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A Message From Rabbi Berk

Politics and the Pulpit? Now and Always

In 2013, Moment magazine ran this question in a column that is used to pose the same query to rabbis of all different Jewish movements: Are there times when a rabbi must express his or her political opinion from the pulpit, even if it is likely to spark controversy? (This was 2013 – a very different year than 2016; but, who could’ve known?)

The rabbinic responses varied. Rabbi Gershon Winkler, who is identified as Independent (I’m not sure which movement this refers to; I think we are all independent and interdependent) responded this way:

“When someone once asked me where I stood on Israel, I responded: ‘Mostly in Safed, and then a week in Jerusalem, and, where possible, on the sidewalk.’ And when recently I was asked if I believed in same-sex marriage, my response was: ‘I believe married couples should try to be more creative and not have sex the same way all the time.’ During all the years that I served as a pulpit rabbi, I never once introduced my personal political opinions. ...When national or world politics affects us as Jews, the rabbi’s role is not to pontificate personal political opinions ...”

Rabbi Winkler’s perspective seems like a luxury that our times can’t afford. But, no matter. Even back in 2013, Reform Rabbi Laura Winer responded this way to the same question: “Reform Judaism calls upon each of us to find within Judaism the moral and ethical lessons that can guide our behavior and our decisions. It is with these moral teachings in mind that a rabbi can—and sometimes should—address political issues from the pulpit. ...a rabbi has the responsibility to teach her congregation about Jewish values and the Jewish obligation to act justly...

Like the prophets, a rabbi should lead his congregation in wrestling with the issues and in speaking up and speaking out when peace, justice and freedom are at stake.” I have never felt more strongly about this, as you may imagine.

In early February, eighteen rabbis were arrested in Manhattan as they protested the Muslim travel ban. Rabbis are very vocal and activist right now – the rabbinic presence at rallies in protests is strong as a result of injustices implied, suggested, and implemented by this administration. We rabbis are the proud descendants of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, famous for stating, as he walked in solidarity and peaceful protest alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., “We are praying with our feet.” And, it is not rabbis alone, it is Jews – Jews who will not be silenced in the face of bigotry and religious and/or racial discrimination.

If you are feeling that restless, passionate, activist feeling that just won’t leave you alone, just know you are absolutely *not* alone. In fact, your Touro Synagogue community is right with you, and we need you. Please join us on **March 26** for the continuation of our plans for civic engagement on many fronts – the Touro Synagogue Viennese Coffee House (see p. 13 for more info).

And, it is with great admiration and gratitude to Touro Synagogue past president Dr. Walter Levy that I share with you this letter he recently wrote to a legislator. To my mind and spirit, this is a paragon of articulation, respect, and engagement that I deeply respect.

Indeed, we are not alone. We are stronger together. Always.

With love,

Rabbi Alexis Berk



From Dr. Walter Levy:

Dear Elected Official,

There must be a limit on how far a president can tread on the moral underpinnings of America. From a purely faith-based perspective, an America succumbing to fear and turning our backs on the poor; the war-ravaged; and the displaced women, children, and men risking their lives to escape the inferno of war is an insult. It flies against every Jewish and Christian tenet I can conjure in modern times. The facts are clear, according to the Cato Institute: No Americans have lost their lives on American soil to terrorists from the countries named in the executive order halting immigration. While we can argue the technicalities, the intent of the order gives special exemptions based on religion. That is not part of the American ethos, American law, and certainly not the founding fathers’ intent when the establishment clause was placed in the Constitution.

What does an Arab Christian or Arab Muslim look like? How do you tell them apart? The immigration and refugee process may need tweaking, but since President George W. Bush instituted more stringent vetting that was refined and carried on through the Obama administration, no terrorist attacks have occurred from refugees. The United States is the hardest country for a refugee to gain access with possibly eleven agencies involved in the process.

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FDR said famously, "All we have to fear is fear itself." Well, fear is driving us to do things antithetical to what we are. Fear creates cowardice, and cowardice always hurts those who depend on us. We are allowing the terrorists to set the agenda rather than standing as the guiding light to the rest of the world.

I look back on historical analogies when the best of America was swamped by fear. We feared Irish and German immigrants in the 1870s—that their high birth rates might dilute what was truly American. We denied visas and set quotas on European Jews in the 1930s, fearing that some of them might be Nazi spies. These arguments are made today but directed at the immigrants escaping hardship and death in the Middle East, North Africa, and Afghanistan.

Most disturbing about the restrictions, those with resident status (e.g., green cards and other legal permits) are denied reentry if they happen to be abroad. Horrifyingly happening right now, we are physically detaining legal residents at ports of entry to this country. This smells like Manzanar when we rounded up U.S. citizens of Japanese descent during WWII, deprived them of their rights, and placed them in detention camps.

The chaos fomented by the poorly and hastily rolled out executive order could be used to justify further authoritarian measures. That is frightening. But it was the order that caused the chaos not the other way around.

Please speak out against this executive order. Please encourage other Republican and Democratic leaders to speak out forcefully. We in the faith-based community are relying on that.

Sincerely,
Walter



FORMATION OF THE TOURO BOARD Send us your recommendations by March 13!

The Nominating Committee is beginning the process of nominating congregants for election in May 2017 to fill vacancies on the Board of Trustees. The new Trustees will be eligible to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2017. We invite any congregant who is interested in joining the leadership of Touro Synagogue to submit their name for consideration by the Committee.

The Board is the Synagogue's governing body and has responsibility for control and management of the affairs of the congregation, general oversight of the congregation's operations, and setting policies. The Board is currently comprised of 36 congregants and meets monthly. Membership on the Board involves a significant time commitment.

If you know of someone worthy of consideration you wish to suggest or if you yourself would like to be considered, please email the Nominating Chair, Scott Silbert at scott@sgpflaw.com or Executive Director, Kerry Tapia at execdir@tourosynagogue.com.

A Message from our President

Looking back on the first two months of 2017, I am amazed at all that has transpired within and outside the walls of our synagogue. At this time of year, there might often be the feeling that a group of leaders feel they are "lame ducks" and/or the congregation is burned-out. This could not be further from the truth at Touro!

Our members, clergy and staff have been involved in many special initiatives and moments. The following will give you a glimpse of your congregation in action.

We all love a celebration and we have had an abundance of those. Touro families hosted four B'nai Mitzvah and we honored two very special people at a spectacular L'Chayim Dinner. Our fundraising goals were attained and all in attendance agreed that it was a delightful evening. Beautiful decorations, a gourmet meal by Shaya and a loving tribute to Kathy and Hal Shepard made for a successful event.

On the Social Action front, we had members participate in the annual MLK Day parade, collected donations for the Weekend of Peace and continued our efforts with Catholic Charities in aiding the resettlement of new refugees. Our vertical garden was planted and continues to be harvested. The "fruits" of our labor are shared with the Broadmoor Food Pantry along with donations of canned goods and staples. Saul's Light Foundation held an extremely successful blood drive in our building, literally giving life to others.

Mardi Gras arrived and we hosted the VIP guests on our stands (which were lovingly

constructed by our very own congregants). The joy and excitement on the faces of these families is an immeasurable payment for our hospitality.

Also in the months of January and February our clergy provided us a variety of educational opportunities. Adult Hebrew, News and the Jews, the Israel Reading Series and Jewish Medical Ethics were just some of the offerings. Of course, our Religious and Hebrew Schools continue to thrive and it seems we add new families and students to the roster almost weekly.

Shabbat has become the highlight for so many at Touro as our chapel overflows. And after our souls have been nourished with prayer, then our bodies are as well. Our devoted staff prepares a delicious dinner and conversation and socialization for all ages are abundant in the room. Adding to that, we have enjoyed two Shabbat Rocks for kids and tots, weekly lay-led Torah Study and the always spiritual Kumzits. The annual George Dansker musical concert and lecture was attended by the largest crowd ever, and all who participated said it was the best one to-date!

And speaking of music, our Cantorial Search Committee has been meeting, and interviewing our candidates. We are looking forward to a successful conclusion to this process soon. Stay tuned (no pun intended)!

A greatly anticipated special congregational meeting to adopt the new bylaws and articles for our Foundation and revised bylaws for the



Susan Good

congregation was held in early February. This concluded a two-plus year intensive study. The Bylaws Task Force, Board of Trustees and the congregation at large took this charge seriously. The bylaws are a "living" document and as such will always be subject to change and revision. The passion and interest this process brought are something we all should be proud of.

Looking back gives you a reflection on how we wish our future to look. What should we carry forward? What should we remove from our agenda? If you have managed to read this entire article, I believe you will know where Touro Synagogue is going from here. We are a people dedicated to *Tzedakah*, *Tefillah* and *Limmud*. Our future is bright!

B'Shalom,

Susan

SHABBAT ROCKS!

MARCH 4 & APRIL 15
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 504-895-4843.

SHABBAT Kumzits

MARCH 17 & APRIL 7

Join us for these truly special gatherings for an intimate, joyful and meditative communal singing. Led by Cantor Mintz and guest musicians, the Shabbat Kumzits offers a special opportunity to embrace Shabbat joy, relaxation and celebration by lifting our voices together in music both old and new!

These monthly gatherings for communal singing take place after a soulful Shabbat service and a delicious community dinner. We hope you'll join us for these special Shabbat evenings each month!

Bat Mitzvah of Chloe Cate Deitelzweig

March 11, 2017



My whole life, so far, has been dedicated to my Jewish childhood, but now it's time for the next step in my path – to become a Bat Mitzvah. I am so grateful for this opportunity to thank the world for all that it has done for me and give back to it. For my Bat Mitzvah, I have chosen to put my effort towards the homeless. I'm sure that you have noticed that at many intersections, there are homeless men and women asking for help. I know that all of us want to help, but we may not have anything to hand out. For my mitzvah project, I am creating "Mobile Mitzvahs", which are bags made to assist the homeless and provide them with a food source. To make these snack packs, I am filling paper bags with healthy, nonperishable snacks and a bottle of water. People at Touro can take "Mobile Mitzvah" to keep them in their cars to hand out when they see a homeless person on the street. In addition, I have collected toiletries such as toothbrushes, shampoo, conditioner, and more, that will be donated to homeless shelters. I believe that this is an excellent way to give back to the community!

Chloe is the daughter of Stacy and Steven Deitelzweig.

Bat Mitzvah of Caroline Amanda Koppel

March 18, 2017

My mitzvah project focuses on finding a way to make use of those bothersome mismatched socks. I know I am not the only one that loses one of my socks and is left wondering what to do with the other. I am here to tell you that there is a way for you to not only get rid of those socks, but help the world in the process. 95% of clothes that people throw away could have been reused in some sort of way. There are three different ways to repurpose old clothing. The items can be re-worn as secondhand clothing or reused to make a new product, such as a cleaning cloth. You can also recycle the materials by turning them into textile fibers, which are used for things like insulation. We are also encouraging people to donate new socks that will be distributed to people who lack such basic essentials. Please bring your mismatched socks to Touro Synagogue, where I will be accepting donations. If you would like to donate but do not have any single socks, I would happily accept any other unwearable clothing to use in textile recycling. Thank you very much.



Caroline is the daughter of Jennifer and Robert Koppel.

Bat Mitzvah of Karah Isabella Nachlas

March 25, 2017



My mitzvah project is to volunteer for the New Orleans LA SPCA and help adopt out dogs, cats, and even bunnies and guinea pigs. During the summer of 2016, I participated in the 3 week Care Cadet program at the LA SPCA and learned how to help care for the animals, as well as socializing and training them to be adoptable to the community. When I graduated from the program, I was trained to be a volunteer and I set a goal to volunteer 100 hours and help adopt at least 20 dogs before my Bat Mitzvah. I spend a few hours each weekend at the shelter by showing the adoptable animals to the people who come in looking to adopt. I personally have had 4 rescue dogs in my life and couldn't imagine my life without these sweet animals. There are so many ways to donate to the LA SPCA. You can volunteer your time like me, or send them a check or animal treats. You can also show up to any of their many events all year long that are tons of fun, or host your child's birthday "pawty" there. The

list is endless...just get involved and help save the animals in our community. I am proud to say that I have exceeded both of my goals, and I intend to keep volunteering and finding homes for these wonderful animals. Check out their website at www.la-sPCA.org – and let me help you find your new best friend!

Karah is the daughter of Emily and Aaron Nachlas.



ALEXIS AND BOB BERK
INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM AS THEIR SON

SETH JACOB

IS CALLED TO THE TORAH
AS A BAR MITZVAH

SHABBAT TZAV
SATURDAY, APRIL 8
10:30AM

KIDDUSH LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW
PLEASE RSVP TO ABERK@TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM

*Electronic invitations were sent to our entire congregation via Paperless Post.
Please check your spam folder if you haven't received your
invite or call the Touro office at (504) 895-4843 to RSVP.*



Bar Mitzvah of Seth Jacob Berk

April 8, 2017

I have a particular connection to the important work of The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA). I will be collecting then donating funds to support research for Ulcerative Colitis (UC) and Crohn's.

For my mitzvah project I will be making a video for kids around my age on the struggles of Ulcerative Colitis and how to make life less miserable. Although this idea sounds very serious, I will try to make it as hilarious as I can and then donate it to the CCFA so other kids like me can watch it. I hope that this project will help kids like me laugh through the difficult times while also giving them tips to help them manage these diseases. I hope it will help them realize that others have been through what they have been through and no matter how hard it gets, you will get better. I can promise you that. To donate to my fund supporting research for Ulcerative Colitis and Chron's, please visit fundraise.ccfa.org/fundraise?fcid=897388.

Seth is the son of Alexis and Bob Berk.

Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Kalen Rabalais

April 22, 2017



I am so grateful to be a part of the Touro family, and look forward to taking my place as a full member of the congregation. As I continue my Jewish education, I plan to increase my contributions of time to help both the congregation and its social justice causes. I am so proud to see the contributions Touro makes to the people and culture of New Orleans through its outreach programs, and am very excited to be joining these causes more. For my part, I have worked for a few years, toward increasing awareness of the important part animals play in our lives. For my Mitzvah Project I have been volunteering with local veterinarians and the LA/ SPCA to help care for domestic animals, and have been writing a novel about dog fighting. I hope to donate proceeds from the sale of my novel to aid the SPCA in its fight against animal cruelty.

Sophie is the daughter of Cynthia Steward and Frank Rabalais.

**BRAND NEW TIME!
BRAND NEW FESTIVITIES!**

Family Purim Celebration

**Saturday, March 11 - 5:30PM
at Touro Synagogue**

Join us in costume for this brand new, festive Purim celebration for the whole family!

Gragger-making! Face painting! Pizza dinner! Purim Sing-a-long! Havdalah!
Interactive and kid-friendly telling of the Megillah with Rabbi Silverman and Cantor Mintz!

This event is free, but please RSVP to info@tourosynagogue.com
so we can plan to have enough pizza and hamentaschen for everyone!

More Purim Fun!

Sunday, March 12 - 9:00AM

Purim fun continues for the entire Touro Synagogue community!

Celebrate during Religious School hours on Sunday, March 12

10:30AM: Purim Parade (wear your costumes!)

10:45AM: Religious School class presentations, interspersed with Megillah reading

Come laugh! Come smile! Come "boo" Haman! Come nosh on hamentaschen!

Adloyada at the JCC

All members and families are encouraged to continue their day of fun with the Adloyada festivities at the Uptown JCC! Open to the entire community, the JCC is transformed into a carnival complete with rides, music, Israeli food, hamentaschen, and New Orleans snowballs. Wear a costume, eat some delicious food, enjoy the music and have a blast!

More information can be found at www.nojcc.org.

JewCCY News



SATURDAY, MARCH 4

JewCCY's Turning 7! Join all of your 4th-12th grade friends to celebrate JewCCY's birthday. Please like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram to find out information about location, time, and RSVP info.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24 - SUNDAY, MARCH 26

NFTY-Southern Spring Conclave is coming to the Big Easy! JewCCY is honored to be hosting the final regional event of the 2016-17 programming year. We will be featuring all three of our wonderful Reform Synagogues. Please contact Charlie Cox for further information at jewccy@gmail.com.

For JewCCY's full spring schedule of events, including information about our first L.A.R.P. and Lunch at City Park, please visit www.tourosynagogue.com/community/jewccy

Be sure to like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram for important updates about all of our upcoming opportunities!

Havdalah & Chaverim Saturday, April 1, 6:00PM

Come together and close out Shabbat on Saturday, April 1 by meeting new Touro members, enjoying the company of old friends, and savoring a delicious home-cooked meal by signing up to be a guest in a congregant's home on this night. Single adults, couples and families are all welcome! It's potluck this time, so be prepared to bring a tasty dish that serves 6 to 8.

Guests will be randomly assigned to a host family for dinner in their home on this night.

Questions?

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

RSVP or sign up to be a host at www.tourosynagogue.com/havdalah-chaverim/



Literature & Libations

DINNER AND A LIVELY DISCUSSION

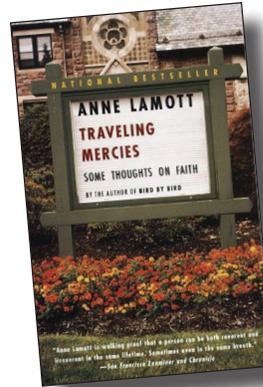
TRAVELING MERCIES: SOME THOUGHTS ON FAITH

BY ANNE LAMOTT

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 - 6:00PM

LED BY

RABBI TODD SILVERMAN



With her characteristic humor and self-deprecation, Anne Lamott weaves a "narrative spiced with stories and scripture, with diatribes, laughter, and tears...[and] how, against all odds, she came to believe in God and then, even more miraculously, in herself."

Through the trials of alcoholism, drug addiction and bad relationships, she manages to show the world the very best parts of her heart and soul — and encourages us to recognize the best of ourselves even with all our flaws and faults.

Join Rabbi Silverman on April 5 to discuss this life-changing memoir by an author who "has relished and soaked up the details of her existence, equally of mirth and devastation, spirit and grief, and spilled them onto her pages."

This title can be found at your local bookstore or online.

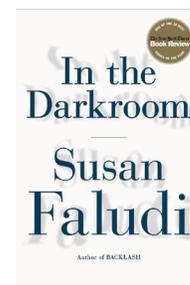
PLEASE RSVP TO INFO@TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM SO WE CAN APPROPRIATELY PLAN FOR DINNER.

Touro Book Group

In the Darkroom by Susan Faludi

Monday, March 27 - 10:30 am

Mautner Learning Center at Touro Synagogue



Join us on Monday, March 27 as Pat Reardon leads our discussion on Susan Faludi's *In the Darkroom*. This meeting is open to all women who wish to attend.

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

TOURO SYNAGOGUE PRESENTS

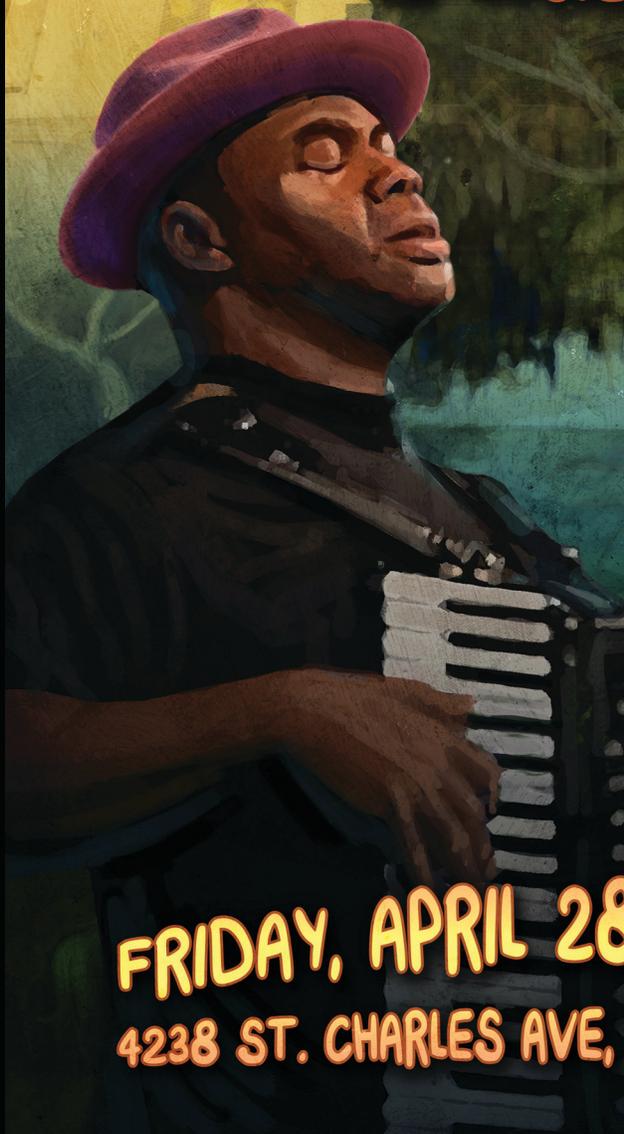
26TH ANNUAL

Jazz Fest Shabbat

FEATURING

SUNPIE

AND THE LOUISIANA SUNSPOTS



WITH

PANORAMA JAZZ BAND

TOURO SYNAGOGUE CHOIR

TERRY D. MADDOX, MUSIC DIRECTOR

AND CANTOR DAVID MINTZ

FRIDAY, APRIL 28TH, 2017 7:30PM

4238 ST. CHARLES AVE, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70115

JAZZ FEST SHABBAT FRIDAY, APRIL 28

6:00 PM

26TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION PATRON DINNER AND FUNDRAISER

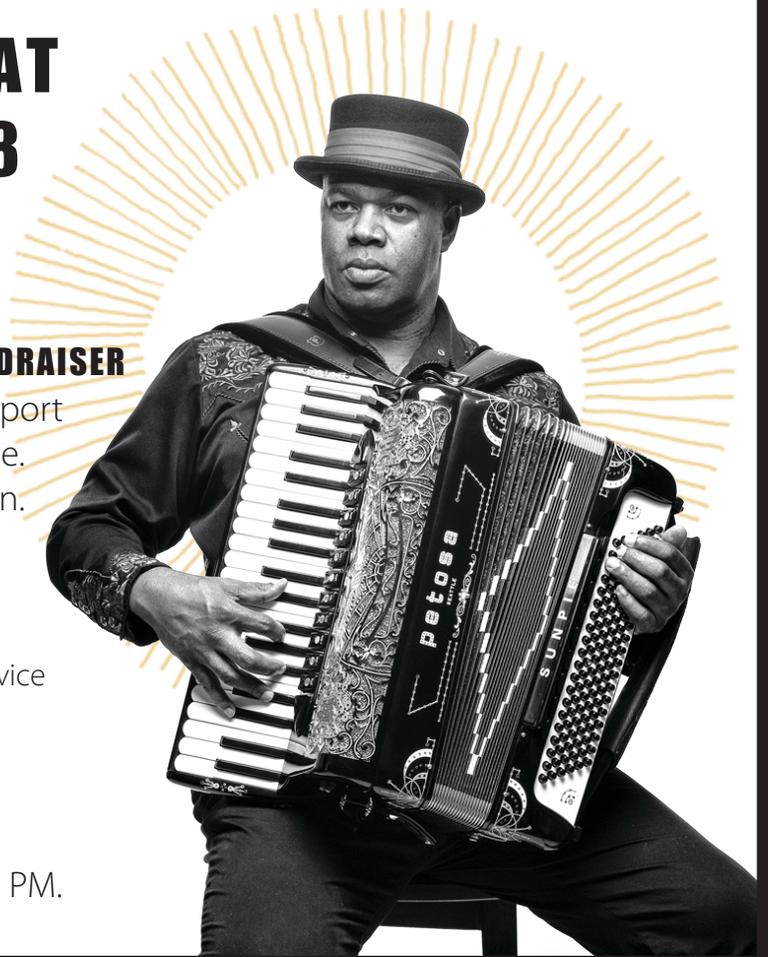
Celebrate Jazz Fest Shabbat and support
Touro Synagogue at the same time.
Become a Jazz Fest Shabbat Patron.

- Exclusive performance by Sunpie and the Louisiana Sunspots
- An Elegant Patron Dinner
- VIP seating for Jazz Fest Shabbat Service

7:30 PM

JAZZ FEST SHABBAT SERVICE

Free and open to the public.
Seats are limited. Doors open at 6:45 PM.



Invitations are in the mail! Become a Patron by returning the response card or
RSVP online by April 15 at: www.tourosynagogue.com/jfs-rsvp/

JAZZ

\$1,000 per person

Includes an autographed JFS poster,
Sunpie and the Louisiana Sunspots' album,
Island Man, and two single-day passes to the
New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival

R&B

\$300 per person

Includes Sunpie and the
Louisiana Sunspots' album, *Island Man*

ZYDECO

\$500 per person

Includes an autographed JFS poster

BLUES

\$150 per person

CHILDREN

\$50 per child

(ages 3 - 12)

Additional limited edition autographed posters (\$50) available for sale the evening
of Jazz Fest Shabbat or by calling the Touro Synagogue office (504) 895-4843.



LIVESTREAM JAZZ FEST SHABBAT

There's nothing like experiencing Jazz Fest Shabbat in person. However, if
you can't be with us, be sure to watch the Jazz Fest Shabbat Livestream at
www.tourosynagogue.com and be part of the experience, wherever you are.

1st Night Congregational **SEDER** TOURO SYNAGOGUE

Monday, April 10, 2017

6:30 PM

Congregational Seder

An evening of story, song and celebration with Rabbi Alexis Berk, Rabbi Todd Silverman and Cantor David Mintz

Reservations Online

www.tourosynagogue.com/passover-seder/

RSVP with a Check

Please return the form below with your check made payable to Touro Synagogue



DETACH THIS PORTION AND ENCLOSE WITH YOUR CHECK

Mail to: Touro Synagogue, 4238 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70115

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please reserve the following number of seats at the Congregational Seder:

___ Member Adults (13 and up): \$30

___ Non-member Adults: \$40

___ Children (ages 3-12): \$13

Do you require a vegetarian dinner? If so, how many? _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____ .00

I am unable to attend the Seder, but I am enclosing a check of \$ _____ to sponsor another person's attendance.

After the **April 3** deadline, the cost of the Seder increases to:

Member Adults: **\$40**

Non-member Adults: **\$50**

In the Kitchen

with Rabbi Silverman

THURSDAY, MARCH 9
A TASTE OF THE MIZRAH
6:00PM - 7:30PM
TOURO KITCHEN

Mizrahi Jews—those from all across the Middle East—bring to our cultural bouquet their own food and drink specialties. Join Rabbi Silverman in the Touro Synagogue kitchen as we chop, stir, season and taste our way into the world of *Mizrahi* cuisine.

ON THE MENU:
Shakshouka and Kubbe Marak

THURSDAY, APRIL 6
THE FINAL EXAM - MATZA BALLS
6:00PM - 7:30PM
TOURO KITCHEN

Whether you're brand new to "In the Kitchen" or a regular attendee, it's time to put your skills to the test! Join us for our final session -- Matza Balls -- where we will learn a bit of history surrounding this staple of Jewish cuisine, and then do our part to prepare this year's Congregational Seder meal all together.

SPACE IS LIMITED
Materials and Registration Fee:
Members - No Charge / Non-Members - \$18
Register by emailing
info@tourosynagogue.com

THE BASICS: **A CRASH COURSE IN JUDAISM, JEWRY AND JEWISHNESS** WITH RABBI SILVERMAN

Have you ever wondered, "What does Judaism say about ____?" or "Why do Jews do ____?" Ever wanted to delve into a topic of Judaism – theology, Bible, practice, prayer – but didn't know where to begin? If so, this is the class you've been waiting for.

Join Rabbi Silverman on Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm beginning March 16 for a chance to learn about and discuss Jewish history, texts, beliefs, language, prayer and rituals.

Thursdays this Spring:
March 16, 23, 30; April 20, 27; May 4
6:30 PM

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

Registration Fees:
Members - No Charge / Non-Members - \$50

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join Rabbi Silverman's *In the Kitchen* class on April 6 to help make matza balls for the Congregational Seder!

THURSDAY, APRIL 6
6:00PM - 7:30PM
TOURO KITCHEN

Please RSVP to info@tourosynagogue.com



REFUGEE RESPONSE DONATIONS NEEDED!

We have had a tremendous response to our call to action for refugees over the past few months. Donation needs are ongoing! Please visit the Refugee Response page at www.tourosynagogue.com/refugee-response for up to date lists of items needed.

KITCHEN ITEMS/LINENS/MATTRESSES/CLEANING SUPPLIES



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO

Peter Sather and Kid Gloves Moving Company for helping to organize and execute our large furniture round up day and to **Randy Pick of IPIK Storage** for generously providing space for us to store our collections.

"The Immigrant Jews are Taking our Jobs!" A Cautionary Tale from 19th Century Louisiana

Guest sermon by Dr. Michael Cohen
Learnings from his forthcoming book:
*Cotton Capitalists: American Jewish Merchants,
Ethnic Networks, and Niche Economies, 1850-1890.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017 - 6:00PM



Professor Michael Cohen is Associate Professor and incoming Chair of Jewish Studies at Tulane University. He is the author of The Birth of Conservative Judaism: Solomon Schechter's Disciples and the Creation of an American Religious Movement, as well as the forthcoming Cotton Capitalists: American Jewish Merchants, Ethnic Networks, and Niche Economies, 1850-1890. He earned his Ph.D. from Brandeis University, his A.B. from Brown University, and he is the author of several articles and reviews.



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 mind set. Come join us! Bring a brown bag lunch and we'll provide the drinks.

All are welcome.

UPCOMING SESSIONS:
MARCH 9 & 23
APRIL 6 & 20

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, APRIL 4, 6:30 PM
MAUTNER LEARNING CENTER

We look forward to seeing you there.

Please RSVP to info@tourosynagogue.com.





Touro Synagogue's *Viennese Coffee House* With Rabbi Berk

Viennese coffee houses were the favorite haunts of such notables as Alfred Adler, Sigmund Freud, Theodor Herzl, and Gustav Klimt. The popularity of the coffee houses can be attributed to the unique social function they served. Traditional Viennese coffee houses offered their patrons the opportunity to sit in a comfortable surrounding and read the news of the world by drawing from racks of local and foreign newspapers. But most importantly, coffee houses offered their customers the space to discuss those issues, as the social met the intellectual, and the problems of the day met thoughtful responses. Coffee houses were so popular amongst Jews and so ingrained in Jewish culture that they were often identified as Jewish spaces. They provided space to frame pressing social issues through a Jewish lens.

The unique virtue of the Viennese coffee house today, as always, is that it offers the patron the opportunity to simply sit with one, two, or a handful of people and establish human connections in an atmosphere that lends itself to the personal and intimate, the meaningful, whether emotional or intellectual.

Touro Synagogue's Viennese Coffee House *with Rabbi Berk*

ACTIVISM AT TOURO SYNAGOGUE CONTINUES!

If you missed the first one, come now.

If you attended the first one, come on back.

How will we energize each other to sustain activism in the current political climate?

How will we use our voice to EDUCATE, ADVOCATE AND SUPPORT issues that require civic engagement?

What is the role of interpretive religion and Judaism in the political discourse?

SUNDAY, MARCH 26 - 9:30AM-11:00AM

WHERE:

Living Room TBD

(We have found the living room meeting to be connecting and inspiring).

WHO:

Open to all Touro Synagogue members (you may bring friends with you).

This program requires an RSVP to info@tourosynagogue.com by March 22.

WHY:

We began the conversation. And, now we will plan the action.

Come ready to commit to participation in community education, advocacy, and support in engagement arenas such as: Black Lives Matter / Anti-Racism; Climate Change; LGBTQ Rights; Mass Incarceration/ Criminal Justice Reform; Muslim Ban / Muslim Registry / Religious Freedom; Poverty / Hunger / Homelessness; Refugee Crisis; Responsible Journalism; Voting Rights; Women's Issues

L Chayim Award Dinner honoring Kathy and Hal Shepard

JANUARY 29, 2017

See more photos on our website at
www.tourosynagogue.com/community/photos/lchayimaward/



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Supervillage Chesed Social

...with a Purpose

Sunday, March 5 - 11:45am
Danneel Park

Meet up with fellow village Chesed members (zip code 70115) at Danneel Park (corner of St. Charles Ave. and Octavia) after religious school (around 11:45am) on Sunday, March 5. Bring a picnic for your family to enjoy and some balls and games. We'll also be putting together Mishloach Manot (Purim gift bags). In case of inclement weather, we'll meet up at the Keleher's home.

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

Thursday, April 20 - 3:30pm
The Ogden Museum of Southern Art

Meet up with Lisa Keleher and other Chesed members (zip code 70115) at the Ogden Museum of Southern Art on Thursday, April 20, at 3:30pm. We will be viewing the traveling exhibition entitled *States of Incarceration*. (More information on this exhibition can be found in the Mass Incarceration Initiative to the right). Admission is free for Louisiana residents on Thursdays, so bring your driver's license. We'll view the exhibit and then grab a cup of coffee across the street at the Cafe at the CAC.

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

We're looking for other village members to organize socials for their part of town. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Keleher.

LGBTQ ADVOCACY

Our LGBTQ Advocacy group stands with Reform Jews across the country to continue the pursuit of equality and acceptance. We are preparing for advocacy and action opportunities within our own synagogue walls, throughout the greater New Orleans community and even on a statewide level. We plan to continue our years-long participation in the New Orleans Pride Parade, have been in touch with other advocacy and policy groups regarding concerted efforts to fight harmful legislative bills in the Louisiana Legislature, and are currently discussing learning and community-building opportunities here at the synagogue for this spring. Join us as we work and have fun together toward our common goals!

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

SOCIAL ACTION

Sophie B. Wright Charter School

The class of 2017, the first class to graduate in the newly renovated building heads into the spring with over \$2 million of college scholarships. One graduating senior has received the first ever Posse Scholarship Award granted to a Sophie Wright student for a full, four year ride to Notre Dame University! Touro support for student incentives and for teacher appreciation continues to be a valued part of this good news!

Want to contribute \$5 gift cards from Canes or New Orleans Coffee and Beignet Company? Drop the cards off in the Touro office and we'll deliver them. Want to help with teacher appreciation or student tutoring? Contact Teri Hunter at tlhunter22@gmail.com.

MASS INCARCERATION INITIATIVE

Please be on the lookout for a collaborative program presented this spring by Touro Synagogue and Loyola University featuring a panel of local judges, prison personnel and returned citizens discussing compelling issues regarding diversion efforts, sentencing reform, and re-entry initiatives.

The Ogden Museum of Southern Art presents *States of Incarceration*, a traveling multi-media exhibition, web platform, and curricula focusing on the evolution and impact of mass incarceration in the United States, created by students and others directly affected by incarceration through simultaneous courses at 20 college campuses. In New Orleans, a team of students from the University of New Orleans, along with people directly affected by incarceration, explored the experiences of citizens in the city and state with this pressing social issue. UNO's team's work was compiled with 19 other universities' work into a collective, multi-faceted portrait of incarceration, past and present, framed by the key questions these histories raise. When the exhibition travels to the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, public programs, local exhibition components, conferences, and community conversations will build on local histories and connections with issue organizations to ground the national conversation in the local context of incarceration. It will open at The Ogden Museum in April alongside an exhibition of young people's artwork produced through workshops with local artist/activists entitled *Picturing a World Without Prisons: Young Artists Take on the Carceral State*. Thursday, April 6 – Sunday, May 1, 2017.

Feel free to contact the following with questions:
Dani Levine at dlevine@avodah.net ,
Julie Silbert at julie.silbert@keanmiller.com ,
or Naomi Yavneh at yavneh@loyno.edu.

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- Every Friday, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
NAMI New Orleans Westbank
2051 8th Street, Harvey, LA 70058

Family Support Group

for family, caregivers, and friends of people living with mental illness:

- Wednesday, March 1, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
NAMI New Orleans Uptown
1538 Louisiana Ave., New Orleans, LA 70115
- Tuesday, March 21, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
NAMI New Orleans Westbank
2051 8th Street, Harvey, LA 70058
- Thursday, March 23, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Congregation Beth Israel
4004 W Esplanade Ave., Metairie, LA 70002

Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group

for those who have lost a loved one to suicide (Please contact facilitators at 504-410-7025 or survivors.nola@gmail.com before attending your first meeting):

- Wednesday, March 8th 6:30-8:00 p.m.
NAMI New Orleans Uptown
- Wednesday, March 22nd 6:30-8:00 p.m.
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**Youth Mental Health First Aid,
Saturday March 18th 8:30-5:00 p.m.
NAMI New Orleans Uptown**

A class for anyone who works with young people ages 12-18.

Adult Mental Health First Aid

Tuesday April 25th 8:30-5:00 p.m.

Jefferson Parish Coroner's Office, 2018 8th St. in Harvey

Learn how to assist someone experiencing a mental health problem or crisis. Topics include panic attacks, suicidal thoughts, psychosis, substance use, and more. Cost of attendance is \$10 and includes reservation, lunch, and three-year certification. CEUs available. To register contact Shannon at 504-896-2345 or education@namineworleans.org.

NAMI New Orleans Annual Membership Meeting

Wednesday March 22nd 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Lakeview Christian Center, 5885 Fleur de Lis Dr. in New Orleans

NAMI's yearly meeting for members and those who wish to become members. Learn about NAMI New Orleans' accomplishments this past year and their plans for the year ahead.

NAMI Louisiana State Conference

Saturday April 8th

**First United Methodist Church,
930 North Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70802.**

For more information contact NAMI Louisiana at 225-291-6262 or agermade@namilouisiana.org.

Please visit www.namineworleans.org for information about Family Education programs, suicide support, and more. For more information about Touro's mental health initiatives, contact David Hammer at hammer.david@rocketmail.com

ADVOCACY AWARENESS

Together, we can make a difference. Advocacy is a crucial component of Touro's social justice work. Please take a look at the Touro Advocacy Alert button on our website and at the bottom of each t-mail. The advocacy opportunities are updated on-going so be sure to click on the button frequently. In addition to our own Advocacy Alert button at Touro, you can sign up to get direct alerts about issues closest to your heart and mind. Below is a list of websites that correspond with Touro initiatives and where you can sign up to receive direct advocacy alerts.



Religious Action Center arm of the URJ:

www.rac.org

Mazon: A Jewish response to Hunger

www.mazon.org

Everytown for Gun Safety

www.everytown.org

Forum For Equality

www.forumforequality.org

For general alerts on a broad array of issues affecting civil liberties:

ACLU of Louisiana, www.laaclu.org

For information on local criminal justice issues:

www.crimecoalitionnola.com

Visit our website and watch for the Alert section of t-mails and bulletins about current advocacy needs

in the areas Touro is currently focused on:

www.tourosynagogue.com



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

ENGAGEMENT. SO EASY. ANYTIME.

Touro Synagogue is an engaged community. We connect with each other within the walls of our synagogue and with each other and the New Orleans community outside of our walls. 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!

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!

Questions? Contact Samantha Guichet at ssguichet@me.com for more information.

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Perpetually enshrined on the Yahrzeit Tablets of Touro Synagogue are the following loved ones for whom Kaddish will be recited for the months of March and April:

Friday, March 3 / Saturday, March 4

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Welcome New Members!

Angie Bartelt

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mazel tov

Andi Lestelle

on becoming President of the
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Sherril Herman

on the birth of her granddaughter
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on the birth of their son Leon James Bowron
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EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT

**SHABBAT
DINNER**

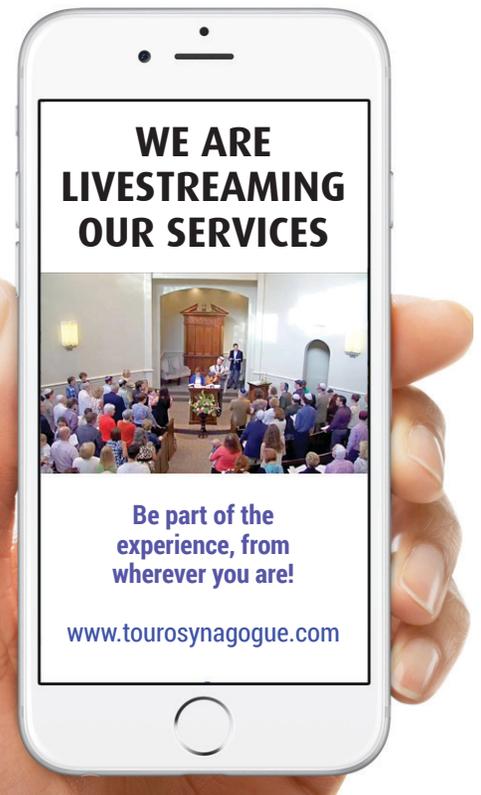
AT TOURO SYNAGOGUE
FOLLOWING SHABBAT SERVICES

CELEBRATE SHABBAT. COME ONE. COME ALL.

SERVICES 6:00PM ♦ DINNER 7:15PM

Brings the kids - they are welcome to join us for services or they can attend
Shabbat Fun for Kids (babysitting) after the children's blessing.
Free babysitting is available for children ages 6 months and up.

**Interested in sponsoring a Shabbat dinner for the congregation?
Honor a loved one or celebrate a simcha with your \$150 tax-deductible donation.
Call the Touro office at 895-4843 for more info.**



MARCH 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Uptown Hebrew not in session	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service/ Birthday Blessings	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Rocks! 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:00 a.m. Religious School in session			4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew in session	12:00 p.m. News and the Jews with Rabbi Berk 6:00 p.m. In the Kitchen with Rabbi Silverman 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service/ Guest Sermon by Dr. Michael Cohen	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service/ Bat Mitzvah of Chloe Cate Deitelzweig 5:30 p.m. Purim Celebration
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:00 a.m. Religious School in session/ Purim Costume Day		12:00 p.m. Alzheimer's Care Givers Support Group	4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew in session	6:30 p.m. Back to Basics with Rabbi Silverman 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Kumzits	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service/ Bat Mitzvah of Caroline Amanda Koppel
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:00 a.m. Religious School in session/4th Grade Family Activity Day	7:00 p.m. Board Meeting		4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew in session	12:00 p.m. News and the Jews with Rabbi Berk 6:30 p.m. Back to Basics with Rabbi Silverman 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service/ Bat Mitzvah of Karah Isabella Nachlas 6:00 p.m. NFTY-SO Spring Conclave
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9:00 a.m. Religious School in session	10:30 a.m. Touro Book Group	12:00 p.m. Alzheimer's Care Givers Support Group	4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew in session	6:30 p.m. Back to Basics with Rabbi Silverman 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service	

APRIL 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: #fff9c4;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Pesach Morning Service with Yizkor Monday, April 17, 10:30 AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">If you would like the name of your loved one read during the yizkor service, please e-mail donnap@toursynagogue.com by Thursday, April 13.</p> </div>					1
						9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:00 a.m. Religious School in session		6:30 p.m. Jewish Medical Ethics Meeting	4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew in session 6:00 p.m. Literature and Libations with Rabbi Silverman	12:00 p.m. News and the Jews with Rabbi Berk 6:00 p.m. In the Kitchen with Rabbi Silverman 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service/ Birthday Blessings 7:30 p.m. Shabbat Kumzits	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service/ Bar Mitzvah of Seth Jacob Berk
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Religious School not in session	6:30 p.m. 1st Night Congregational Seder		Uptown Hebrew not in session	7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Rocks! 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Religious School not in session	10:30 a.m. Pesach Service with Yizkor		Uptown Hebrew not in session	12:00 p.m. News and the Jews with Rabbi Berk 6:30 p.m. Back to Basics with Rabbi Silverman 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Shabbat Service	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service/Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Kalen Rabalais
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:00 a.m. Religious School in session						
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
9:00 a.m. Religious School in session	7:00 p.m. Board Meeting	12:00 p.m. Alzheimer's Care Givers Support Group	4:00 p.m. Uptown Hebrew Late Nite in session	6:30 p.m. Back to Basics with Rabbi Silverman	6:00 p.m. Jazz Fest Shabbat Patron Dinner 7:30 p.m. Jazz Fest Shabbat Service	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Service

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Shabbat Service Schedule March and April 2017

Friday, March 3

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

Saturday, March 4

9:30am Shabbat Rocks!, Shushan Assembly
10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

Friday, March 10

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service/Guest Sermon by
Dr. Michael Cohen, Forgotston Chapel

Saturday, March 11

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service/
Bat Mitzvah of Chloe Cate Deitelzweig, Main Sanctuary

Friday, March 17

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel
followed by Friday Night Kumzits, Shushan Assembly

Saturday, March 18

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service/
Bat Mitzvah of Caroline Amanda Koppel, Main Sanctuary

Friday, March 24

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel

Saturday, March 25

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service/
Bat Mitzvah of Karah Isabella Nachlas, Main Sanctuary

Friday, March 31

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel

Saturday, April 1

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

Friday, April 7

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

Saturday, April 8

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service/
Bar Mitzvah of Seth Jacob Berk, Main Sanctuary

Friday, April 14

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel

Saturday, April 15

9:30am Shabbat Rocks!, Shushan Assembly
10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

Friday, April 21

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel

Saturday, April 22

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service/
Bat Mitzvah of Sophie Kalen Rabalais, Main Sanctuary

Friday, April 28

7:30pm Jazz Fest Shabbat, Main Sanctuary

Saturday, April 29

10:30am Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel