coming weeks. All 8th-12th Graders are welcome to attend!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 - 12:00PM

Jacobs Camp Assistant Director Adam Orlansky will be visiting Touro's Religious School to speak with our students. Stick around after classes are done for a camp style Chanukah themed party-program with Adam and Charlie! This will start officially at noon, and conclude at 1:30pm. All 3rd - 8th Graders are invited to attend.

JewCCY is a youth group affiliated with NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth) for 9th-12th Graders (with 8th Graders able to join the last event of the Fall/Winter semester and throughout the spring semester). JewCCY offers a wide range of programming from social hangouts, to mitzvah projects, social action outings, and regional events. Dues are \$54 a year for the first child, \$36 for the second.

Junior JewCCY is a youth group for 6th-8th graders (with 5th graders able to join the last event of the Fall/Winter semester and throughout the spring semester). Junior JewCCY hosts several fun events like laser tag, hangouts, and more! 6th - 8th Graders are also invited to a Junior Youth Group weekend at Jacobs Camp in the Spring. There is no cost to be in Junior JewCCY, though sometimes there is a fee to attend an event.

Bits O' JewCCY is the youngest of the JewCCY family, holding events for 4th-5th Graders (with 3rd Graders able to join the last event of the Fall/Winter semester and throughout the spring semester). It's a great way to get your 3rd-5th Grader involved in the Jewish community and start building their roots in the youth group community.

For questions or more information, please email Charlie Cox at charlie18cox@gmail.com.

Like us on Facebook for all the latest JewCCY News!

Coming Soon: JewCCY's first YouTube Channel "JewCCY TV"! Tune in for newscasts and other fun videos for the scoop on what's happening at JewCCY, Junior JewCCY, and Bits O' JewCCY!

A CALL FOR HELP: THE REFUGEE CRISIS

Were You Inspired to Help?

**REFUGEE RESPONSE OPEN MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 9:15AM**

You are invited to an important opening meeting of the Touro Synagogue Refugee Response Force.

Please come learn about opportunities for education and action in the local New Orleans community and beyond. We will host guest speaker, **Julie Ward**, the Director of Immigration and Refugee Services for the Archdiocese of New Orleans Catholic Charities. Next steps will be discussed and action plans will be put in place.

Bring your open mind, strong hands,
and willing spirit.



JEWISH MEDICAL ETHICS MEETING

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

**DINNER AND DISCUSSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 6:30 PM
MAUTNER LEARNING CENTER**

We look forward to seeing you there.

Please RSVP to

info@tourosynagogue.com.



NEWS AND THE JEWS

SELECT THURSDAYS, 12:00 - 1:00 PM

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! Bring a brown bag lunch and we'll provide the drinks. All are welcome.

FALL SESSIONS:


November 10, December 1 & 15

January 5 & 19, February 2 & 16, March 9 & 23

Late Spring dates will be published in early 2017



*A Lunchtime Study
with Rabbi Berk
exploring current events
through a Jewish lens
with a Jewish mindset*



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NEW ORLEANS SHABBATON

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH -
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

Join us for a weekend of singing and learning with Joey Weisenberg and his Brooklyn-based 8-piece band, the Hadar Ensemble. You'll hear traditional sounding Jewish melodies, chants and prayers blended with the sounds of contemporary Brooklyn: jazz, Balkan, soul, flamenco, bluegrass, and more.

Opportunities include:

- Learning, praying, and singing with Joey Weisenberg, both Friday night and Saturday morning as a Shabbat Scholar-in-Residence at Shir Chadash, generously underwritten by the Sandy Kahn Memorial Lecture Fund
- Experiencing Shabbat services at Touro Synagogue, elevated by guest musicians from the Hadar Ensemble
- Coming together for an uplifting and participatory Saturday evening concert with Joey Weisenberg and the Hadar Ensemble at Touro Synagogue, 8:00 pm

EVENTS AT TOURO:

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9
6PM SHABBAT SERVICE**

**WITH GUEST MUSICIANS
FROM THE HADAR ENSEMBLE**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10
8PM CONCERT**

**JOEY WEISENBERG AND
THE HADAR ENSEMBLE**

“Joey’s unique vision for building inclusive, participatory singing communities is a much needed contribution to modern prayer groups, regardless of age, size, or affiliation...”

