

## Refuah Sheleimah – A Complete Recovery

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Ze'ev Shamsha ben Sara Pela, Scott Evan Davis (son of Barbara Davis)  
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Cathy Hebert (friend of Michael Schaffer)  
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Lucille Janofsky (mother of Eric Janofsky)  
Lauren Phillips (sister of Janet Witkin)  
Raizel bat Tova (mother of Bonnie Slavitt Moore)  
Julie Rubin (friend of Sandi Diamond)  
Dorothy & Pam Frankel (friends of Lil & Hal Silberstein)  
Gary Kipnis (member)  
Aaron Yaakov ben Yitzchak, Al Kass (member)  
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Daniel & Patricia Williamson (friends of Christel Sanders)  
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Chaya Leah bat D'vera Riva  
Baruch Shalom ben Fraddel  
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Leah bat Esther, Lil Silberstein (member)  
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Esther bay Fayge (mother of Neil Gafter)  
Luba Pasumansky (relative of Yulia Shvarts)  
Julie Seltzer-Firsty (friend of the Labovitz's)  
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Michael Acevedo (son-in-law of Ron & Alison Ruebusch)  
Harvey Stone (cousin of Wendy Glasser)  
Miriam bat Sarah, Miriam Molecke (grandmother of Ricki Gafter)  
Susan Dresser (friend of Myrtle & Joel Schwartz)  
Hinda bat Yisrael v' Bayla, Diane Zitman (member)  
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Yehudit bat Eitah (niece of Hy Burdman)  
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Meir ben Ze'ev, Milton Wiener (father of Barbara Davis)  
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Fishel Hirsh ben Zvi, Philip Wesler (father of Laura Sigura)  
Ruth Karpman (friend of Andrea Ammerman)  
Leib ben Chaya, Leib Nodelman (brother of Doysa Markova)  
Donna Stone (cousin of Wendy Glasser)  
Chris Adamson (friend of Wendy Glasser)  
Yitzhak ben Aron (father of Phyllis Newman)  
Yitzhak Rahamim, Ike Isaac  
(brother of Myrtle Schwartz & Eli Isaac; brother-in-law of Joel Schwartz & Lorraine Isaac)  
Jerry Boyajian (friend of Wendy Glasser)  
Ephraim ben Chayyim, Philip Lempert (brother of Dennis Lempert)  
Lucas Fazekas (family friend of Gafter family)  
Walter Fulde (friend of Leonard & Sylvia Metz)  
Miriam Shoshana bat Bracha, Meredith Israel (friend of Jack Moore & Bonnie Slavitt-Moore)  
Reut bat Nehama (friend of Strod Family)  
Malkah Zahava bat Bracha Leah, Marla Becker (sister of Michele Hittleman, daughter of Betty Becker)  
Izabella Letskin (friend of Yulia Shvarts)  
Tzivia bat Shandel, Harriette Kirschen, (mother of Sandy Mayer)  
Mia Rose Nusbaum (daughter of friend's of Stephen & Lynne Kinsey)  
Shayna Rochal bat Yehudit (sister of Lynne Kinsey)  
Michael ben Sarah (Michael Applesmith)  
Ellen Efron (friend of Susan Murai-Raider)  
Maximillian Schaffer (son of Michael Schaffer)  
Gary Heit (friend of Michael Schaffer)  
Chaye Reizel bat Ruchel  
HaRav Avraham ben Miriam (friend of Krongold family)  
David ben Hasya (friend of Yulia Shvarts)  
Elisheva bat Yehudit (friend of Sue Maltiel)  
Eliana bat Malka, Eliana Green (daughter of Steve & Helaine Green)  
Harriet Gluck (cousin of Dave Hoffman)  
Sivia bat Chava, Sylvia Gilvarg (aunt of Rachel Schwab)  
Ilene Mason (friend of Rhonda & Naomi Raider)  
Chaim ben Faegele, Herman Stone (brother of Henry Stone, Uncle of Linda Weiss)  
Yosef ben Esther, Jeff Sohn (friend of Rosa & Izak Bencuya)  
Moshe Chaim ben Zev haKohen (member)  
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Irit Shirah bat Rivka, Irene Bricker (member)

