

Beth-Elements

The Bulletin of Beth-El Congregation - A Reform Synagogue Serving Tarrant County

March 2025



Brian Zimmerman, Rabbi

Divrei Torah

..... Rabbi Brian Zimmerman

Welcome to the Hebrew months of Adar and Nisan. These are the two most important holidays of Jewish

nationhood.

Some of you will pause and ask, "Rabbi, aren't Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot the most important?" I would argue the fall holidays are about our personal journey toward redemption and forgiveness. They ask how we can be moral people — accountable to our families, friends, and society.

The story of our victory over Haman and the crossing through the sea are stories of Jewish nationhood. What do we stand for as a people? How do we survive as a sacred community when so many plot against us?

Jewish time has rarely been easy. Just in the past year we've lived through anti-Jewish protests on campuses, the tension and splits in the American Jewish community, and the ongoing hostage saga in Gaza. And yet, while these are real challenges, and, in some cases, real tragedy, it is easy to forget there is beauty to be found amid the brokenness.

I just returned from our annual Con-



Rabbi Zimmerman, pictured here with Lauren Magee and Gianna Razack at a college student dinner in Austin.

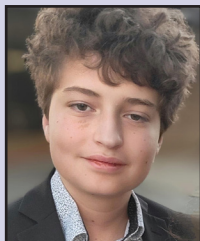
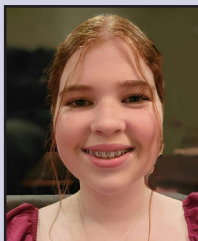
firmation Class trip to Austin. Together with our 10th-graders, I visited the University of Texas Hillel for Friday night services. One of our own Beth-El Confirmation alums, Gianna Razack, taught Torah at the service and met with our students to share wisdom from her years at UT. The campus dining room was full of Jewish students proud to celebrate Shabbat.

The next day our students came with me to the Dell Jewish Campus to visit B'nai Abraham in Brenham — once an active Jewish congregation but

over time all the young people left and soon there were only two Jews left. Leon Toubin, known locally as "The Last Jew of Brenham," made the decision to move his childhood shul to a new thriving community. He had it split into three pieces,

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B'nai Mitzvah



Lily Henken and Joe Henken

March 15

Children of Hilary Ryder & Matthew Henken

Worship Services

Minyan with the community

Tuesday-Thursday 6 p.m.

Welcoming Shabbat reception

Fridays 5:30 p.m.
Before the 6:15 p.m. services, enjoy wine, cheese, and friends. (No reception on March 7)

Saturday, March 1

Shabbat morning service of song and study at Rabbi Zimmerman's home with Angie Friedman 10:30 a.m.

Friday, March 7

Special Shabbat Honoring Beth-El Sanctuary Circle Members with Rabbi Zimmerman, Rabbi Mecklenburger, John Sauvey, Hans Grim and the Beth-El Choir 7:30 p.m.*
*Later service with Oneg to follow

Friday, March 14

Tot Shabbat with Cantor Shoshana and friends 5:30 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Zimmerman, John Sauvey, and Hans Grim 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 15

Shabbat morning service and B'nai Mitzvah of Lily and Joe Henken 10:30 a.m.

Friday, March 21

Kabbalat Shabbat with John Sauvey, Hans Grim, the Beth-El Choir, and members of the Worship Committee 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 28

Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Zimmerman and Angie Friedman 6:15 p.m.

All services in person and streamed at youtube.com/BethElCongregation.



Robert Simon

President's Message

..... Temple President Robert Simon

Superbowl LIX is now history. Congratulations to the Philadelphia Eagles. By the time you read this column, baseball spring training will have started. Go Rangers! After the Cowboys' disappointing season and the Mavericks' inexplicable trade of Luka Dončić, the upcoming MLB season gives us sports fans something to look forward to in the coming months.

Like the Rangers, Beth-El Congregation has a busy and exciting spring season planned. On **March 2**, I will hold my second workshop on the proposed new Beth-El Bylaws in the Great Hall, near the kitchen. Several members attended my first workshop on Feb. 9. We had an informative and engaging discussion about the proposed bylaws and how they may be improved before being presented for a vote at the Congregation's Annual Meeting on May 18.

On **Friday, March 7**, at 7:30 p.m., Beth-El will recognize our Sanctuary Circle Members in a Shabbat service, followed by a special Oneg. Rabbi Zimmerman and Rabbi Mecklenburger will call Sanctuary Circle members to the bimah for a blessing. All congregants are welcome for this joyous event. We are working to schedule a special Shabbat to honor our volunteers as well.

On **Sunday, March 9**, Religious School will celebrate Purim with a Carnival and Spiel, complete with a

Harry Potter theme. All congregants are welcome.

On **Sunday, April 27**, Beth-El will hold its Annual Fundraiser. The event will begin the celebration of our 25th year in our current synagogue building. You will receive an invitation in the mail in early March. The event will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a short re-enactment of the seven-mile Torah March in August 2000 from the old building on Broadway Avenue to our current building on Briarhaven Road. Weather permitting, the Religious School students and other congregants will march around the building carrying our Torahs. In the event of rain, we will march inside. Beth-El will then host a brunch at 11 a.m. for adult members and guests in the Great Hall. Please make plans to attend and to make your contributions. Your gifts help sustain Reform Jewish life in Tarrant County.

On **Sunday, May 4**, the MRJ will host the annual Mickey Goldman Spaghetti Supper in the Great Hall. This year's honoree is Michelle Hartman. Come join us.

On **Sunday, May 18**, we will hold our Annual Meeting and elect a new Board and officers.

My term as your President will end. It has been an honor and privilege to serve you and our Beth-El community. In early April, you will receive the list of proposed new Board members and officers from the Nominating Committee. L'Shalom.



Rabbi Zimmerman and the Confirmation Class visited Beth Israel Congregation in Austin. Above them is the Ner Tamid made from shattered glass.

Divrei Torah

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loaded it onto several flatbed trucks, and moved it 70 miles away so a new Jewish community could pray and use the reconstructed building, which was more than 130 years old. Sad as Leon was to see the last trace of a once-thriving Jewish community leave Brenham, he was excited to see a new, growing Jewish community benefit from it.

On the final day of the trip, we visited Beth Israel Congregation. Three years ago on Halloween, a disturbed and angry young man tried to burn down the sanctuary. And while he failed, he did enough damage that the congregation is still meeting in its social hall. As the rabbi took us on a tour, she pointed out the new *Ner Tamid*, the eternal light, which hangs over the ark. It is a sacred everlasting light fused from broken pieces of stained and shattered glass.

As we retell the story of Purim, we know that danger is at every corner, but we celebrate survival. At Passover, we remember that we are called upon to be a holy people and build holy communities wherever we go, even amid the desert, and even in the midst of despair.

The broken glass of hatred was fashioned into a symbol of vibrant Jewish life. That is our challenge. May all the broken glass become a light as we walk toward an uncertain future.



Beth-El's Religious School 9th- and 10th-graders and their families enjoyed a dinner at the Simons' home.



Shoshana Abrams Kaikov

Religious School

.....Education Director, Cantor Shoshana Abrams Kaikov

On your mark. Get set. Go! These are the words I hear in my head as March rolls in each year. Springtime is a very busy season for Religious School, and this year is no exception. We have many special programs coming up at Beth-El. Mark your calendars!

Opening the Dialogue: Helping Our Young People Navigate Anti-Semitism Sunday, March 2, 10-11:30 a.m.

Parents, we heard your request. We know these are challenging times for Jewish youth in schools. Join Anti-Defamation League (ADL) presenters as they share valuable tips and strategies for having important conversations with children and teens about anti-Semitism. There is no cost to attend. Please RSVP to shoshanakaikov@bethelfw.org.

Purim-palooza Sunday, March 9, 9:30 a.m.-noon

Put on your costume and join us for our annual Purim celebration. Festivities will include a teen-led Spiel, sing-a-

long, costume contest, and carnival complete with Kona Ice, petting zoo (weather permitting), arts and crafts, and games! And Rabbi asked me to remind folks to be sure and visit the Purim Pie in the Rabbi's Face Booth in the courtyard. All money raised from that will go to the GaGa Pit Fund Drive!

Also, we are seeking volunteers to help that morning. If you're available, please click the sign-up link in my weekly parent emails.

Religious School Shabbat Friday, April 4, 5:15pm

All Religious School families are invited to join us for a delicious Shabbat dinner and student-led service. Your children have been working hard to prepare for this beautiful celebration of Shabbat. You won't want to miss this special evening.

Passover Around the World Sunday, April 6, 9:30 a.m.-noon

Jewish people come from all over the world! Join us as we journey to exotic lands and celebrate the festival of our freedom with a multicultural twist!

25 Years at Briarhaven (Temple Fundraiser)

Sunday, April 27, 9:30 a.m.-noon

Parents, grandparents, and special friends, please plan to join us for a morning of celebrating our past, present, and future with a multigenerational Torah walk! Be sure to visit the Temple website to purchase tickets to the fundraiser, which includes brunch, and please consider signing up for sponsorships.

Religious School Open House Sunday, May 4, 10-11:30 am

Do you have friends who are interested in enrolling their kids in Jewish supplementary classes? All prospective families are invited to join me for bagels, an info session, and a tour of our Religious School. Please RSVP to shoshanakaikov@bethelfw.org

FWFTY Goes to Whirlyball Sunday, March 2, after Religious School

Join Rabbi Brian and FWFTY (grades 8-12) for an afternoon of bumper car basketball fun. RSVP to Rabbi in advance.

JR. MACCABEES (AGES 0-5)
MOM'S NIGHT IN

Date: 3/1/25
 Where: Brittany Walker's house
 5724 N. Wells Circle
 Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

Bring your favorite appetizer or snack to share and enjoy making beaded bracelets with friends! Come after bedtime or when you can, this event is very informal.
 RSVP to Brittany Walker: 972-768-6462

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Sunday, March 2, 10-11:30am at Beth-El

Beth-El Religious School parents and grandparents are invited to join ADL presenters as they share valuable tips and strategies for having important conversations with children and teens about anti-Semitism.

There is no cost to attend this special program. Please RSVP to Cantor Shoshana: shoshanakaikov@bethelfw.org

Beth-El Film Series



A Real Pain

Rated R
1h 30m

**Saturday, March 1
6 p.m. Free**

Join us during awards season for a special showing of the Golden-Globe winning, Oscar-nominated movie, about two cousins traveling to modern-day Poland after the death of their beloved grandmother. Comedic, dramatic, and uncomfortable, the adventure becomes complicated as old tensions resurface while exploring their family history. Kieran Culkin, Jennifer Grey, and actor-writer-director Jesse Eisenberg explore the search for Jewish identity in the face of loss. Dinner provided. Please RSVP to the Temple in advance.

Healing Prayers and Visits

If you know someone at home or in the hospital who could use a visit from the Rabbi or another Temple member, or if you have the name of an ill family member or friend that you would like to be read at our Shabbat services, call the Temple office or go directly to our website: **Community, Mi Shebeirach/Prayer and Visit Request**.

Rabbi Zimmerman and Renée Woods will get the information from this site quickly.

Thanks in advance for your help.



Laurie James

Women of Reform Judaism

..... WRJ President Laurie James

Thanks to everyone who joined us at Rio Mambo for Galentine's and Tu B'Shevat

trivia!

If it's spring, it means we're about to do our hamantaschen bake-in to support the Religious School's Purim celebration. Look for an invite for one of the two shifts on March 8, 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.-1:30 pm. The kids need several hundred hamantaschen, and, as a bonus, we get to eat the imperfect-looking cookies!

Passover chases Purim and we're planning for the Second Night Seder on April 13. This is one of our most beloved traditions – you'll find details in this bulletin. Please help WRJ by making your reservations by March 30 so we can plan. We also have baking opportunities March 30 and April 6; look for the invitation via email or

let me, Kim Factor, or Marge Van Giesen know if you can assist.

Finally, one of my core memory-making events with my daughter, Kaylie, is decorating the Great Hall for the seder. Every year from the time she was about 9 until she went to college, Linda Hoffman (z'l) recruited Kaylie to help make sure all the plates were set perfectly and that everyone had a fork and a soup spoon. We'll need all hands on deck Sunday morning, April 13. I hope to see you soon!



WRJ members gather for a Galentine's celebration at Rio Mambo.



Eric Deutsch

Men of Reform Judaism

..... MRJ President Eric Deutsch

On Friday, Feb. 28, we hosted our annual MRJ Shabbat, a family-friendly evening with a short service and dinner. Thanks to Rabbi Zimmerman, John Sauvey, Max Pell, Michael Ross, and everyone else who contributed to the success of the event.

Together with the WRJ, we are currently reviewing the applications that have been submitted for the joint MRJ/WRJ collegiate scholarships. The schol-

arship committee's decision will be announced later this month, and the winner(s) will be honored at our annual **Mickey Goldman dinner Sunday, May 4. MRJ has selected Michelle Hartman as our Person of the Year** to be honored at that dinner. Please look for details concerning the Mickey Goldman dinner in the April bulletin and the Rabbi's weekly e-blasts.

If you have any MRJ questions, please contact me at eric.deutsch@haynesboone.com

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Archive Fund

In Memory of Joe Kethley
· Judith Cohen

Caring Congregation

In Honor of Edythe Cohen's
97th birthday
· Joan and Howard Katz

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In Memory of Bob Kboudi
· Marilyn and Van Stenzler
In Memory of Edward Schultz
· Susan and Russ Schultz

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In Honor of Tristan's Bar Mitzvah
· Laura and Russell Lawrence
In Memory of Allan Sigman
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· Trudie and Dan Oshman
In Memory of Arnold Rubin
· Meg and John Rubin
In Memory of Harry G. Miller
· Patricia Hadley-Miller
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· Patricia Hadley-Miller

Religious School

In Honor of the Religious School
· Nathan Smith
In Memory of Evelyn Siegel
· Sandra and Ira Hollander
In Memory of Corrine Jacobson
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In Memory of Evelyn Siegel
· Jim Stanton
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In Honor of Edythe Cohen's
97th birthday
· Ruth and Doug Roper
In Honor of Michelle Hartman
· Sandra and Ira Hollander
In Honor of Temple Fund
· Nathan Smith
· Rozanne and Billy Rosenthal
For Rock Landscaping Project
· Julie and Red Goldstein

Temple Fund (continued)

In Memory of Evelyn Siegel
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· Carol and Richard Minker
In Memory of Rabbi Robert Schur
· Holly and Bill Schur
In Memory of Maxine White Schur
· Holly and Bill Schur
In Memory of Sheila Rosenfield
· Ruth and Doug Roper
· Cynthia Gilbert

Primetimers

In Memory of Evelyn Siegel
· Joice and Selly Belofskyr

WRJ

In Honor of a speedy recovery for
Laurie James
· Marilyn and Van Stenzler
In Honor of Michelle Hartman
· Joan and Howard Katz

Youth Fund

For the GaGa Ball Pit
· Nancy and Stephen Schwartz
· Kimberly and Henry Florsheim

25 Years Ago: our Torah scrolls got a new home



On a hot, sunny August 13, 2000, members of Beth-El Congregation walked the Torah scrolls seven miles from the old Temple on Broadway, in downtown, to the new Temple on Briarhaven Road on the near Southside. Scan the QR code to watch the KERA segment that covered the event.



Primetimers

..... Michelle Hartman

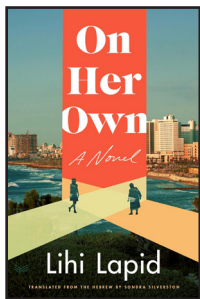
Thursday, March 13, at noon

Happy Purim, Primetimers! We will be celebrating on Thursday, March 13, with lots of hamantaschen and a presentation on CHOCOLATE! Join us at noon for lunch, catered by McAlister's Deli. For \$11 you get potato salad, a pickle, a cookie, and your choice of sandwich: Roast beef, turkey, or veggie.

Our program will be led by Kay Thibodeaux, owner of The Touring Chocolatier. She will be teaching us about the entire process of making chocolate, from growing cacao pods to making chocolate treats! At the end of the program, you will have the opportunity to purchase some of her wonderful chocolates. So, bring some extra cash or your credit card. You're not going to want to miss out!

People of the Book

..... Sheryl Levy



On Her Own
by Lihi Lapid

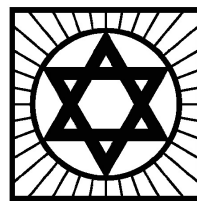
April 1, 10 a.m.
Beth-El library

People of the Book is Beth-El Congregation's book group where we have lively discussions about books with Jewish themes or by Jewish authors. Our current selection is *On Her Own* by Lihi Lapid, which we will be discussing on Tuesday, April 1, 10-11 a.m., in the Beth-El library.

Please contact Sheryl Levy, slevy2608@gmail.com for more information or if you would like to be put on the contact list. We'd love to have you. The more people, the more ideas, the better the discussions.

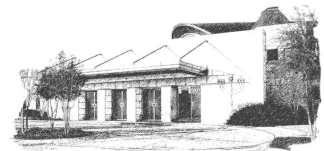
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Beth-El's Annual Fundraiser



Beth-El Congregation

25 Years
at Briarhaven Road



Sponsorships and tickets for the fundraiser are available now at bethelfw.org

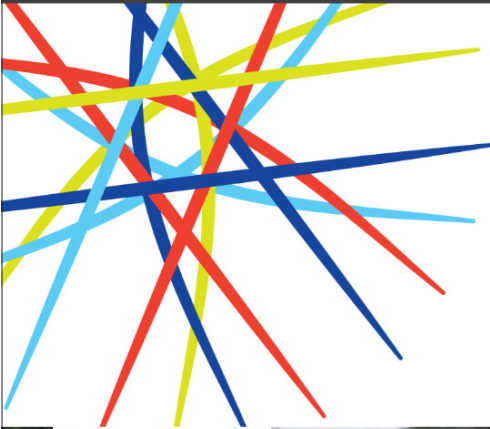
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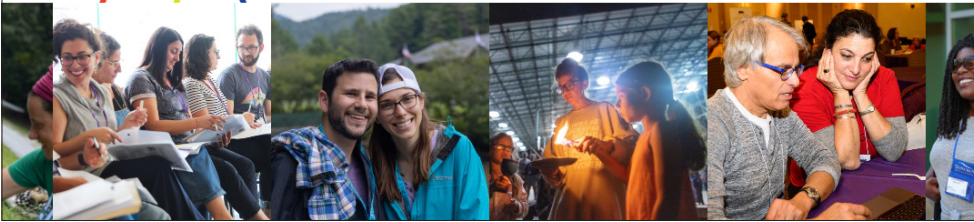
For additional information and updates about events, please visit our website at www.bethelw.org or see Rabbi's e-blasts.

LIMMUD DALLAS

March 23, 2025
11 AM - 4 PM
Aaron Family JCC



Dallas' first-annual
FESTIVAL OF JEWISH IDEAS,
bringing together the Jewish
community for a day of
study, conversation, and exploration.



Finding Our Place in the Jewish Puzzle of Life:

Tuesdays, March 4 and 11, noon

Have you ever been asked why you are Jewish and found yourself groping for an answer? Has your son or daughter asked you why he or she has to have a bar or bat mitzvah and you found yourself speechless? This twice-monthly class led by Rabbi Zimmerman will study philosophers, bring in guest speakers, explore Jewish history and text to articulate a personal theology. Please consider joining us.

DRC Support Makes an Impact

Harriet Willis, Director of the DRC Solutions' outreach programs, recently sent a big "thank you" to Beth-El and shared the success story of the couple pictured here. They were homeless, but thanks to DRC's Permanent Supportive Housing Program and support from Beth-El Congregation's collections, they moved into housing right before an arctic blast in February and are doing well.

After receiving training, they are employed and their case managers visit weekly to bring them sustaining and essential items such as trash bags, paper towels, and laundry pods – some of which were donated by Beth-El members. Your generosity is making a real impact – and if you'd like to continue that

trend please consider donating supplies for DRC, which can be dropped in the collection bin at Temple.

Most needed items:

- **Laundry pods** (not powder or liquid detergent, as these can be difficult for clients)
- **Liquid dish soap** (for hand-washing)
- **Cleaning supplies** (Fabuloso, paper towels, cleaning sponges, Clorox wipes)
- **Kitchen trash bags**

Contact the Temple office, 817-332-7141, or DRC Solutions, 817-614-6644, for information.



This couple was formerly homeless and recently moved into housing thanks to DRC's Permanent Supportive Housing Program and collections from Beth-El congregants.



Hollace Weiner

Then & Now: Judaica Older than our Temple

.....Temple Archivist, Hollace Ava Weiner

Come celebrate our beautiful building's 25th anniversary with a Torah Walk on

Sunday morning, April 27, but as you wander around, don't forget to look, touch, and marvel at the other, much older objects of Judaica that we brought from the old Beth-El. Many of them are embedded in the building that some of us still refer to as the "new" Temple.

Those two giant white limestone menorahs that flank the Temple's front gates are 125 years old and resemble the menorah in Rome's Arc of Titus. Each was carved from Hill Country limestone in 1920 and embedded in the redbrick façade of the old Temple. These days, if you ordered similar custom-made limestone sculptures, they would cost \$75,000 each. Modern stone masons don't routinely make such masterful work anymore.

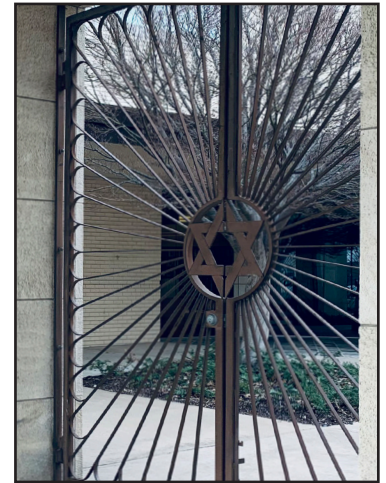
Regarding those four elegant front gates – each has a Jewish Star at its center with rays of metal extending to the periphery. Although these Mogen David gates were created for the new Temple, they are modeled after the Art Deco ark door on the bimah of the old Temple. Following a devastating fire that gutted the synagogue in 1946, interior designer Erno Fabry, a Jewish émigré hailed as a tastemaker, designed this dynamic masterpiece in metal. The original gate is in the Hall of Remembrance, surrounded by the travertine frame that was also moved from the old Temple to the new.

In the Great Hall where brunch will be served after the Torah March, brush your hand across the 11-foot-tall tapestry hanging on the wall. Its soft threads are silk, wool, and gold. The tapestry is an enlargement of artist Ben Shahn's whimsical



The tapestry in the Great Hall (above) is more than 50 years old. The limestone menorahs on both sides of the entrance gates were transplanted from the old Temple.

ical watercolor of a Chanukah menorah titled, "We Kindle These Lights." The original painting was completed on art paper in 1961. This silk and gold interpretation



The entrance gates at Beth-El's current home are modeled after the ark doors (below).



Now residing in the Hall of Remembrance, the delicate Art Deco doors of the ark on the bimah of the former Temple became the model for the entry gates at Briarhaven.

was one of a handful woven in 1969. We are privileged that it is part of Beth-El's priceless art collection.

Yahrzeits

March 7

Virginia Abrams
Nelson Alter
Dr. Isadore Berk
Max Bloomberg
Geraldine Schumer Brown
Dr. Burnhardt
Willa Christie
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Katherine G. Feinknopf
Barney Finkel
Bella Furst
Mickey Goldman
Charlotte Goldman
Lillian Doris Groginski
Allen Hendelman
Teddy Hendelman
Christine Henton Kuehn
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Gussie Katzenstein
Billie Klapper
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Pauline S. Mack
Herman Marx
Milton J. Mehl
Sidney Nass
Nelson S. Neckers
Maria Rosa Nieva
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Joseph Oderberg
Trudi Post
Diane Pratt
Rose H. Rosen
Harry Julius Rosenstein
Ben Rosenthal
Genevieve Sankary
Ben Silverman
Hattie Weltman Simon
Walter Smit
Rose Urbach
Virginia Westermann

March 14

Bernard T. Baum
Otto Berlin
Cecilia Bressert
David Brown
Helen Bzostek
Ned Covitt
David Dorfman
Cecile Weinschenker Echt
Florrie Epstein
Margot Feld
Samuel I. Fenton
Leonard Ferstenfeld
Monya Rothschild Friedberg
Adeline Friedman
Sol R. Gale
Robert Goldblum
Celia Goldstucker
Isaac Harris
Samuel Hayman
Caren Koslow
Otto Kuehn
Cynthia Labovitz
Marjorie LaMere
Kathryn Harper Lasater
Julian Lerner
Elise Levy Fuchs
Mindy Lieberman
Louise Lipshitz
Herman Mann
Frank Merechka
Jeremy Moss
Frank Murra
David Ross
Edward Sankary
Rose Schloss
Jean Schneiweiss
Kathi T. Schuler
Emanuel A. Siegel
Samuella Frelich Simon
Henry E. Sloter
Bennett Smith
Maurice Solomon
Betty Mae Stien
David L. Toby
Pearl Joseph Walen

Shirley Wasserman
Morton Wasserman
Bertha Weinbaum
Joseph Weisberg
Pauline Wittenberg

March 21

Dennis Alter
Leon Berenson
Ronni W. Bermont
Doris Bronstein
Kevin Capper
Maria Chon
Louis Cohn
Jackie Cole
Frank Dover
Samuel Freyer
Gerald Friedman
Marion Goodman
Selma Greenberg
Dr. Evan Hersch
Selma Hochberger
Ruth Hochman
Marilyn Hoffman
Bertram Jacobs
Philip Jacobson
Marina Jaramillo-Jalevi
Norma Dee Klar
Marvin Adrian Labovitz
Miriam Labovitz
Hanina Lerman
David Lessem
Charlotte McGowan
Leona Meisel
Dorothy Pelberg
Rosaly G. Rosenthal
Edmund Rothschild
Nathan Rubin
Selma Schwarz
Flora Schwarz Seigel
Leo Selig
Dave Simon
Harry Teter
M. Rose Townes
Frances Weltman
Rick Williams

March 28

Frances Appleman
Eva Berlin
June Britton
Joe Bronstein
Fanny Brooks
Moses J. Chicotsky
Joseph Cohen
Louis Evans
Anne Feinberg
Bernard Fleck
Pauline Schlinger Frankel
Shep Friedman
Marcus Friedman
Dina Sussmanowitz
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Maxine Newlander
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Burt Robins
Mona Roddy
Samuel N. Rosenthal
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Joseph Rubenstein
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Sylvia Sacks
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— Haggadah

Due to increasing food and labor costs, we now need to increase the price of attendance.
We want everyone to feel welcome. If you would like to attend, but price is a concern, please contact Rabbi Zimmerman.



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