ISRAELI DISHES

You Can Make at Home

With Rabbi Berk
and Rabbi Silverman

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2016
6:00PM TOURO KITCHEN

**ISRAELI COUSCOUS
SHAKSHUKA
ISRAELI SALAD**

Join Rabbi Berk and Rabbi Silverman in the kitchen on Wednesday, **December 7 at 6:00 p.m.** and learn how to make delicious, traditional Israeli dishes in your own home!

SPACE IS LIMITED

Materials and Registration Fee:

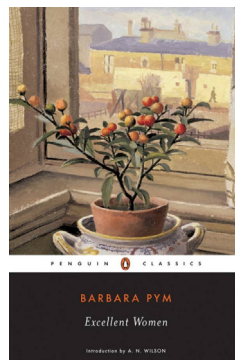
Members - No Charge / Non-Members - \$18

Register by emailing info@tourosynagogue.com
by December 2nd.

Touro Book Group

Excellent Women by Barbara Pym

Monday, November 7 - 10:30 am
Mautner Learning Center at Touro Synagogue



The Touro Book Group is open to all women in the community! You do not need to be a member of Touro to attend our meetings.

Join us on Monday, November 7 at 10:30am as Marjorie Weiner leads our discussion on Barbara Pym's classic *Excellent Women*.

Please contact Marjorie Weiner at 504-398-1669 with any questions.

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

**NOVEMBER 8 / NOVEMBER 22
DECEMBER 13 / DECEMBER 27
12:00PM CHAPEL STUDY AT TOURO SYNAGOGUE**

Touro serves as a location for an Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group. The group is designed to provide emotional, educational, and social support for anyone caring for someone with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia. The meetings encourage caregivers to maintain their own personal, physical, and emotional health, and provide information about optimally caring for their loved one. The group is led by a trained facilitator and meets at Touro at noon on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.





Literature & Libations

DINNER AND A LIVELY DISCUSSION

SHE'S NOT THERE: A LIFE IN TWO GENDERS

BY JENNIFER FINNEY BOYLAN

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 - 6:00PM

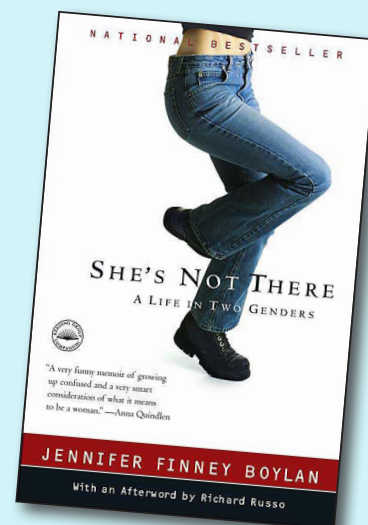
LED BY RABBI ALEXIS BERK

By turns hilarious and deeply moving, Jennifer Finney Boylan explores the territory that lies between men and women, examines changing friendships, and rejoices in the redeeming power of family. Told in Boylan's fresh voice, *She's Not There* is about a person bearing and finally revealing a complex secret. As James evolves into Jennifer in scenes that are by turns tender, startling, and witty, a marvelously human perspective emerges on issues of love, sex, and the fascinating relationship between our physical and intuitive selves.

Plan on joining Rabbi Berk for a light dinner, a glass of wine, and a lively and reflective discussion. All are welcome.

This title is available for purchase on Amazon.com.

PLEASE RSVP TO INFO@TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM SO WE CAN APPROPRIATELY PLAN FOR DINNER.



IN THE KITCHEN

WITH RABBI SILVERMAN

ALL ABOUT LATKES!
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH
6:00PM TOURO KITCHEN

"They attacked us. We won... Let's eat!"

No truer words exist to describe the experience of living a Jewish life — so let's own it and eat it!

