

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL
at the TRI-CITY JEWISH CENTER

CENTERITE NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY SCHEDULE of EVENTS



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Blending Tradition with Today

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Lee Blumberg

Treasurer

Zach Tansey

Secretary

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Dues & Review

Kris Cawley



Wednesday, January 1		OFFICES CLOSED - NEW YEAR'S DAY
Friday, January 3	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, January 4	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, January 4	10:30 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Sunday, January 5		NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK
Wednesday, January 8	4:30 pm	Hebrew School
Friday, January 10	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, January 11	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, January 11	10:30 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Sunday, January 12	9:00/10:00 am	Hebrew School / Joint Religious School
Sunday, January 12	6:30 pm	Exploring Judaism
Wednesday, January 15	12:00 pm	Nosh & Mingle
Wednesday, January 15	4:30 pm	Hebrew School
Thursday, January 16	12:00 pm	Israel Discussion Group
Friday, January 17	5:30 pm	School-Led Shabbat Service
Saturday, January 18	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, January 18	10:30 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Sunday, January 19	9:00/10:00 am	Hebrew School / Joint Religious School
Tuesday, January 21	7:00 pm	Center Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 22	4:30 pm	Hebrew School
Friday, January 24	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Shabbat Service
Saturday, January 25	9:00 am	Torah Study
Saturday, January 25	10:30 am	Beth Israel Shabbat Service
Sunday, January 26	9:00/10:00 am	Hebrew School / Joint Religious School
Sunday, January 26	6:30 pm	Exploring Judaism
Wednesday, January 29	4:30 pm	Hebrew School
Thursday, January 30	12:00 pm	Israel Discussion Group
Friday, January 31	6:30 pm	Temple Emanuel Torah Shabbat Service



PLEASE NOTE:

Rabbi Linda is on vacation December 25th - January 9th

Rabbi's Message

January marks the transition of the Jewish people from a single family to a nation in our Torah reading cycle as we read the end of the family book of Genesis and begin the national chronicles of Exodus. But we are a nation that clings to the identity of being a family and we maintain an idea of mutual responsibility which in modern times makes sense only in the area of family, far exceeding the responsibility we hold to modern nations. The teaching *Kol Yisrael arevim zeh bazeh* – all Israel is accountable one for the other – is the classical expression of that familial type of responsibility in which we are all proactively accountable for one another's wellbeing.

One of the ways in which we live out that mutual responsibility is through the Jewish tradition of *minyan*, or prayer quorum. There are many prayers, from the Barchu through the Mourner's Kaddish, which may only be said in the presence of that quorum. Traditionally, the quorum was 10 Jewish men, though a minor or a Torah scroll could make up the tenth when needed. In modern times, as gender equality became part of the Jewish practice of liberal movements such as Reform and Conservative, "adults" took the place of "men," allowing women to be counted in the minyan. Also, the Babylonian Talmud refers to a tradition "in the West" (presumably in Israel) allowing for a minyan of seven or even six, and there is a historical record of allowing such smaller minyans whenever necessary to continue Jewish practice, but ten remains the ideal.

The big ideas of the minyan are to respect God and to empower one another's prayers to be heard, according to two passages in the Babylonian Talmud:

- ★ Rabbi Yohanan said: When the Holy One, Blessed be He, enters a synagogue and does not find ten people there, He immediately becomes angry, as it is stated: "Why, when I came, was there no one? When I called, there was no one to answer."
- ★ What is the meaning of that which is written: "But as for me, let my prayer be unto You, Lord, in a time of favor; O God, in the abundance of Your mercy, answer me with the truth of salvation" (Psalms 69:14)? When is a time of favor? At the time when the congregation [at least a minyan] is praying.

Another important aspect, though, is that when a person needs to recite the Mourner's Kaddish, should they not be surrounded by caring community? Perhaps this is why Maimonides teaches in the Mishnah Torah: Whoever has a synagogue in his town and does not worship there is called a bad neighbor. Ideally, we should attend services whenever we are able. But we should make a special effort when a member of our community needs to recite Kaddish. I invite all congregants wishing to recite Kaddish on Shabbat to let your synagogue office know in advance so that we can put out a notice to both congregations to be good neighbors to you by empowering you to recite the Kaddish, and perhaps even to be heard!

L'shalom,

Rabbi Linda

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JRS AND HEBREW School-Led Service

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17
5:30 P.M.

PLEASE COME AND
SUPPORT OUR LITTLE
LEARNERS!



Candle Lighting Times

	<u>Parasha</u>	<u>Friday Night</u>	<u>Havdalah</u>
January 3 & 4	Vayigash	4:27 pm	5:32 pm
January 10 & 11	Vayechi	4:34 pm	5:39 pm
January 17 & 18	Shemot	4:42 pm	5:46 pm
January 24 & 25	Vaera	4:51 pm	5:54 pm
January 31 & Feb. 1	Bo	4:59 pm	6:02 pm

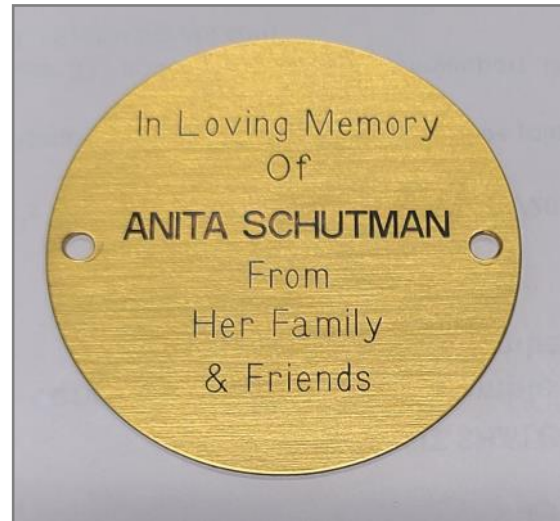


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The following circles have been added to the Circle of Remembrance:



**"We Fondly Remember
ANITA SCHUTMAN
Your Friends & Family"**



**In Loving Memory Of
ANITA SCHUTMAN
From Her Family & Friends**

Tree of Life / Circle of Remembrance



Our *Tree of Life* continues to grow. For all happy occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, birth of a child, etc., remember the Congregation Beth Israel Tree of Life. This will be a permanent recognition of the special occasion. Leaves start at \$300. Rocks are also available.



To remember a loved one, place a circle on Congregation Beth Israel's *Circle of Remembrance* memorial. This serves as a permanent remembrance of your loved one. Small circles are \$300. Larger circles are also available. Please call the office for more details.
309-788-3426

Beth Israel Sisterhood



Beth Israel Sisterhood held the Biggest Hanukkah Gift Shop Sale Ever on Sunday, December 8th. Thank you everyone for your support!

Order Your 2025 Mah Jongg Cards

*Large card is \$15.
Standard card is \$14.
Due date is February 1st*

Please write check to:

Debbie Vesole
6849 Grenadier Blvd #1104
Naples, FL 34108

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Text or call Debbie at 309-781-0926

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January Yahrzeits

1 Tevet Wednesday, Jan. 1 Rebetzen Chana Levitan Jake Marks Herman Ziffren Rev. Samuel Miller Faye Kershner	8 Tevet Wednes., January 8 Rebecca Brownstein Betty Zimring Merrill Harris Richard Lehman	14 Tevet Tuesday, Jan. 14 Sam Stein Edith Holzhammer Jeffrey Poelvoorde	20 Tevet Monday, January 20 Tzipeh Israelevsky Reba Greenspan Jennie Deutsch Rebeccah Leibovitz Abraham H. Siegel Jeanne Rich Davis	26 Tevet Sunday, Jan. 26 Norman Harris
2 Tevet Thursday, Jan. 2 Dora Rauch Albert Levy Ben Williamson	9 Tevet Thursday, Jan. 9 Cora Louise Brotman Leonard Miller Viola Mayesh Fanny Drucker Hyman Marder Wilfred Weinstein Max Smith Sam Rimmerman Chana Slodownik Sidney Zimel Harry Fagen Hinda Gamburg	15 Tevet Wednes., Jan. 15 Morris Deutsch Willie Ekstein Lewis Harris	21 Tevet Tuesday, Jan. 21 Harry Lisman Mary Falkovitch Max Biberfeld Aaron Novak Nathan Glazer Faye Farber	27 Tevet Monday, Jan. 27 Annie Norton
3 Tevet Friday, January 3 Lue Shefren Simon Crane Seymour Gumbiner Leonore Drevich	10 Tevet Friday, January 10 Annie Harris Bertram Learner Joseph Scutman Eliezer Grossman	16 Tevet Thursday, Jan. 16 A.W. Gellman Fannie Kahn Benjamin Goldstein Abe Pullman	22 Tevet Wednes., Jan. 22 John Goldis Sarah Blitz Ida Cohn Maurice Kelinson Al Rauch Mollie Rich	28 Tevet Tuesday, Jan. 28 Lillian Feldman Alex Handelman Meyer Verger Ida Weprin Daisy Whitebook George Shamon
4 Tevet Saturday, January 4 Fannie Stein Harry Sitrick Fanny Levy David Phillips	11 Tevet Saturday, Jan. 11 Cyril Geskin Morris Polack Stuart Lefstein Harold Brady Philip Axelrod Nathan Berger	17 Tevet Friday, January 17 Sarah Wiss Hyman Kelinson David Halpern	23 Tevet Thursday, Jan. 23 Ira Rimmerman Berenice Dockterman Dave Light Ethel Paley Isidore Ringler Moyshe Weindruch Mildred Sable	29 Tevet Wednes. Jan. 29 Samuel Smuleson Julius Geskin Hazel Paley Rose Galex Sharma Spector
5 Tevet Sunday, January 5 Luba Leibovitz Rose Buder	12 Tevet Sunday, January 12 Sam Vinar Ida Kramer	18 Tevet Saturday, Jan. 18 Chaiye Boronstein Fannie Halpern Sonia Weiner Dena Linado Wenger Harry Morris A. Jay Gantz David Siegel Stanley Weinstein Jerry Silverberg	24 Tevet Friday, January 24 Harry Eisenberg Seymour Epstein	1 Shevat Thursday, Jan. 30 Eva Ruth Finkelstein Fannie Rosenberg Hyman Comess
6 Tevet Monday, January 6 Sam Rotenberg Rose Geifman Dorothy Katz Mandel Satin Sadie Erbstein	13 Tevet Monday, January 13 Jack Kahn Lucian Hyman Levy Charles Carp Lottie Coppersmith Morris Parson Thelma "Tess" Levin	19 Tevet Sunday, January 19 Rebecca Morris Louis Leman Leo Kessler Himan Schaider	25 Tevet Saturday, Jan. 25 David DeLugish Miriam Friedman Mary Funk Esther Schiff	2 Shevat Friday, January 31 Chayah Ekstein Sam Geifman Kate Marks Isadore Pesses Sarah Segal
7 Tevet Tuesday, January 7 Marge Sacks Marvin Strum Shirley Harris				