Ruben Abraham Moses Ben' Moshe (friend of Myrtle Schwartz)  
Rachmiel ben Yoheved  
Karen Carp (friend of Gafter family)  
Hodel bat 'Bracha, Helen Schulman (mother of Barbara Knaster)  
Dan Winkler (friend of Scott Knaster)  
Steve Wilson (friend of Tanya Lorien)  
Yehudit bat Eshke, Eunice Coleman (mother of Lynne Kinsey)  
C. Vincenzo de Sepio (friend of Tanya Lorien)  
Joe Sorger (member)  
Louis Halper (brother of Bill Halper)  
Kevin Hoch (friend of Mallorie Burak)  
David Pinhas ben Breindal (member)  
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Pircha bat Yehuda v' Leah, Pam Imsen (daughter of Hal & Lil Silberstein)  
John Hirschberg (father of Donna Klein)  
Stanley Rojo (father of Susan Rojo)  
Leah Yente bat Rachel Raizel  
Yehoshua ben Yehudit (nephew of Barbara Biran)  
Frank Lanctot (father of Chet Lanctot)  
Frank Amara

## Yahrzeit

Saydie Abraham, Aunt of Joel Schwartz  
Ronald Abrams, Brother of Elaine Harris  
Esther Arnold, of Blessed Memory  
Susan Mathieu Auerbach, Mother of Elizabeth Batson  
David Checkman, Father of Harvey Checkman  
Israel Checkman, Grandfather of Harvey Checkman  
Judith I. Cohen, Sister of Alan Werba  
Lili Epstein, Grandmother of Bettina Rosenberg  
Michael Fasman, Grandfather of Tanya Lorien  
Morris Feldman, of Blessed Memory  
Rachel Finkelstein, Grandmother of Paula Klein  
Marian Foss, Mother of Patricia Werba  
Leslie Franz, Daughter of Glenda & Harry Glatstein  
Milton Friedman, Grandfather of Stephanie Ivler  
Regina Fuchs, Mother of Marlene Cole  
Henry Gage, Father of Ruth Brill  
Harry Glatstein, Father of Harry Glatstein  
Ida Glickman, Grandmother of Ann Greenspan  
Elsie Gluck, Mother of Robert Gluck  
Harry Irving Goldberg, Grandfather of Martin Goldberg  
Esther Goss, Mother of Ginny Baird  
Judith Grunfel, Mother of Beatrice Papo  
Gerte Hacker, Aunt of Lawren Farber  
Jane Herman, Mother-in-law of Vivian Herman  
Sarina Hyman, Mother of Ari Katz  
Ya'akov Ioselevich, Friend of Yulia Shvarts  
Harry Kanter, Father of Donna Frankel  
Samuel Klein, Father of Jeanette Lerner  
Ashkim Kohn, Father of Hagar Holan  
Mark Loewy, of Blessed Memory  
Ida Markowitz, Mother-in-law of Alex Bauer  
Sara Mendlowitz, Mother of Debra Mendlowitz  
Alida P. Miller, Mother-in-law of Dottie Miller  
Sam Mintzer, Father of Ilene Finger  
Samuel Mishkin, Grandfather of Richard Kramer  
Solomon Perelman, Father of Yulia Shvarts  
Sadie Polasky, Great aunt of Bonnie Slavitt Moore  
Sofia Rafael, Mother of Lydia Polidi  
Ida Rainish, Grandmother of Doris Katz  
John Rod, Father of Joe Rod  
Chava Romm, Sister of Yeugenia Romm  
Michel Rosner, Brother of Agnes Grossinger  
Chaim Rotberg, Husband of Yeugenia Romm  
Ruth Schnitzer, Mother of Fay Levinson  
Sylvia Schwartz, Mother of Sondra Goldberger  
Mindlya Sigal, Mother of Inna Sigal  
Harry Silver, Father of Ken Silver  
Bernard Slavitt, Father of Bonnie Slavitt Moore  
Sonia Sonnes, Mother of Rhoda Yelowitz  
Jerome Swedroe, Father of Robert Swedroe  
Doris Tanner, Mother of Eileen Evan  
Lidia Volovatz, Relation of Inna Sigal  
Frances Walowitz, Mother-in-law of Pauline Yellin  
Robert Weiner, Brother of C. Michal Weiner  
Anne Weinzwieg, Aunt of Neal Kuhn  
Alice (Elsie) Zlotkin, Mother of Donald Fernandez

**We extend our condolences to Bryan Ferguson on the passing of his mother Georgia Ferguson.**

**We extend our condolences to Myrtle & Joel Schwartz, and Eli & Lorraine Isaac on the passing of their brother-in-law Gary Taylor.**



Congregation Beth David  
*There's a Place for Me at CBD!*

## פרשת משפטים

## Parashat Mishpatim/Shabbat Shekalim

29 Shevat, 5770 / February 13, 2010

Triennial Cycle III: Exodus 23:20-24:18

Humash Etz Hayim, page 474

Maftir, Exodus 30:11-16, page 523

Haftarah: 2 Kings 11:1-12:17, page 1276

I Samuel 20:18 & 42, page 1216

- (23:20-33) An epilogue exhorting the Israelites to follow God's law, emphasizing the rewards they will receive if they do so.
- (24:1-18) The covenant is ratified through a formal ceremony of acceptance. Moses and the elders eat a meal and see a vision of God. Moses alone ascends the mountain to receive the stone tablets, remaining there for forty days and nights.

*Candle lighting time for Friday, February 12, 5:27*

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All submissions to Shabbat Bulletin are due by 11:30 am on Wednesday

**Exodus 24:12**  
**A Perplexing Verse and The Key to Being Jewish?**

**Question For Thought:**

How would you fill in the blank? How would you answer this question?

Your birthright makes you a 'Jew-by-chance', but \_\_\_\_\_ makes you a 'Jew-by-choice'

**A Perplexing Verse:**

*And God said to Moses: Go up the mountain to Me and remain there and I shall give you the stone tablets ('luhot ha-even') and the teaching ('hatorah') and the commandment ('hamitzvah') that I wrote to teach them.*

Rashi (11<sup>th</sup> c. France):

These 3 categories are subcategories of the 10 Spoken Commandments.

All 613 commandments are connected with the Spoken 10.

Ramban (13<sup>th</sup> c. Spain):

'the tablets' = the 10 Spoken Commandments. These were written by God (and the rest were dictated to Moses).

'the teaching' = These dictated commandments were to be taught by Moses to the People Israel.

Sforno (16<sup>th</sup> c. Italy):

'the teaching' = refers to the intellectual/philosophical aspects of Torah.

'the commandment' = refers to the rituals performed.

Bible Commentary of Rav Kook Institute (20<sup>th</sup> c. Israel):

The verse says 'to teach them' and this means the tablets are for teaching law and ritual.

## Announcements

### The Mitzvah of Making a Minyan

Come one, come all and join us every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m., and Monday – Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. for daily minyan. When it is your week, we invite you to look at your schedules and commit to at least one night to attend this important endeavor.

*Upcoming third Week of the Month Families L-R*

### Noten Yad (Extending a Hand)

Members of Beth David's Noten Yad organizing committee have begun calling Beth David members to invite them to their homes for "listening" get-togethers. The objective is to listen to the personal concerns and stories of our fellow congregants and turn them into action both within Beth David and in our wider community.

**Please respond positively** when you are invited to a listening meeting. It will take only one and one-half hours of your time and is a unique opportunity to get to know others in the congregation and contribute your ideas to further Tikun Olam. This is not a fundraising program! This program focuses on community action to address the concerns of our congregants.

Pirke Avot teaches us: "Do not separate yourself from the community". Noten Yad will add our voices to those congregations of many faiths in our Silicon Valley community to extend a hand. If you want to become a listener, the next training will be held on February 14, 10 am until noon. If you wish to attend, email [Notenyad@beth-david.org](mailto:Notenyad@beth-david.org) as soon as possible to confirm your attendance.

## Hazak

### Jews & Chocolate: A Love Affair

**Sunday February 14, 7 pm at Congregation Beth David**

Dr. Marjorie Freedman explores the history of chocolate and the role that a Portuguese crypto-Jew played in cacao processing as well as other aspects of chocolate craving and neurochemical effects. RSVP deadline Feb. 10, [hazak@compular.com](mailto:hazak@compular.com)



### Mah Jongg Tournament

**Sunday, February 21, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm**  
**At Congregation Beth David**

All Mah Jongg players are welcome and bring your friends!

First time tournament players will see tournament rules in action.

Tournament play is 12 games, 4 games per hour and

players rotate tables every hour.

Cost is \$30 (includes lunch)

Rsvp at [www.beth-david.org/rsvp](http://www.beth-david.org/rsvp). For questions contact Nancy at 408-255-8857

### It's Time for Purim!

CBD's annual Purim Carnival is being held **February 28**, from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. This event is fun for all ages and includes carnival games, arts and crafts, food from Queen Esther's Kitchen, and a silent auction. ***The success of the carnival depends on volunteers.*** We need help before, during, and after the carnival. There are jobs for all kinds of abilities and time limits. If you would like to volunteer, or for more information, please contact Cheryl at [CBDpurim@gmail.com](mailto:CBDpurim@gmail.com).



## Hadashot Religious School

Next Youth Congregation: February 6 at 10:00 am.

President's Day Break: February 13 - 21.

Next Family Ed: Dalet & Hey on March 7, 11:30 am.

Next Haverim: March 13 at 10:30 am.

### Mishloah Manot Fundraiser

This Purim do the double mitzvah of sending Purim greetings to your Beth David friends *and* support important Religious School programming. \$3.50/greeting OR \$200 flat donation to all members. Find forms (in the lobby) by Feb. 22 to main or school office. Bags will be distributed at the Megillah readings and at the carnival. A limited number of bags will be sold for \$6 at the carnival as well. Todah Rabah for your support!

### Purim Countdown

MISHLOAH MANOT orders due: February 22

Students pack Mishloah Manot bags: February 24

Costume up for the Family Megillah Reading @ 7 pm February 27

PURIM- CRAZY CLOTHES DAY! February 28

9:30 – 11:00 regular school;

11:00-11:30 Purim Sing Along

11:30 – 2:00 Carnival Purim Tzedekah drive for the

JNF LET US PLAY project (Helping maintain the indoor playground in missile-torn S'derot)

### Megilla Reading

Family Reading @ 7pm, Sat Feb 27

Gantze (Full) Reading @ 8:30pm

Services at 9am - include Gantze (Full) Reading Sun, Feb 28

**Wander our Wiki for all announcements, photos, Hodsheets newsletter, and Youth Group info** (see education|religious school on website).

## Sisterhood News

### Queen Esther's Kitchen

Please join Myrtle Schwartz in Beth David's kitchen to make Hamantaschen and Stuffed Cabbage for the Purim Carnival.

Come join in this fun and sociable culinary experience!

February 16, 23, and 24 at 9:00 am.

February 16, 17, and 24 at 5:00 pm.

If you can help, please contact Davida Adelberg, [adelbergfam@me.com](mailto:adelbergfam@me.com) or 408-777-8875. **All welcome!**

### Cheaper by the Pre-ordered Dozen!

**Order deadline extended to February 25, 2010!**

To pre-order Hamantaschen, Stuffed Cabbage and Potato Knishes, please complete the forms in the lobby and deliver to the Beth David office with your check made payable to "CBD Sisterhood."

### Back by Popular Demand!

#### 2nd Used Cookbook Sale

Used Cookbook Sale accepting additional book donations in lobby box until Feb. 25th. Here's your chance to clear out your used (but in good condition) cookbooks! Be sure to stop by our Sale during the Purim Carnival. We have a wonderful selection of well-liked cookbooks featuring tried-and-true recipes. More cookbooks have been donated since our first sale. Great discounts on great books!

### Purim Silent Auction

Please donate items or funds to help Sisterhood with its Auction during the Purim Carnival on February 28. If you have an item, product or service that can be donated, please contact coordinators as soon as possible. Irina, [irinatenberg@yahoo.com](mailto:irinatenberg@yahoo.com) (408) 376-3970 or Galina, [twingalina@yahoo.com](mailto:twingalina@yahoo.com), (408) 241-2542.

### Gift Shop Hours

Feb. 21		12 noon - 1:00 pm.
March 14	<i>Gift Shop Bazaar</i>	9:30 am - 2:00 pm.
March 21		9:30 am - 1:00 pm.

### College Packets

Please contact Andrea at [alinder4@gmail.com](mailto:alinder4@gmail.com) or 408-866-5340 with your student(s) addresses so we can send "a little bit of Beth David" to them when they are away! Donations are gladly accepted to help cover mailing costs. Todah rabbah!

### Cookbook Project: Ready for Your Recipes!

Sisterhood is creating a new cookbook as a loving tribute to Bev Pressman. We invite all members of CBD to submit recipes for consideration. Details for submissions (and forms) may be found in the Sisterhood section of life@CBD on the website.

Be sure to tell us what this recipe means to you and your family!

- All ingredients must be kosher--this will be a kosher cookbook!
- Recipes will be accepted until March 31, 2010. If you have questions, please contact Susan Raider at [bdcookbook@gmail.com](mailto:bdcookbook@gmail.com) or (408) 358-1580.

### Torah Fund Tea

Would you like to meet Golda Meir? Then join Congregation Beth David Sisterhood on Sunday, March 14, 2010 at 2:00 pm in the Social Hall for a conversation with this amazing woman, presented by historical impressionist Peter M. Small. This program is recommended for children ages 10 and older (with babysitting available without charge with advance reservations). The event celebrates the Women's League's Torah Fund. Requested donation: \$10 adult, \$5 students (10 and older). Please join us for this unusual and very enjoyable program. RSVP by March 10th to <http://beth-david.org/rsvp>, specifying "Torah Fund Tea" and noting number of people attending. For more information, please contact Susan Gavens at [sgavens@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sgavens@sbcglobal.net) or (408) 257-0321.

## Jewish Book Discussion Group

**Saturday, February 13, 1:30 pm**

**"The Faith Club: A Moslem, a Christian and a Jew, Three Women**

**Search for Understanding" by Idliby, Oliver, and Warner.**

Kirkus Reviews said of the book: "Three mothers' engaging account of their interfaith dialogue. ...All three are mothers who want to teach their children religious tolerance, and each places great stock in her religious identity. In order to learn about the religious traditions of their neighbors, the authors came together to form a "faith club," meeting regularly to discuss prayer and ritual, their beliefs about God and the relationship between spirituality and social justice.... An invitation to a discussion that's hard to turn down—and a natural for book groups." All adults and teens are welcome.

For more information, call Miriam Marr at (650) 968-7138.

## Adult Education

### Upcoming Adult Education Classes

All classes are held at Congregation Beth David and are open to both members and non-members. Register at [registration@beth-david.org](mailto:registration@beth-david.org) your account will be billed or register and pay at the first session.

### Reading and Understanding Hebrew Prayers IA Beginning Class Wednesdays 11:45 am - 12:45 pm

For those who wish to improve their understanding of the *Shemoneh Esrei*, the heart of every synagogue service.

### Modern Hebrew IIIB Continuing Class

**Wednesdays, 10:00 - 11:30 am**

This course is designed for those who wish to improve their Hebrew skills and increase their comfort level in reading, vocalizing, and understanding general Hebrew texts as well as Hebrew prayers.

### Talmud Study with Rabbi Schonbrun: Ongoing Class

**Fridays 8:30 - 9:30 am**

Come explore the "Sea of the Talmud" with us. Study Tractate Berachot, which deals with prayers, ritual, spirituality, theology, and leads to lively side discussions on more general Jewish practices and ethics. Newcomers are not only welcomed, they are nurtured! No charge.

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## Social Action Committee

### "Blanket the Community with Warmth and Love"

With our winter weather, blankets and coats for the less fortunate are in demand and greatly appreciated!

Donations are being accepted in the lobby for new or gently used blanket(s) and outerwear.

For more information, contact Seema Cicerone at 408-741-5466

**Thank You** to everyone who participated in our Electronic Recycling Event! It was a huge success and benefited both our planet and Beth David.



**Mazel Tov to Opher and Naomi Har-El on the Bar Mitzvah of their sons Edan and Liam.**

**Our thanks to Opher and Naomi Har-El for sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon.**