Join Rabbi Silverman throughout the coming year for four sessions exploring examples of classic Jewish food. We will discuss the importance of various dishes to the cultural milieu of modern Jewry, and we'll get the kitchen a little messy as we prepare those foods with our own hands!

On December 15th we will be making potato latkes in preparation for Chanukah! Please RSVP by December 12th in order for us to purchase enough materials and supplies!

SPACE IS LIMITED

Materials and Registration Fee:

Members - No Charge / Non-Members - \$18

Register by emailing info@toursynagogue.com.



High Holy Days at Touro



Thank you for another beautiful year!

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



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**A Community Event featuring
ANAT HOFFMAN
Thursday, December 1, 7:30 PM
Congregation Gates of Prayer**

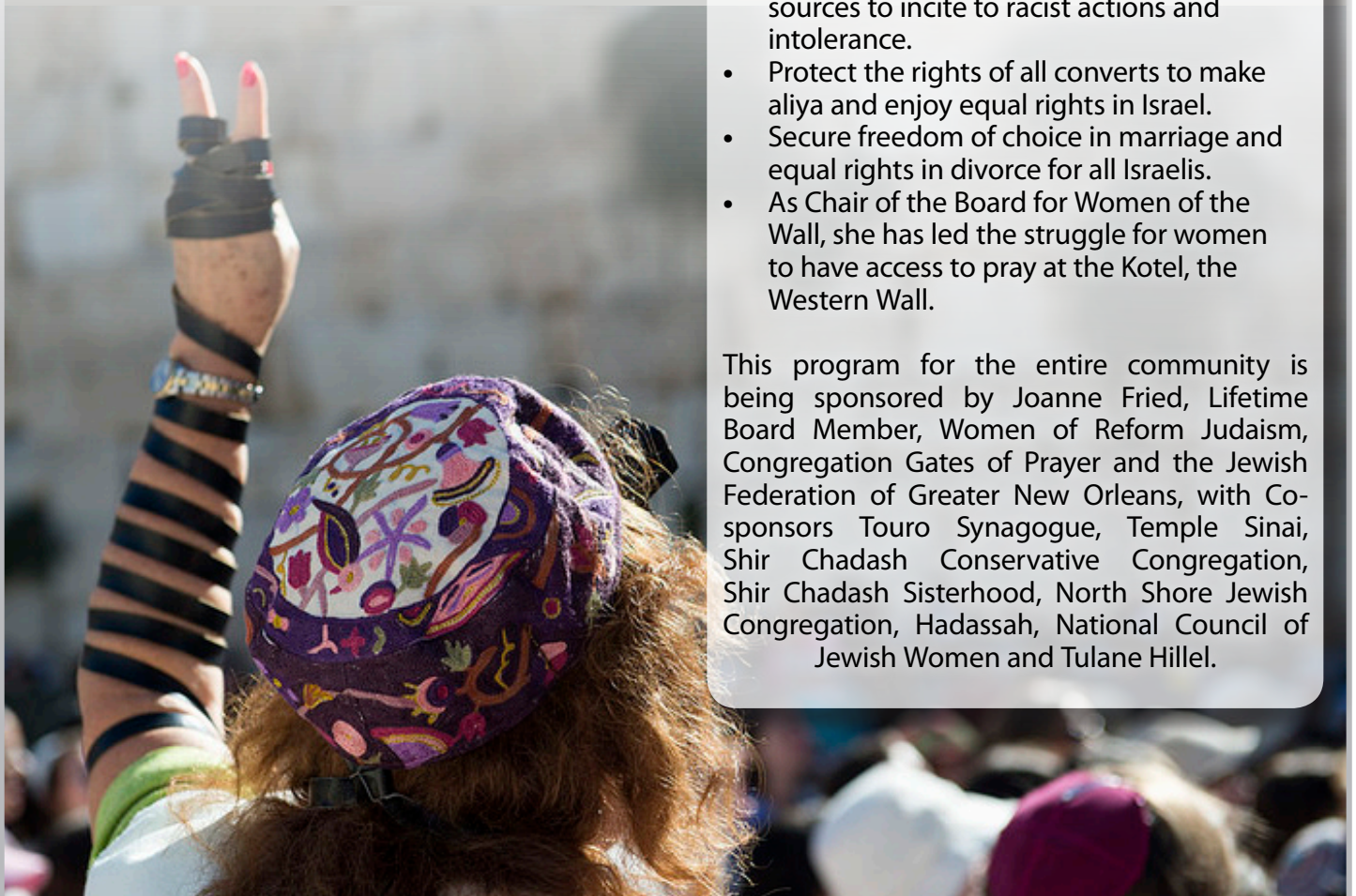
Anat Hoffman is the executive director of the Israel Religious Action Center, the legal and advocacy arm of the Reform Movement in Israel. Previously, she held a seat on the Jerusalem City Council, where for fourteen years she stood in opposition to the policies of the city's right-wing and ultra-Orthodox administration. She has dedicated her adult life to the Jewish principle of tikkun olam.

Anat Hoffman is one of the great heroes in the struggle for religious rights for all Jews in Israel.

As Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center she leads the fight to:

- Secure unequivocal state recognition, funding, and equal status for Reform and Conservative rabbis, synagogues and institutions.
- Oppose gender segregation and the exclusion of women from the public sphere.
- Combat racist incitement, particularly by public and religious figures who use Jewish sources to incite to racist actions and intolerance.
- Protect the rights of all converts to make aliya and enjoy equal rights in Israel.
- Secure freedom of choice in marriage and equal rights in divorce for all Israelis.
- As Chair of the Board for Women of the Wall, she has led the struggle for women to have access to pray at the Kotel, the Western Wall.

This program for the entire community is being sponsored by Joanne Fried, Lifetime Board Member, Women of Reform Judaism, Congregation Gates of Prayer and the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans, with Co-sponsors Touro Synagogue, Temple Sinai, Shir Chadash Conservative Congregation, Shir Chadash Sisterhood, North Shore Jewish Congregation, Hadassah, National Council of Jewish Women and Tulane Hillel.



SOCIAL ACTION

LGBTQ ADVOCACY

We at Touro Synagogue join Reform Jews across the country to celebrate progress toward equality, and at the same time, redouble our efforts toward much that remains to be done.

Our LGBTQ Advocacy group is making plans this year for a broad range of activities including legislative advocacy, LGBTQ Shabbat worship, participation in the New Orleans Pride Parade, programming for kids at summer camp, and even hosting an LGBTQ Prom! We welcome interest and participation from all as we work and have fun together toward the goal of equality and acceptance.

Contact Laura Levy at laura.silven.levy@gmail.com
for questions, comments or to find out
how you can get involved.

Please also join us for Rabbi Berk's evening of "Literature and Libations" on Wednesday, November 30, when we will discuss *She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders* by Jennifer Finney Boylan.



Supervillage Chesed Social ...with a Purpose

Saturday, December 3, from 5:30pm to 8pm
At the home of Lisa & William Keleher

Join fellow Touro members who live in zip code 70115 for a communal potluck dinner! Chanukah crafts will be available for the little ones while the adults learn how to affect change for the 65 million refugees in our world through advocacy and volunteerism with HIAS and its local partners in refugee resettlement.

Single members, couples, and whole families are welcome!
Look for an Evite with more details in November!

Contact Lisa Keleher to RSVP or for more information
at 504-296-5472 or lisatkeleher@gmail.com

Sophie B. Wright Charter School

They are back in the neighborhood and it is easy to show that you care about the hard work that goes on at SBW!

DONATE \$5 GIFT CARDS TO CANES

These cards are hugely motivating for the Sophie B. Wright students and are used to incentivize student achievement in many areas. Cards can be dropped off at the Touro office and marked for Sophie B. Wright.

TUTOR A STUDENT WHO NEEDS SOME EXTRA 1:1 SUPPORT

Tutoring is needed in all subjects. Hours are flexible during the school day.
A commitment of one time weekly is needed.

SHOW THE TEACHERS HOW MUCH THE COMMUNITY APPRECIATES THEIR EFFORTS

Any teacher will tell you that a little treat goes a very long way! Let the SBW teachers know that Touro appreciates the job they are doing to pave a better future for their students. It is so EASY! Sign up to contribute something yummy for the teachers. Days are flexible. Nothing fancy is needed.

To learn more or say you'll help (once or on-going) contact **Sam Guichet**,
ssguichet@me.com, or click the community engagement button on our website.

For more information about the Sophie B. Wright partnership, to inquire about ways you can help, to sign up for a tour of the new building, or to inquire about building use contact **Teri Hunter** at tlhunter22@gmail.com

THE *L'Chayim* AWARD

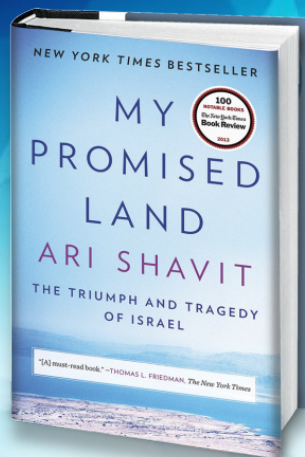
LET'S RAISE OUR GLASSES IN HONOR OF

Kathy & Hal Shepard



TOURO SYNAGOGUE'S
BENEFIT DINNER
JANUARY 29, 2017
6:30 PM

STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS



NEW YORK TIMES BEST-SELLER

NAMED ONE OF THE BEST
BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY THE
NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW
AND THE ECONOMIST

WINNER OF THE NATAN
BOOK AWARD, THE NATIONAL
JEWISH BOOK AWARD, AND THE
ANISFIELD-WOLF BOOK AWARD

ISRAEL READING SERIES

My Promised Land BY ARI SHAVIT

**3 SESSIONS IN JANUARY 2017
LED BY RABBI BERK**

An authoritative and deeply personal narrative history of the State of Israel, by one of the most influential journalists writing about the Middle East today.

Facing unprecedented internal and external pressures, Israel today is at a moment of existential crisis. Ari Shavit draws on interviews, historical documents, private diaries, and letters, as well as his own family's story, illuminating the pivotal moments of the Zionist century to tell a riveting narrative that is larger than the sum of its parts: both personal and national, both deeply human and of profound historical dimension.

Three consecutive but self-contained sessions - come to one or all.

January 11, 18, 25 - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

DONATIONS

TOURO SYNAGOGUE FUND

In Honor of:

Tour with Adie Genet
By: Valerie A. Boyce
Bat Mitzvah of Gavriella Zoe Edith Smith
By: Thaia Pick

In Memory of:

Naomi Weiss Gandle
By: Bruce Gandle
Joel Latner
By: Laura and Walter Levy
Peter Arno Mayer
By: Evan S. Turkish
Karen and Lance Turkish
Ellen and Stephen Manshel
Margery Alaynick Kirschman
By: Betty Kohn
Herbert Leopold
By: The Leopold Family
Lester Benjamin Shapiro
By: Carol Wise
Leslie and Paul Lux
Marlene Jaffe
By: Pat Reardon and Richard Latner
Thaia Pick
The Barron Family
Jenny and Lee Zurik
Beverly Leopold Levy
By: Thaia Pick
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*We welcome the following new members
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Touro Synagogue congratulates the following congregants...

Ivy and Fred Kushner
on the birth of their grandson,
Felix Parks Kushner, on September 23, 2016

Stephen H. Kupperman
being named the 2016 recipient of the
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Beverly Katz
being named a Master of Landscape Design
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Touro Synagogue is an engaged community. We engage with each other within the walls of our synagogue and with each other and the New Orleans community outside of our walls. There are countless ways that you can engage—once, once in awhile, or on-going. We are committed to supporting your involvement with us in ways that feel just right to you. There is always something going on and we hope you will get involved with us! We look forward to engaging with you!

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

The “SignUp” button on our website and weekly t-mails will make engagement easy for you. You can click on the “SignUp” anytime to see what’s happening that you might want to be a part of.

Check T-mail. Each week the current events are highlighted. It’s never too late to hop on board and engage with others.

Call or email us. Want to know what’s going on and want to connect to a person? Have a specific talent or interest you’d like to share? Call or email Samantha Guichet, our “Volunteer Czar,” to find out what’s going on at (504) 722-1237 or ssguichet@me.com. Call or email Lisa Keleher, our Caring and Mitzvah Coordinator, to see if there is a way for you to connect with a family in need at (504) 296-5472 or lisatkeleher@gmail.com.

WHAT’S GOING ON?

Whether you want to engage in an activity once in a while or you would like to have a regular way to connect with others through activities in our community, there is an engagement opportunity available. Visit the Engagement Opportunities page under the Community tab of our website. There you will find a list of things currently going on in our community. The list is not comprehensive and can be added to at any time. Your imagination is the only limit to what we can do together and if you have an interest, share it!

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. 4 / Saturday, Nov. 5

Gustave Lehmann, Pauline Joseph Levy, August Marx, Sylvia Baskind Levitch, Steven Howard Phillips, Mercedes P. Sontheimer, Morris Ellis Irving, J. Isadore Lindy, Anna Solomon, Tilden Pick, Moise Waldhorn, Madeleine A. Oberdorfer, Rebecca Newman Greenspan, William T. Hochstein, Stella S. Isaacs, Leon Hirschberg, Pauline Phillips, Irving "Ernie" Weiss, Myron "Mike" Kasten, Abraham L. Shushan, Sr., Frank Friedler, Jr., Jules D. Feitel, Helene S. Levy, Charles Nathan Comras, Morris A. Green, David Lawrence Weisler

Friday, Nov. 11 / Saturday, Nov. 12

Janette Lowinshon, Agatha Kullman Pasternack, Esther Block Stiebel, Theodore Denney, Norman N. Newhouse, Leon Mattes, N. Nathan Levy, Erna Wolf Wolff, Charles Rosen, Eleanor Schoen Adler, Beatrice Bashein Groginski, Rachel Singerman Berenson, Elsie Hamburger Phillips, Michael Blum, Elie Aaron, Sara M. Sunshine, Julius Cohen, Edwin C. Lazard, Mrs. Clemence L. Kosminsky, Leon Aaron Greenblatt, Joseph H. Weil, Max Singer, Kenneth R. Menszer, Nettie Silverstein Solomon, Elaine F. Menszer, Rebecca Katz Alaynick, Millie Silverstein Rigsby, Isaac Sontheimer, Reggie Markley, Flora May

Friday, Nov. 18 / Saturday, Nov. 19

Mathilde Kohlman, Hilda Wolf Levy, Elias Bowsky, Oscar Z. Levy, Sr., Ferdinand F. Weill, Irwin H. Isaacs, Jack Silven, Bertha R. Sontheimer, Ruth Joy Sogin, Samuel Ratner, Bertha S. Goldman, Max N. Tobias, Isadore Brandt, Samuel L. Waldhorn, Rose Block Pincus, Norine Marks, Allmont, Morris Feitel

Friday, Nov. 25 / Saturday, Nov. 26

Therese Abraham Kahn, Theodore A. Green, Paul Joseph Yuspeh, Florence Koe Van der Linden, Morris H. Phillips, Samuel David Wolchansky, Leah S. Weill, Anna S. Latter, Allan Michel Goldman, M.D., Carl P. Adatto, MD, Miriam Dulitz Lefkowitz, Tillie L. Gould, Hortense Bowsky Feldman, David Trautman, Charles Kohlmeyer, Sr., David F. Shushan, Frank Meyer Chesky, Emanuel Nathan Mansberg, Jr., Warren Leucht Rosen, Alexander Dreyfus, Marion Hirsch, Fanny Kreeger Phillips, Bertha Leopold Stern, Anna Young Markowitz, Evelyn Van der Linden Rosenbaum, Hannah Haspel Samuels Adam, Meyer A. Berenson, Louis Leucht Rosen, Sanchen Levy, Myron M. Goldman

Friday, Dec. 2 / Saturday, Dec. 3

Constance S. Kaufman, Robert Allen Levy, Hermina Ochs Silverman, Inez Levy Rosenthal, Eugene Maas, Dudley Udal Yoedicke, Florette Geismar Margolis, Michael A. Berenson, Maurice Bernard Sontheimer, Gertrude Levy Phillips, Abraham Rosenberg, Dr. Jay Zakris, Ray Handelman Maslansky, Adrian C. Benjamin, Sr., Dorothy Reiner "Dot" Shushan, Evangeline Katz Hochstein, Irving I. Adler, William Harry Shushan, Brunette Aaron Levy

Friday, Dec. 9 / Saturday, Dec. 10

Harry Hyman, Harry H. Bear, Sarah Keller, Isabelle Caplan Steinman, Cecelia Hilborn Scherck, Jerome Zarowitz, Helene Metzger Cymbal, Rosa Michaelis, Pauline Adler, Helen Finger Singer, Ruth Gottesman Cohen, William Gordon Kesler, Jeanette Lith, Abe Berenson, Henry A. Maslansky, Janis Schwartz Berenson, Mrs. Florentine Hayem Zander, Ruth Ann Rabin, Herman Jeffer, Abraham Rosenberg, Hannah Cohen Lightman, David Tobias Pick, Louis Aaron Glazer, Jeanette Meyer Benjamin, Charles L. Woldenberg, Lillie Mansberg Block

Friday, Dec. 16 / Saturday, Dec. 17

Milton H. Cohen, Mathilde Kahn Leucht, Gertrude Schwarz Stern, Ida Kagan Berg, Bertha Lischkoff Sontheimer, Boaz Kirstein, Leonard M. Wolff, Ben Cohn, Emilie Kahn Gruenberg, Harry Goodman, Benjamin Louis Levy, Sr., Louis Max Ochs, Alfred Geismar, Alvin Phillip Lichtentag, Jac Stich, Selma Thalsheimer Huss, Mary Heinemann, Helen Axinn Goldstein, Alfred Leon Alaynick, Norma Tannenbaum Duff, Harry Bennett, Louise Goldman Kaplan, Julia Simon Aarons, Maurice A. Markley, Amy Linker Bonoff

Friday, Dec. 23 / Saturday, Dec. 24

Esther Haspel Mayer, Elise Yarrut Fishman, Douglas Norman Weinreb, Ruth Israelson Adiger, Philip F. Phillips, Mrs. Leon Frank, Ernest S. Frank, Adolph Louis Stiebel, Ruth H. Weil, Albertine Marx, Elkin Moses, Babette Cohn Golden, William Young, Fanny Lob, Morris Keil, Dr. Samuel B. Fellman, Joseph D. Freedman, Fannie Burgauer Ullman, Fannye Oesterman Meyers, Dorothy Betty Sale Levy

Friday, Dec. 30 / Saturday, Dec. 31

Abraham L. Fishman, Rae Marks Rosenberg, Isak M. Layman, Ben Frank Freedman, Henry Newman, Leopold R. Hirsch, Nathan Greenspan, Marie Bertha Van Os, Ruthann Arzberger Francis, Ronald Goldberg, Irwin H. Isaacs, Jr., Cheryl Ann Mintz, Jan Leslie Brener, Michael G. Weil, Sylvia Green Rothstein, Charles Maas, Adolph Jacobs, M.D., Emile Levy, Alvin S. Caplan, Morris Reiner, Rose Rosenberg Blitman, Helen Allenberg Rubenstein, Julius Jacobs, Morris Rubenstein

IN MEMORIAM *May their memory be for a blessing*

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

Leone Maas Goldsmith

Terry Flettrich Rohe,

grandmother of Alexa Pulitzer (Seth Levine),
great grandmother of Kagan Levine
and Edge Levine

Stanley Schiffman,

brother of Barbara Laufer (Beryl),
uncle of Jeffrey Laufer (Liz)

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father of Gene Shapiro

Marlene Jaffe,

wife of Bernard Jaffe

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NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 p.m. Jewish Ethics for Professionals Series: Physicians 6:30 p.m. Hebrew for Beginners with Cantor Mintz	2 4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew	3 6:30 p.m. Pirke Avot with Rabbi Silverman 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	4 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service/ Birthday Blessings 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Kumzits	5 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
6 9:00 a.m. Religious School	7 10:30 a.m. Touro Book Group	8 12:00 p.m. Alzheimers Care Givers Support Group	9 4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew	10 12:00 p.m. News and the Jews with Rabbi Berk 6:30 p.m. Pirke Avot with Rabbi Silverman 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	11 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service/ Choir Shabbat	12 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 9:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
13 9:00 a.m. Religious School 9:15 a.m. "A Call for Help: The Refugee Crisis" meeting	14	15 6:30 p.m. Hebrew for Beginners with Cantor Mintz	16 4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew	17 6:30 p.m. Pirke Avot with Rabbi Silverman 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	18 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service	19 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
20 9:00 a.m. Religious School	21	22 12:00 p.m. Alzheimers Care Givers Support Group 6:30 p.m. Hebrew for Beginners with Cantor Mintz	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service	26 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
27	28	29 6:30 p.m. Hebrew for Beginners with Cantor Mintz	30 4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew 6:00 p.m. Literature and Libations with Rabbi Berk			

DECEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>In order to allow our support staff to celebrate with their families over Christmas weekend, there will be no Shabbat dinner following services on Friday, December 23.</p> <p>Our full Shabbat dinner following services will resume on Friday, December 30th for our Chanukah Family Dinner.</p> <p>We hope you can join us!</p>				1	2	3
				12:00 p.m. News and the Jews with Rabbi Berk 7:30 p.m. Anat Hoffman Guest Speaker - Community Event, Gates of Prayer	6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service/ Birthday Blessings	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:00 a.m. Religious School		6:30 p.m. Hebrew for Beginners with Cantor Mintz	4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew 6:00 p.m. Israeli Dishes You Can Make at Home with Rabbis Berk and Silverman	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service/ The Hadar Ensemble	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 9:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service 8:00 p.m. Joey Weisenberg and the Hadar Ensemble Concert
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00 a.m. Religious School/ Jacobs Camp visiting		12:00 p.m. Alzheimers Care Givers Support Group	4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew Late Nite	12:00 p.m. News and the Jews with Rabbi Berk 6:00 p.m. In the Kitchen with Rabbi Silverman 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service/ Choir Shabbat	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service and Bat Mitzvah of Teresa Maria Glass
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
					6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service No Shabbat Dinner	Chanukah 1st Candle 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Chanukah 2nd Candle Christmas Day	Chanukah 3rd Candle Office Closed	Chanukah 4th Candle 12:00 p.m. Alzheimer's Care Givers Support Group	Chanukah 5th Candle	Chanukah 6th Candle	Chanukah 7th Candle 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service Chanukah Celebration 6:30 p.m. Chanukah Dinner	Chanukah 8th Candle 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service

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Friday, November 4

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service/Birthday Blessings,
Forgotston Chapel
followed by Friday Night Kumzits

Saturday, November 5

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

Friday, November 11

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

Saturday, November 12

9:30am Shabbat Rocks (Tot), Shushan Assembly
10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

Friday, November 18

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel

Saturday, November 19

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service and

Friday, November 25

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel

Saturday, November 26

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

Friday, December 2

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

Saturday, December 3

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

Friday, December 9

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service/Joey Weisenberg and
the Hadar Ensemble, Forgotston Chapel

Saturday, December 10

9:30am Shabbat Rocks (Tot), Shushan Assembly
10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

Friday, December 16

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

Saturday, December 17

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Bat Mitzvah of
Teresa Maria Glass, Main Sanctuary

Friday, December 23

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel

Saturday, December 24

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

Friday, December 30

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service/Chanukah Celebration,
Forgotston Chapel

Saturday, December 31

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel