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### A MESSAGE FROM RABBI SILVERMAN

Have you ever said, read, or heard something -- a sentence, or a phrase, or even just a single word -- that was nothing new, but that suddenly you understood and valued in an entirely new way?

I had that experience recently here at Touro. At the conclusion of our opening morning of Religious School, I sat beneath our congregational chuppah in the sanctuary with Soferet Linda Coppelson; I was there to fulfill a mitzvah of pure delight: "kit'vu la'chem ha-shirah ha-zot [Write for yourselves this song]" (Deut. 31:19). I was there to help scribe our congregation's new Torah; I came away with a new appreciation of a word whose power I had never really considered before.



Linda invited me to sit beside her and recite a short blessing, and then to rest my hand on her wrist as she inked that word onto the parchment: "Vayomer". At first blush, it seemed that I had joined her for a word of...well, not much zest, to be honest. "Vayomer" (literally "And he said") is one of the most common, frequently-used words throughout the entire Torah; it's not hard to understand why when you consider that much of Torah's narrative is about one character or another speaking to someone else.

But then Linda pointed out something special about this particular vayomer. "Look what comes next", she said with a smile:

### Vayomer Adonai 'Y'hi or', vay'hi or.

"God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light."

Suddenly, I was reminded how dangerous it can be to assume anything, even if it's just about a word written on a piece of parchment. What would our relationship with God be if it didn't begin with listening to the first words spoken at the very beginning of it all? What would our relationships with other people be if we didn't do the same in our daily interactions? Words are powerful if we choose and use them right — sometimes even more powerful than the sharpest weapons or tools. The more common the word, the more likely we are to regard it as unimportant, devoid of meaning or value. But what Soferet Coppelson reminded me as I sat beneath the chuppah with her that afternoon was that even the most unassuming words can and should be thought of as pregnant with potential newness. And when old words become new, they can also become newly sanctified.

As the pages of our new Torah's parchment become more and more filled with words -- even ordinary, often-used words -- in the next few months, I look forward to hearing the neverbefore-considered value that those who help write them find within. To do so is a mitzvah whose effect can stretch into the future as far as the life of that Torah itself.

With love,

Rabbi Todd Silverman

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE TORAH PROJECT ON PAGES 9-12

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

When this bulletin arrives in your mailbox, we will be just weeks away from beginning our sanctuary renovations. For months we've been exploring every aspect of what it means to refurbish the interior of our sacred, historical sanctuary.

Fresh beauty, comfort, timelessness, and above all quality and absolute respect for the integrity of the space were on the list of 'must haves'. A task force was formed to sort through the initial details. The task force included an architectural designer, a preservation architect, a contractor, an interior designer, and the past, present, and future presidents. Representatives from national companies who specialize in congregational seating for synagogues and other houses of worship were brought into town and various local companies were consulted for the

other parts of the project. The task force presented two recommendations to the Interiors Committee. The committee then presented the final choice to the Executive Committee and then the full Board. I am so grateful to the members of the task force, the members of the Interiors Committee, and the Board for the thoroughness of this detailed process.

The work will begin on November 19 and the construction in our sanctuary will run through January 9. The old congregational chairs will come out first, then the wood floors will be refinished, then the new congregational seating will go in, and lastly, the new carpeting will be laid. I know that many of you have questions about the current congregational seating. I hope the frequently asked questions below will answer those questions.



Teri Hunter

With gratitude to Betty Kohn and the Betty and Ira Kohn Foundation for the gift of this refurbishment.

Teri

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

### What will happen to the congregational seating that is currently in the sanctuary?

We are delighted to say that over half of our current seating will be completely recycled as we were able to find several organizations in need of such a donation. A demolition company will take out and cart away the seats that we were not able to find a home for. Those experienced with demolition companies assure us that if parts of our chairs can be recycled, the demolition company will find a way to do so.

### What will happen to the plaques that are currently on the congregational seating?

Executive Committee members Jill Israel and Kathy Shepard have been hard at work cataloging the current placement of all of the brass plaques. Once the cataloging is complete, the brass plaques will be removed, polished, and then re-affixed on a new seat as close to the current seat location as possible.

### Will there be opportunities to purchase additional plaques in the future?

Once the new seating is in, we will once again be able to offer congregants the opportunity to honor and memorialize loved ones and special occasions by purchasing brass plaques for seat backs. Stay tuned for details.

### Will we have the same number of seats?

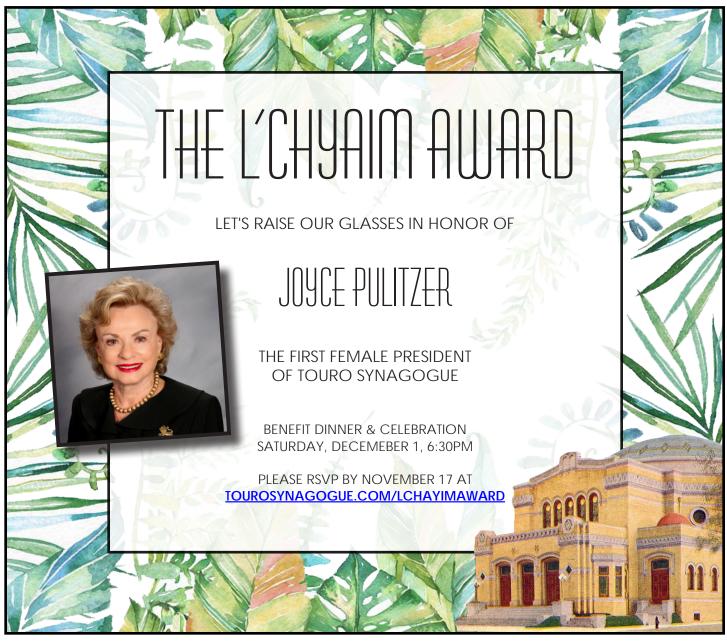
The new congregational seating will be slightly wider than the current seating that we have now. As such, we will lose some numbers in our fixed seating. We consistently have empty seats (all are welcome down front!) during even our most crowded High Holy Day services. Also, we will still be able to add additional seating behind the fixed seating as we do now, so we are confident that the new seating numbers will be more than adequate to meet our needs.

### Will the configuration be the same as it is now?

The new seating configuration will be almost exactly the same configuration as the current seating. The middle aisle will be slightly wider to allow more room for brides, grooms, and parents to walk down together when desired. We will also have more handicap spots than we currently have. Two of the front rows will be removable to accommodate special occasions such as Jazz Fest Shabbat.

### Will there be space for wheelchairs and wheelchair companions?

We are delighted to say there will be 9 spaces available throughout the sanctuary for wheelchairs - together or alongside a companion/caregiver. In addition, our new sanctuary lift will allow easy access to the bima from the floor.



# **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

ABOUT SHABBAT SERVICE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23 & FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

In order to allow our support staff to celebrate with their families over Thanksgiving and Christmas weekend, there will be no Shabbat dinner following services on Friday, November 23 and Friday, December 28.



Whether you want to go green or just like reading on your tablet, signing up for the online version of our Bulletin is easy!

Instead of receiving a printed copy, you'll get a copy in your email inbox (and you'll get it faster, too). Send us an email or call the Touro office at to let us know you'd like to receive the Bulletin electronically.

### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS**

## REMINDER!

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & UPTOWN HEBREW WILL NOT BE IN SESSION ON:

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21 & SUNDAY, NOV. 25: THANKSGIVING BREAK WE WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28!

SUNDAY, DEC. 23 THROUGH WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2

WINTER BREAK
WE WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 6!

# SHABBAT ROCKS! AT TOURO

A SHABBAT MORNING EXPERIENCE FOR YOUNG FAMILIES SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3 - 9:30AM (INFANTS - AGE 5)

Join Rabbi Silverman and Cantor Margolius for our monthly Shabbat morning of fun family time!

Come sing & dance! Come pray & play! Come hear Torah stories & enjoy challah and juice!

For more information contact Rabbi Silverman at tsilverman@tourosynagogue.com

**OTHER UPCOMING DATES: DECEMBER 8** 

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

### JEWCCY IS HOSTING NFTY SOUTHERN WINTERGRAS FEBRUARY 22ND-24TH

JEWCCY is looking for families to host teens in their home, volunteer to chaperone programs, and more, during this amazing weekend event! Teens around the southern region are already so excited to come experience this one-of-a-kind weekend retreat. If this sounds like an intriguing opportunity for you and your family, please contact Director of Youth Engagement Charlie Cox via email at jewccy@gmail.com.

## MAZEL TOV B'NAI MITZVAH STUDENTS!

Virginia Rose Cunningham
November 3, 2018



I view my Bat Mitzvah as the beginning of a journey to becoming a contributing member of our Jewish community. For my Bat Mitzvah project, I volunteered with the Unanimous Jury Coalition. The Unanimous Jury Coalition is working to pass proposed Amendment 2 to the Louisiana Constitution. The proposed amendment would replace a Jim Crow era law which

allows people to be convicted of serious felonies even if only 10 of 12 jurors agree on guilt. This law impacts people of color disproportionately and is really not seen anywhere else in the United States. I volunteered by phone banking 1-3 hours every day and canvassing to spread awareness for the past two months. I spoke with people I have never met and asked if they knew about proposed Amendment 2. I provided information about the proposed amendment and tried to persuade members of our community to vote yes on November 6. I will never forget one evening when I spoke to an elderly woman. She knew everything about Amendment 2 and had already marked her calendar to vote in favor. I had to ask, since it was on the script, if she needed any assistance getting to the polls. She laughed and said, "No honey, I am not THAT old. I walk to the hairdresser and grocery store. I walk everywhere." This kind woman engaged me in conversation, and I appreciated her patience. I will always be thankful, and I encourage members of our congregation to show the same care by taking time to vote on November 6.

Virginia is the daughter of Meredith and Mark Cunningham.

### Jacob David "Yasha" Niyazov November 17, 2018



Wow, I can't believe that it is already time for my Bar Mitzvah! The months spent studying for this day have gone by so fast. I'd like to thank Rabbi Berk and Rabbi Silverman, Cantor Margolius, and Dr. Jaffe for their time and help with my studies.

I love to read, so for my Mitzvah Project I decided to build a "little free library" at my current school, Haynes Academy and my elementary school, Metairie Academy.

The idea of little library is that a person takes a book and leaves another book behind. I think that is very beneficial to the students because they would read books that they would have never read unless another person left it there. I'm very excited for my Bar Mitzvah on November 17!

Yasha is the son of Dmitriy and Joanna Niyazov.



## Literature & Libations

### DINNER AND A LIVELY DISCUSSION

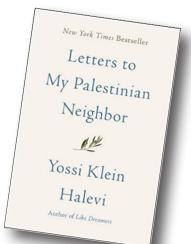
### LETTERS TO MY PALESTINIAN NEIGHBOR

BY YOSSI KLEIN HALEVI WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - 6:00PM LED BY RABBI BERK

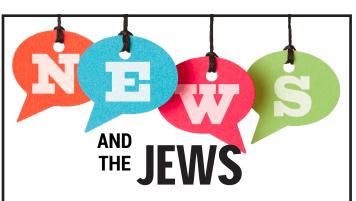
Attempting to break the agonizing impasse between Israelis and Palestinians, the Israeli commentator and award-winning author of *Like Dreamers* directly addresses his Palestinian neighbors in this taut and provocative book, empathizing with Palestinian suffering and longing for reconciliation as he explores how the conflict looks through Israeli eyes.

This is the first attempt by an Israeli author to directly address his Palestinian neighbors and describe how the conflict appears through Israeli eyes. Halevi untangles the ideological and emotional knot that has defined the conflict for nearly a century. In lyrical, evocative language, he unravels the complex strands of faith, pride,

anger and anguish he feels as a Jew living in Israel, using history and personal experience as his guide.



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### SELECT THURSDAYS 12:00 - 1:00 PM

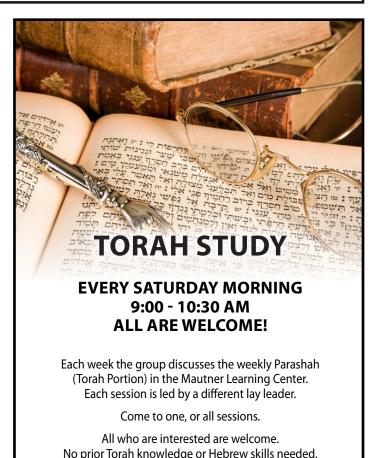
Each week, there are stories in our community and our world that confound us and comfort us, confuse us and confront us. What would Judaism say about these world issues? What is a Jewish response?

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.

### **UPCOMING SESSIONS:**

NOV 1,15, 29; DEC 13



Join us for bagels, coffee and a thoughtful conversation.

# 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.















THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018 - 6:00-7:30 PM JACOBS SOCIAL HALL & TOURO KITCHEN

Which direction do I load candles into my Chanukah menorah?

Which direction do I light them?

Is there a special way to make or bless latkes?

What ARE sufganiyot?!

Explore the history, rituals, and customs behind Chanukah with Rabbi Silverman, and learn how easy (and delicious) it is to celebrate at home!

SPACE IS LIMITED! PLEASE RSVP AT

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BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26 TO SECURE YOUR SPOT!

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# TORAH PROJECT

### JOIN US! DECEMBER 7-9, 2018

# SOFERET LINDA COPPELSON WILL BE WITH US FOR SCRIBING SESSIONS WITH OUR TORAH PROJECT DONORS AND RELIGIOUS SCHOOL STUDENTS

We're excited to welcome back Linda for another wonderful weekend of learning and scribing. Learn more about this once in a lifetime encounter on the next few pages of this bulletin, or visit our website at <a href="https://www.tourosynagogue.com/torahproject">www.tourosynagogue.com/torahproject</a>.







# LUNCH & LEARNING SESSION WITH LINDA COPPELSON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 FOLLOWING SHABBAT SERVICES

Join Rabbi Silverman and Soferet Coppelson for a light lunch and learning session after Shabbat services on Saturday, December 8, from 12:00-1:00 PM.

Watch for reminders and further info in the weekly Tmail!

RSVP AT WWW.TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM/TORAHPROJECTLUNCH

## HELP WRITE OUR NEW TORAH

DECEMBER 7-9, 2018 MARCH 26-28, 2019

The experience of being a part of this Torah project is intended to reach every single member of Touro Synagogue. All donations are welcome and will support a new Touro Torah Fund that will sustain the wellbeing of this new Torah scroll, and ensure the healthy condition of all of our beloved Torah scrolls for years to come. A profound dimension of this experience is that your donation allows you the honor of scribing in the Torah with our Soferet Linda Coppelson. While she is here working on our scroll, donors to the project will be allowed to join hands with hers and work on the lettering wherever she is in her writing of the Torah scroll. You also may choose to donate to this project and our Torah Fund without choosing the scribing experience.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHAT IS A SCRIBING SESSION?

During your scribing session, you and/or you and a family member will join hands with Linda as she scribes a letter. In the case of a large family or friendship group you will form a chain, with each person touching someone who is touching someone who is touching Linda's hand. Linda will teach you about the significance of the section that you will be helping her to write in the Torah scroll. Each scribing session will last approximately 10-15 minutes.

### WHEN WILL THE SCRIBING EVENT TAKE PLACE?

Linda will be in town and with us December 7-9, 2018 and March 26-28, 2019. Arrangements will be made through the Touro Synagogue office with each donor for a specific scribing time. An online form will also be made available if you'd like to secure your time slot that way.

### WHO CAN SCRIBE?

Every Touro Synagogue member can scribe. Just as a Torah is not complete without each letter, the story of our congregation is not complete without each member taking part of this unique and special experience.

### WHAT IF I'M NOT JEWISH?

Every Touro member is enthusiastically encouraged to scribe – all members - non-Jewish members, women, men, children and teens, and seniors. Singles, couples, families, and friends. Everyone.

### **HOW YOUNG IS TOO YOUNG?**

Every member from 1 to 100 is invited to be present at a scribing session. Generally, children under age four are welcome to be part of your family's experience, but their little hands aren't quite grown enough to join Linda in writing the scroll itself.

#### WHAT IF I DON'T WRITE OR READ HEBREW?

No Hebrew experience is necessary to participate in this amazing experience. Linda will guide you with her teachings and her hand as you scribe the letter together.

### WHAT IF I MESS UP?

Impossible. You can rest assured, Linda will be holding the quill with you at all times. There is no risk of messing up the Torah scroll. Quite the opposite. Your participation makes it most sacred.

### **HOW SHOULD I PREPARE?**

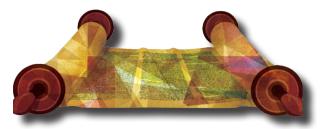
On your scribing day, the Torah Team, rabbis and soferet (scribe), will be there to lead you through this holy moment. In advance, you may want to consider someone whom you would like to honor with this experience - in memory or in celebration. You needn't necessarily share this publicly - just a consideration, if you choose.

### WHAT IF I WANT TO SCRIBE WITH OTHER TOURO SYNAGOGUE MEMBERS?

Members should feel free to sign up to scribe as individuals, or as a Touro friendship group or family unit. Even multiple families can experience scribing together. Because this is an individual, family, and communal experience, you may sign up with other members with whom you feel connected and/or with those you may not yet know, but will come to know through this shared experience.

### HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO COMPLETE THE NEW TORAH?

A new scroll requires about a year to complete plus another month for meticulous inspections and assembly. We can hardly wait to see it all complete!



# TOURO SYNAGOGUE TORAH PROJECT

### **DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES**

Dedicate a part of the Torah that is most meaningful to you or to a loved one. Dedications may be in honor or in memory of someone, to mark a special life-cycle event, to celebrate a special occasion, or simply to celebrate being a part of this unique Torah writing experience.

The experience of being a part of this Torah project is intended to reach every single member of Touro Synagogue. All donations are welcome and will support a new Touro Torah Fund that will sustain the well-being of this new Torah scroll, and ensure the healthy condition of all of our beloved Torah scrolls for years to come. A profound dimension of this experience is that your donation allows you the honor of scribing in the Torah with our Soferet Linda Coppelson. While she is here working on our scroll, donors to the project will be allowed to join hands with hers and work on the lettering wherever she is in her writing of the Torah scroll. You also may choose to donate to this project and our Torah Fund without choosing the scribing experience.

Dedications are non-exclusive.

There may be multiple sponsors and shared dedications for each of the opportunities listed below.

	CHOOSE YOUR DEDICATION:			SIGNIFICANT STORIES AND THEMES:	
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This Torah is underwritten in loving memory of Touro past president, Julian H. Good, by his family.

### THIS FORM CAN ALSO BE FILLED OUT ONLINE BY VISITING <u>WWW.TOUROSYNAGOGUE.COM/TORAHPROJECT</u>

### **STEP 1: SELECT YOUR DEDICATION**

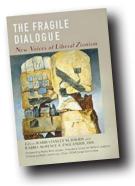
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WITH RABBI BERK



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WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 9, 16, 23 - 6:00-8:00PM
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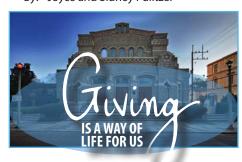
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For more information please contact Kerry Tapia or one of the following Touro Synagogue Foundation Board Members: Hal Shepard, Phyllis Alltmont, or Scott Silbert.

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Touro Synagogue has established the Tzedakah Society to encourage members to make planned deferred gifts by including Touro Synagogue in their estate plans. In this way, donors create a legacy of generosity which sustains this sacred organization beyond their lifetimes.

For more information about the Tzedakah Society contact Bob Gross, Chair of the Planned Giving Committee at <a href="mailto:robertsgross@gmail.com">robertsgross@gmail.com</a> or Gary Silbert at tripp55@cox.net.

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### Allan Bissinger

on being awarded the 2018 Judah Touro Society Award from Touro Infirmary Foundation

### **Lorna Knowles Blake**

on being awarded the Able Muse Book Award for Poetry for her book of poems titled *Green Hill* 

### Ana and Juan Gershanik

on the unveiling of the commemorative gift monument honoring the Latin American Workers who helped rebuild New Orleans in the aftermath of Katrina

### **Naomi Yavneh Klos**

on being selected by the Jewish National Fund for their Faculty Fellowship in Israel

### **Lauren and Russell Libby**

on the birth of their son Nathan Libby and to big brother Shaun Libby

### GABRIELA LEHMANN LEAVES A JEWISH LEGACY

Before Gabriela Lehmann passed away on March 9, 2010, she made provisions in her will to fund the Kurt J., Molly S., and Gabriela Lehmann Yahrzeit Designated Fund, which she had established at the Jewish Endowment Foundation of Louisiana in 2007. Through this fund, annual donations are made to Touro Synagogue and to other Reform, Conservative, and Orthodox congregations in metropolitan New Orleans to inscribe the names of her loved ones, as well as to remember all those who have passed away and no longer have friends or family to remember them on Yom Kippur, in the synagogue's memorial books.

By establishing this fund and providing generous donations to these congregations, Gabriela Lehmann has created a meaningful and important Jewish legacy for our community, managed by JEF, to benefit our Greater New Orleans congregations and ensure forever for future generations.

Mer her memory always be a blessing.



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This service is made possible through the generosity of the Adele Cahn Catch-a-Cab Designated Fund at the Jewish Endowment Foundation.

### **IN MEMORIAM**

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

**Joyce Feinberg** 

**Richard Gottfried** 

**Rose Mallinger** 

**Jerry Rabinowitz** 

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**David Rosenthal** 

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mother of Nancy Ross-Asuitto (Robert)

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father of Julie Schwartz (David Radlauer)

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nephew of Randy Roig (Brian Weimer)

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mother of Naomi Yavneh Klos (Stan)

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husband of Judith Steward, father of Cynthia Steward, grandfather of Sophie Rabalais

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husband of Anne Ellender Phillips

May their memory be for a blessing.

### **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, NOVEMBER 2 / SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Julia Mayer Weiss, Sam Margolis, Milton M. Glueck, Jean Salmon Frankel, Jonas Hiller, Sylvia Baskind Levitch, Morris Ellis Irving, Steven Howard Phillips, Pauline Joseph Levy, Mercedes P. Sontheimer, Gustave Lehmann, August Marx, J. Isadore Lindy, Moise Waldhorn, Tilden Pick, Anna Solomon, Madeleine A. Oberdorfer, Rebecca Newman Greenspan, Irving "Ernie" Weiss, Myron "Mike" Kasten, Stella S. Isaacs, William T. Hochstein, Pauline Phillips, Leon Hirschberg, Jules D. Feitel, Abraham L. Shushan, Sr., Frank Friedler, Jr.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9 / SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10 Morris A. Green, David Lawrence Weisler, Charles Nathan Comras, Helene S. Levy, Esther Block Stiebel, Agatha Kullman Pasternack, Norman N. Newhouse, Janette Lowinshon, Theodore Dennery, N. Nathan Levy, Eleanor Schoen Adler, Erna Wolf Wolff, Leon Mattes, Charles Rosen, Beatrice Bashein Groginski, Rachel Singerman Berenson, Elsie Hamburger Phillips, Sara M. Sunshine, Elie Aaron, Michael Blum, Mrs. Clemence L. Kosminsky, Leon Aaron Greenblatt, Edwin C. Lazard, Joseph H. Weil, Kenneth R. Menszer, Julius Cohen, Max Singer

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16 / SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Nettie Silverstein Solomon, Esther Barber Rosenberg, Elaine F. Menszer, Rebecca Katz Alaynick, Millie Silverstein Rigsby, Flora May, Isaac Sontheimer, Reggie Markley, Hilda Wolf Levy, Oscar Z. Levy, Sr., Mathilde Kohlman, Elias Bowsky, Ferdinand F. Weill, Irwin H. Isaacs, Jack Silven, Ruth Joy Sogin, Max N. Tobias, Bertha R. Sontheimer, Bertha S. Goldman, Samuel Ratner, Isadore Brandt, Rose Block Pincus, Samuel L. Waldhorn, Norine Marks Alltmont, Morris Feitel

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23 / SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24
Theodore A. Green, Therese Abraham Kahn, Paul Joseph Yuspeh, Florence Koe Van der Linden, Samuel David Wolchansky, Morris H. Phillips, Allan Michel Goldman, M.D., Anna S. Latter, Leah S. Weill, Hortense Bowsky Feldman, Miriam Dulitz Lefkowitz, Tillie L. Gould, Carl P. Adatto, MD, David Trautman, David F. Shushan, Warren Leucht Rosen, Frank Meyer Chesky, Emanuel Nathan Mansberg, Jr., Charles Kohlmeyer, Sr., Alexander Dreyfus, Fanny Kreeger Phillips, Bertha Leopold Stern, Bennet Scott Koren, Evelyn Van der Linden Rosenbaum, Anna Young Markowitz, Marion

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30 / SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

Meyer A. Berenson, Hannah Haspel Samuels Adam, Louis Leucht Rosen, Sanchen Levy, Myron M. Goldman, Robert Allen Levy, Constance S. Kaufman, Hermina Ochs Silverman, Inez Levy Rosenthal, Dudley Udal Yoedicke, Eugene Maas, Michael A. Berenson, Maurice Bernard Sontheimer, Florette Geismar Margolis, Dr. Jay Zakris, Adrian C. Benjamin, Sr., Ray Handelman Maslansky, Gertrude Levy Phillips, Abraham Rosenberg

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7 / SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Brunette Aaron Levy, William Harry Shushan, Irving I. Adler, Evangeline Katz Hochstein, Dorothy Reiner "Dot" Shushan, Isabelle Caplan Steinman, Harry H. Bear, Cecelia Hilborn Scherck, Harry Hyman, Sarah Keller, Helene Metzger Cymbal, Rosa Michaelis, Jerome Zarowitz, Helen Finger Singer, William Gordon Kesler, Ruth Gottesman Cohen, Pauline Adler, Jeanette Lith, Henry A. Maslansky, Elaine Lubel Van der Linden, Janis Schwartz Berenson, Abe Berenson, Mrs. Florentine Hayem Zander, Ruth Ann Rabin

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 / SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Herman Jeffer, Abraham Rosenberg, Louis Aaron Glazer, Hannah Cohen Lightman, Charles L. Woldenberg, Lillie Mansberg Block, Jeanette Meyer Benjamin, David Tobias Pick, Milton H. Cohen, Ida Kagan Berg, Mathilde Kahn Leucht, Bertha Lischkoff Sontheimer, Gertrude Schwarz Stern, Emilie Kahn Gruenberg, Leonard M. Wolff, Ben Cohn, Harry Goodman, Boaz Kirstein, Benjamin, Louis Levy, Sr., Louis Max Ochs, Alvin Phillip Lichtentag, Alfred Geismar, Helen Axinn Goldstein, Alfred Leon Alaynick, Selma Thalsheimer Huss, Mary Heinemann, Jac Stich

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21 / SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22 Norma Tannenbaum Duff, Harry Bennett, Maurice A. Markley, Louise Goldman Kaplan, Amy Linker Bonoff, Julia Simon Aarons, Esther Haspel Mayer, Ruth Israelson Adiger, Douglas Norman Weinreb, Elise Yarrut Fishman, Mrs. Leon Frank, Philip F. Phillips, Ruth H. Weil, Adolph Louis Stiebel, Ernest S. Frank, Babette Cohn Golden, Louise Hirsch Friedler, Fanny Lob, Albertine Marx, Elkin Moses, William Young

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28 / SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

Dr. Samuel B. Fellman, Joseph D. Freedman, Morris Keil, Dorothy Betty Sale Levy, Fannie Burgauer Ullman, Ryan David Reaves, Fannye Oesterman Meyers, Abraham L. Fishman, Isak M. Layman, Rae Marks Rosenberg, Ruthann Arzberger Francis, Marie Bertha Van Os, Ben Frank Freedman, Leopold R. Hirsch, Henry Newman, Nathan Greenspan, Cheryl Ann Mintz, Irwin H. Isaacs, Jr., Jan Leslie Brener, Ronald Goldberg, Michael G. Weil, Sylvia Green Rothstein, Adolph Jacobs, M.D., Charles Maas, Alvin S. Caplan, Emile Levy, Morris Reiner

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4 / SATURDAY, JANUARY 5
Rose Rosenberg Blitman, Helen Allenberg Rubenstein, Morris Rubenstein, Julius Jacobs, Julius L. Rosenblum, Dora Maas Jacobs, Fay Scharff Levy, Pauline Maas, Gussie Stiebel, Berthold Turkheimer, Saul Germain, Anne Miller Fabricant, Nettie S. Hochstein, Edgar Weil, Dr. Isidore Cohn, Arthur G. Radlauer, Leo Van Os, Dr. Simon Geismar, Marx Meyer Levy, Herbert Schwartz Weil, Alexander Gottsegen, Rosa Lehmann, Willie Mintz, Adolph Good

### NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday	Sunday Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday Friday		Saturday		
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their far weekend	to allow our suppor milies over Thanks d, there will be no November 23 and	giving and Christ  o Shabbat dinner	mas r <b>on</b>	12:00PM Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group 12:00PM News and the Jews 6:15PM Siddur Study	6:00PM Shabbat Evening Service/	9:00AM Torah Study 9:30AM Shabbat Rocks! 10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service/Bat		
				7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	Installation of Cantor Margolius	Mitzvah of Virginia Rose Cunningham		
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			4:00PM Uptown Hebrew in session	6:15PM Siddur Study		9:00AM Torah Study		
9:00AM Religious School in session			6:00PM Literature and Libations	7:30PM Choir Rehearsal	6:00PM Shabbat Evening Service	10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service		
11	12	13	14	12:00PM Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group 12:00PM News and the Jews 6:15PM	16	17 9:00AM Torah Study		
9:00AM Religious School in session	7:00PM Board of Trustees Meeting*	6:00PM Jewish History 101	4:00PM Uptown Hebrew in session	Siddur Study 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal	6:00PM Shabbat Evening Service	10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service/Bar Mitzvah of Jacob David Niyazov		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
				THANKSGIVING				
					6:00PM Shabbat Evening Service	9:00AM Torah Study		
9:00AM Religious School in session				Touro Office Closed	NO SHABBAT DINNER	10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service		
25	26	27	28	29	30			
			4:00PM Uptown	12:00PM News and the Jews 6:00PM Holidays at Home - Chanukah Edition 7:30PM	6:00PM Shabbat			
			Hebrew in session	Choir Rehearsal	Evening Service			

### DECEMBER 2018

			DEGEMBER 2010					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
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						9:00AM Torah Study		
						10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service		
						6:30PM L'Chayim Award Dinner & Celebration		
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CHANUKAH 1ST CANDLE	CHANUKAH 2ND CANDLE	CHANUKAH 3RD CANDLE	CHANUKAH 4TH CANDLE	CHANUKAH 5TH CANDLE	CHANUKAH 6TH CANDLE	CHANUKAH 7TH CANDLE		
				12:00PM		9:00AM Torah Study		
				Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group	Shabbat Evening	9:30AM Shabbat Rocks!		
9:00AM Religious School in session			4:00PM Uptown Hebrew in session	7:30PM Choir Rehearsal	Service followed by Chanukah Family Dinner	10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
CHANUKAH								
8TH CANDLE								
9:00AM Religious				12:00PM News and the Jews		9:00AM Torah Study		
School in session/ Jacobs Camp			4:00PM Uptown	7:30PM	6:00PM Shabbat	10:30AM Shabbat		
Recruitment Visit			Hebrew in session	Choir Rehearsal	Evening Service	Morning Service		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
				12:00PM Alzheimer's				
				Caregivers Support Group		9:00AM Torah Study		
9:00AM Religious School in session	7:00PM Board of Trustees Meeting*		4:00PM Uptown Hebrew in session	7:30PM Choir Rehearsal	6:00PM Shabbat Evening Service	10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
	Touro Office Closed							
30	31				6:00PM Shabbat			
30	31				Evening Service	9:00AM Torah Study		
					NO SHABBAT DINNER	10:30AM Shabbat		
	Touro Office Closed	Touro Office Closed	Touro Office Closed	Touro Office Closed	Touro Office Closed	Morning Service		

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### SHABBAT SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2018

### Friday, November 2

6:00PM Shabbat Evening Service/ Installation of Cantor Kevin Margolius, Main Sanctuary

### Saturday, November 3

9:30AM Shabbat Rocks!, Shushan Assembly 10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service/ Bat Mitzvah of Virginia Rose Cunningham, Main Sanctuary

### Friday, November 9

6:00PM Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel

### Saturday, November 10

10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

### Friday, November 16

6:00PM Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel

### Saturday, November 17

10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service/ Bar Mitzvah of Jacob David Niyazov, Main Sanctuary

### Friday, November 23

6:00PM Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel

### **NO SHABBAT DINNER**

### Saturday, November 24

10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

### Friday, November 30

6:00PM Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel

### Saturday, December 1

10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

### Friday, December 7

6:00PM Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel, followed by Chanukah Family Dinner

### Saturday, December 8

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

### Friday, December 14

6:00PM Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel

### Saturday, December 15

10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

### Friday, December 21

6:00PM Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel

### Saturday, December 22

10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel

### Friday, December 28

6:00PM Shabbat Evening Service, Forgotston Chapel

### **NO SHABBAT DINNER**

### Saturday, December 29

10:30AM Shabbat Morning Service, Forgotston Chapel