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Jewish Center News

CELEBRATING OUR 123rd YEAR

Solomon Schechter 2007 Silver Award Winning Newsletter

Solomon Schechter 2009 Gold Award Winning Newsletter

Solomon Schechter 2011 Bronze Award Winning Newsletter

Upcoming Services

4 Tevet - 7 Shevat

Wednesday, January 1 - No Service
New Year's Day



Friday, January 3 - No Service
Candle Lighting: 4:41 p.m.

Saturday, January 4 - No Service
Vayiggash

Torah: Genesis 44:18-45:27
Haftarah; Ezekiel 37:15-28
Havdalah: 5:42 p.m.

Sunday, January 5 - No Service

Tuesday, January 7 - No Service

Fast of the 10th of Tevet

Torah: Exodus 32:11-14; 34:1-10

Minhah

Torah: Exodus 32:11-14; 34:1-10

Haftarah: Isaiah 55:6-56:8

Friday, January 10 - No Service
Candle Lighting: 4:48 p.m.

Saturday, January 11 - No Service
Vayhi

Torah: Genesis 47:28-48:22
Haftarah: 1 Kings 2:1-12
Havdalah: 5:49 p.m.

Sunday, January 12 - No Service

Friday, January 17 - No Service
Candle Lighting: 4:56 p.m.

Saturday, January 18 - No Service
Shemot

Torah: Exodus 1:1-2:25

Haftarah: Isaiah 27:6-28:13; 29:22-23

Havdalah: 5:57 p.m.

Sunday, January 19 - No Service

Monday, January 20 - No Service
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Friday, January 24 - No Service
Candle Lighting: 5:04 p.m.

Saturday, January 25 - No Service
Shabbat

Mevarekhim HaHodesh
Va'era

Torah: Exodus 6:2-7:7

Haftarah: Ezekiel 28:25-29:21

Havdalah: 6:06 p.m.

Monday, January 27 - No Service
Rosh Hodesh

Torah: Numbers 28:1-15

Services Continued

***Friday, January 31**
Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.
Rabbi Mark Goodman officiating
Candle Lighting: 5:13 p.m.

***Saturday, February 1**
Morning Services, 10:00 a.m.
Rabbi Mark Goodman officiating
Bo
Torah: Exodus 10:1-11:3
Haftarah: Jeremiah 46:13-28
Havdalah: 6:15 p.m.

Sunday, February 2 - No Service

Condolences & Sympathy

To the Lester Family
on the death of their beloved

Beth Lester

*May you be comforted by the
Almighty who dries our tears,
heals our aching hearts and
binds our painful wounds.*

**February Bulletin
Deadline
January 17th**

The Tenth of Tevet is one of the four fast days that commemorate dark times in Jewish history. The others are Tisha B'Av (the day of the destruction of both Temples in Jerusalem), the 17th of Tammuz (the day of the breaching of the defensive wall of Jerusalem by Titus and the Roman legions in 70 CE), and the third of Tishrei (the day that marks the assassination of the Babylonian-appointed Jewish governor of Judah, Gedaliah ben Achikam. He was actually killed on Rosh Hashanah but the fast day was advanced to the day after Rosh Hashanah because of the holiday).

The Tenth of Tevet marks the onset of the siege of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar, the King of Babylonia, and the beginning of the battle that ultimately destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple of Solomon, and sent the Jews into the 70-year Babylonian Exile.

The date of the Tenth of Tevet is recorded for us by the prophet Yechezkel, who himself was already in Babylonia as part of the first group of Jews exiled there by Nebuchadnezzar, 11 years earlier than the actual destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem itself.



Message from the Rabbi

More or Less Good; Increase or Decrease the Light

One of the most famous disputes in the Talmud is between Hillel and Shammai over how to light the Hanukkah menorah. The question is: do we start from one candle adding another candle each night, as Hillel says we should? Or do we begin with eight candles, subtracting a candle each night, according to the house of Shammai? Ultimately, we hold like Hillel, because 'we should grow in joy each day, not lessen.' In other words, accentuate the positive.

There was a similar text that I bumped into this week when looking at the story of Joseph and his brothers. Joseph, who does not get along well with his siblings, is sent by his father Jacob to 'check on them', and the language used is very specific - "Lech Na Re'eh Et Shalom Achicha - Go, please, and see the Shalom of your brothers." Why does the text use this word 'Shalom' - which might be peace or wholeness?

Rabbi Simcha Bunim of Peshischa answers "That one ought to try to see the completeness (shalom) of another person, and not simply their defects - their virtues and not simply that which they lack."

When we go into a situation - do we look at the negative qualities of other people, or their positives? Do we act with suspicion of another person's flaws, or seek out the aspects of their character that is good? Are we negative Nellies, dwelling in the sucky parts of life, or are we constantly 'growing in joy, each day' by seeking out the positive aspects in things. Life is full of ups and downs, suffering and exaltation, lows and highs. It's not always easy - sometimes even I agree with the quote of Jean-Paul Sartre that "Hell is other people." And it's infinitely easier to complain than it is to find a tiny spark of goodness in someone we truly dislike. But our Torah reminds us that it is our duty to increase the light - to look even in the dark places for the light deep within your fellow humans.

Rabbi Mark Asher Goodman

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To contact us by email, send it to brithsholom@iloveerie.com

Presidents Corner

I'm pleased to announce we've added a new feature to our monthly Saturday morning kiddish! Since we no longer are having our Sunday morning minyans and breakfasts, we've decided to add the luscious bagels and lox item to our Saturday kiddish. So please bring your appetites to our Torah service and now get fulfilled both spiritually and otherwise.

You might want to keep in mind a kiddish sponsorship, perhaps one in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a shimcha. Either would be welcome!

It is my sad duty to report that our Brith Sholom family lost not only a treasured member, but a very dear friend last month. Beth Lester passed peacefully on Sunday, December 15. Beth was a dedicated and hard-working member of this congregation, and an active participant on our board of directors. She expertly ran the bingo game for more years than most of us care to remember; she went out of her way to ensure that members of this community had rides to appointments and she provided shopping trips for those who had no transportation, always with her charming smile, and with no expectation of any recognition. For years, many years, Beth served tirelessly as co-vice president of properties, making sure every inch of our building was clean and in working order, until the Jefferson Educational Society took over. Along with David, she gave up her Sunday mornings to prepare delicious breakfasts for those attending minyan. She truly was a Woman of Valor.

On behalf of our officers, board and entire congregation, we extend our deepest heart-felt sympathy to David, Geoff, Marty, Bob and the entire Lester family. We shall forever miss our dear and treasured friend!

As our Brith Sholom family ushers in this New Year of 2020, may we all enjoy good health, much joy and many simchas.



L'Shalom, Doris Pinski

Gerry Cohen

Today marks yet another milestone to add up to your already enormous collection! Not many people get to live up as much as you do, and I am glad that you got to do so. But, your greatest milestone hasn't come yet! You still have ten more years to go, until you can say you've achieved it all! So, keep on living, keep on fighting, keep on being amazing. Happy Birthday!

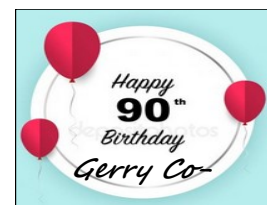
You have lived to see leaders come and go, the world change from top to bottom, historical events that for us, can only be seen through history books, but most importantly, you've lived enough to see me become the person I am today, and contribute a great amount! I am very lucky to have you in my life. Happy Birthday!

With a heart made out of gold, teeth made out of plastic, and 90 years worth of absolute awesomeness, I can't help but want you to have the happiest of birthdays!

You are now on the verge of having lived up to a century! Like an elder to a village and a sage to a kingdom, you've always been the pillar to support the family in times of need. Thank you, and happy birthday!

With an endless resource of wisdom gathered in the past 90 years and a heart made out of gold, you've always been someone I've admired, no matter the age! Happy Birthday!

Submitted by Nancy Weil



Yahrzeits

The following to be read
on January 31:

7 Tevet - January 4

Carl Cohen
Sophie Rebecca
Shniderman
Nathan Wolff

8 Tevet - January 5

Israel Bariss
Abraham Barnett

9 Tevet - January 6

Mary Eichner
Rose Koppelman
Dr. Victor Rosenthal
Esther Wolff

10 Tevet - January 7

Benjamin Emerman
Ruth Ershler
Rosalyn Gabin

11 Tevet - January 8

Jacob Haymann
Gloria Taxon

12 Tevet - January 9

Anne Baker Brown
Arthur Krieger
Dr. Mortimer Krieger
William Schwartz

13 Tevet - January 10

Nathan Joseph
Radzek
Milton Samuel
Osher Warshowsky

14 Tevet - January 11

Sam Cohen
Irving Friedman
Bruce Gordon
Maurice Lifshen

16 Tevet - January 13

Paul Fine
Hannah S. Riell
Carrie Winitzky

17 Tevet - January 14

Louis Baker
Marvin Hoffenberg
Benjamin Semuel
Shirley B. Specter

18 Tevet - January 15

Rebecca Cohn

19 Tevet - January 16

Gertrude Davis
Samuel J. Radov

20 Tevet - January 17

Peter Baker
Benjamin Katz
Max Reiner
Mary Saft

21 Tevet - January 18

Burton Friedman
Fannie Menn
Bessie Rebecca Swade

23 Tevet - January 20

Charles S. Baume
Henrietta Dombchik
Freda Fox
Libbie R. Magdovitz
Irwin Press

24 Tevet - January 21

William Colman
Marlene Fay Leroy
Abe Moore
Lila Riet
Isaac Stark
David W. Weiss

25 Tevet - January 22

Abe L. Cohen
Anna Gurkoff
Joseph Moore

26 Tevet - January 23

Dr. Louis Gale
Irving Levine

27 Tevet - January 24

Sonia Elkie Chapman
Mendel Cohen
Samuel Gale
Lilly Goldstein
Jack Halperin
Frieda Hyman
Meyer Lechtner
BJ Serrins
Benjamin A. Zacks

28 Tevet - January 25

Morris Cohen
Sarah D. Cohen

29 Tevet - January 26

Ann Davis
Erna Spangenthal

1 Shevat - January 27

Israel Appel
Israel Blum
Esther Donert
Louis Goldberg
William Sneiderman
Martha Yomtob

2 Shevat - January 28

Esther S. Emerman
Rev. Eli Heller
Marcie Schlaudecker

3 Shevat - January 29

Samuel Baker
Charlotte F. Berg
Celia Danzker
Lynne Gurkoff
Bess Stone

4 Shevat - January 30

Kate Bennett
Jennie Landesman
Lillian Esther Rothstein
Jerome Wolfson

5 Shevat - January 31

Simon Feinberg
Frieda Gabin
Gertrude Meyer



Benefactors Fund News

We continue to give thanks for the generosity of Brith Sholom members, their families and friends, both past and present, as our Benefactors Fund continues to receive donations.

We gratefully acknowledge those who have contributed this fiscal year.

This is the new list started September 1, 2019.

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Paul Serrins

~In Memory of Beth Lester

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who prayed for us and supported us through this most difficult year of Bill's kidney transplant. Happy New Year and Chanukah to all!

David, Shelly & Bill Benjamin

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Ariel Statman

2 Gerald Cohen

9 Paula Schwartz

13 Emily Weil

22 Neil Leroy

Robert Schwartz



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