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Izrail Tabachnikova, Grandfather of Kate Fox
Jack Taboh, Father of Sander Taboh
Sara Tobey, Grandmother of Arye Green
Maria Tubert, Grandmother of Kate Fox
Dora Warren, Mother of Phyllis Burdman
Manya Zlotnick, Relative of Dina Fayngold

Refuah Sheleimah – A Complete Recovery

Chaim ben Dina
Annabel Rubin, (relative of Dina Yevelev)
Arkadi Nisenzon (brother of Zoya Lazer)
Roece ben Yaacov, Bob Eppinger (friend of Dorothy & Richard Dorsay)
Craig Howlett (friend of Michael & Felicia Schaffer)
Madelene Teifeld (member and mother of Barbara Green and Jan Krum)
Robin Davis (daughter-in-law of Barbara Davis)
Sara Pela bat Katura, Barbara Davis (member)
Ze'ev Shamsha ben Sara Pela, Scott Evan Davis (son of Barbara Davis)
Mark Schaengold (friend of Andrea & Steve Linder)
Cathy Hebert (friend of Michael Schaffer)
Ruth Diamond Levinson (aunt of Davida Adelberg)
Lucille Janofsky (mother of Eric Janofsky)
Lauren Phillips (sister of Janet Witkin)
Julie Rubin (friend of Sandi Diamond)
Gary Kipnis (member)
Aaron Yaakov ben Yitzchak, Al Kass (member)
Yosef ben Dreiza, Joseph Evans (father of Maureen Schneider)
Daniel & Patricia Williamson (friends of Christel Sanders)
Fraddel bat Devorah
D'vera Riva bat Fraddel
Chaya Leah bat D'vera Riva
Baruch Shalom ben Fraddel
Berlam ben Moshe Mordechai, B. Lee Skilken (uncle of Dan Skilken)
Wolf Lev ben Hannah (father of Jane Blumenthal)
Rivka bat Chaya Ettl (member)
Yisrael ben Perel, Irwin Solomon (member)
Allyson Guggenheim (granddaughter of Karen & Allen Guggenheim)
Shimrona Chava bat Yendel Nucha
Shoshana bat Eita (niece of Hy Burdman)
Zelda Yudit bat Shena Fayag, Carol Gergis (cousin of Lawren Farber)
Shlomo ben Chaya (father of Ricki Gafter)
Rich Carlson (friend of Dori Jaroslow)
Avraham ben Yehudit (father of congregant)
Judy Trigger (cousin of Wendy Glasser)
Zipporah bat Etki, Phyllis Maus (cousin of Lance Glasser)
Arlene Nodleman (friend of Dina Yevelev)
Ofira Avirit bat Sarah, Aurelia Nelson (member)
Lauren Flato (wife of Steve Labovitz)
Esther bay Fayge (mother of Neil Gafter)
Luba Pasumansky (relative of Yulia Shvarts)
Julie Seltzer-Firsty (friend of the Labovitz's)
Hannah bat Miriam, Hannie Isaac (sister-in-law of Myrtle & Joel Schwartz and Eli & Lorraine Isaac)
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)
Diane Fornwalt (relative of Helaine Green)
Yehudit bat Eitah (niece of Hy Burdman)
Faiga bat Ruth, Phyllis Zis (member)
Ruth bat Rahel, Ruth Harary (mother of Susan Murai-Raider)
Hiroko Caster (friend of Barbara Davis)
Meir ben Ze'ev, Milton Wiener (father of Barbara Davis)
Leah Esther bat Leibisch, Laura Sharpe (member)
Ruth Karpman (friend of Andrea Ammerman)
Leib ben Chaya, Leib Nodelman (brother of Doysa Markova)

Donna Stone (cousin 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)
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)
Izabella Letskin (friend of Yulia Shvarts)
Tzivia bat Shandel, Harriette Kirschen, (mother of Sandy Mayer)
Shayna Rochal bat Yehudit (sister of Lynne Kinsey)
Michael ben Sarah (Michael Applesmith)
Ellen Efron (friend of Susan Murai-Raider)
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)
Yosef ben Esther, Jeff Sohn (friend of Rosa & Izak Bencuya)
Moshe Chaim ben Zev haKohen (member)
Fae Melmon (member)
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)
Joe Sorger (member)
Louis Halper (brother of Bill Halper)
David Pinhas ben Breindal (member)
Monya Riva bat Sheva, Marilyn Auerbach (sister of Sondra Goldberger)
John Hirschberg (father of Donna Klein)
Stanley Rojo (father of Susan Rojo)
Frank Lanctot (father of Chet Lanctot)
Frank Amara
Davida bat Genja Liba (member)
Adam Yavim ben Avraham v'Sarah, George Steres (member)
Noach ben Sprinzah, Neil Schwab (cousin of Rachel Schwab)
Joseph Saponaro (brother-in-law of Wendy Glasser)
Andy Gafter (brother of Neil Gafter)
Aharon ben Shlomo, Adma Cintz (member)
Ronit bat Shoshana, Georgina Levy (wife of Cantor Andres Levy)
Isser ben Hannah, Isadore Kertzman (member)
Ronee bat Moshe haLevi v'Ruth, Ronee Nassi (member)
Zelda bat Miriam, Stephanie Lewis (friend of Ben Leitner)
Michal bat Bluma, Michal Strutin (member)
Rosa bat Riva (friend of Dina Yevelev)
Rivka bat Y'hudit, June Cohen (mother of Alison Ruebusch)
Shoshanna bat Rut (member)

Mazal Tov to Bonnie Slavitt-Moore and Jack Moore on the birth of their granddaughter, Zoey Willow Drew.

Mazal Tov to Hy & Thelma Ramm on the birth of their granddaughter, Kira Ivy Margaret.



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פרשת בהר בחקתי Parashat Behar-Be'ukotai

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Triennial Cycle III: Lev. 27:1-34

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*We stand as the last verse of the Book of Leviticus is chanted. At the completion of the reading we chant **hazak, hazak v'nit-hazaik** — “Be strong, be strong and let us be strengthened.”*

Professor Baruch Levine titles this chapter “Funding the Sanctuary,” and he comments, “It is likely that chapter 27 was appended to the Book of Leviticus. From a purely textual perspective, the Epilogue (26:3-46) would seem to be a suitable conclusion to the book. But in order to include in Leviticus a matter of central importance, the funding of the sanctuary, chapter 27 was added. Maintaining the physical plant of the sanctuary was certainly costly, and it was necessary to provide the materials used in public sacrifice and to support the clergy.”

1. (27:1-8) Laws concerning a vow to donate the valuation of a person and of an animal to the Temple. The Torah sets forth specific shekel amounts for different aged males and females.
2. (27:9-13) Pledges of animals to the sanctuary.
3. (27:14-25) Laws concerning the redemption of houses and fields.
4. (27:26-29) Laws of the redemption of the firstborn and the devotion of property to the Temple.
5. (27:30-33) Laws concerning the tithe of fruit, sheep and cattle.
6. (27:34) The conclusion of the Book of Leviticus.



Candle lighting time for Friday, May 7, 7:44



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

The Blessings & Challenges of Supporting Synagogues

Maintaining the sanctuary was costly. It was necessary to provide the materials used in public sacrifice and to support the clergy. The goal of the system of funding prescribed in this chapter was to secure silver for the sanctuary and its related needs. What was donated was redeemed; it was the redemption payment, the silver that was sought for the sanctuary in most cases. **Etz Hayim Commentary Leviticus 27**

In households and communities, the recession has also brought to the fore an “affordability crisis” that has been gathering for decades. At the heart of this crisis is an unyielding reality: above and beyond what Jews expend on the usual necessities and conveniences, it costs a great deal to live an active Jewish life. Growing numbers of families worry that they will not be able to pay the ever-rising bills associated with full participation in Jewish life.

Adding things up, an actively engaged Jewish family that keeps kosher and sends its three school-age children to the most intensive Jewish educational institutions can expect to spend somewhere between \$50,000 and \$110,000 a year at minimum just to live a Jewish life.

The fiscal consequences of these trends in institutional life are now apparent. Insufficient resources are available to meet the basic needs of the American Jewish community. In communities around the country, agency funding for all kinds of services has been slashed, leaving their clients wanting...The impact is being felt by Jews abroad too. **Jack Wertheimer, *The High Cost of Jewish Living, March 2010*** (www.commentarymagazine.com)

It is the sum of [these] individual choices that determines the fate of the Jewish people... There are those who join synagogues. There are those who do not.... Individuals make choices that fit with who they are, with their personal histories, with their beliefs and values. At the same time, there is the larger community, the tent under which all Jews are gathered by dint of their birth. This is the tent of the Jewish people, expansive enough to contain any and all, regardless of where (or indeed, whether) they wish to reside within it... We believe that the modern synagogue together with the home is the place where Jews are created, nurtured, and sustained. By supporting synagogues, Jews are trying to retain the place and meaning of the tabernacle in their lives and in those of generations to follow.

The Dues We Pay: Answering the question of why we pay high dues is both simple and complicated. The simple answer is that it costs money to operate synagogues, as it does any complex organization. There are buildings to maintain, staff to hire, programs to develop and implement, and schools to run. For most synagogues, 80 percent or more of their budget is salaries and benefits....

Congregants pay as well to maintain aspects of the synagogue that are not, in the language of the business world, "profit centers"; that is, they cannot cover their costs with the money they attract. A synagogue educational program is the clearest example of this. When it comes to education, whether Harvard University or our local synagogues, we can never charge enough tuition to cover the real costs. Every educational program is subsidized by someone or some fund. In synagogues, the members who are relatively uninvolved but still paying dues are helping to subsidize the cost of every child's education.

Our congregations invest in Judaism in other ways as well. We support rabbis, not simply to work in our congregations, but to exist in the larger community as well....

In some ways, our congregations are carrying an unfair burden. Congregants are investing a disproportionate amount of the resources— money, time, and energy—to maintain the people and practices of Judaism. They are paying their half shekels; others are not. How can we understand this? One way, of course, is to divide the world of the Jews into those who care ("the practicing Jews") and those who do not ("the non practicing Jews"), and act as if they are two separate groups whose members have or ought to have little to do with

one another.... A second way, then, is to believe that the differences between the groups are slight and that Jews who are unaffiliated, used to be affiliated, thinking about becoming affiliated, or would like to but cannot afford to be affiliated ought to be reached out to and brought closer (*keruv*) through and into the synagogue.

What we choose to believe matters a great deal in terms of what we do in our synagogues: what proportion of synagogue offerings are for the community at large, how much we support not only our own synagogue but synagogue life in general, and what role the individual synagogue plays in maintaining a vibrant Jewish presence in a world of assimilation.

The truth is that we are all inheritors. Very few of us created the synagogues in which we study, celebrate, and congregate, or the institutions that support the Jewish community, such as the Jewish community center, the cemetery, and the federations. Yet they nourish us because someone had the foresight and the generosity to create them. We need to see ourselves in the same way. Our synagogues cannot simply be places in which we get our needs met. Rather, they need to be seen as parts of a forest whose trees we need to grow and protect so that they will be there to provide the natural resources for the next generation who will enhance them with their love and commitment.

We end this chapter by underscoring an important point that has been implicit throughout: the dues that we pay, in their various forms, are crucial not simply to support synagogue communities, but to securely bind individuals as community members.... We need to remember that *every congregant needs to feel as if he or she is contributing*, not simply “paying their dues”, to the synagogue community *in ways that matter and that dignify them and their synagogues*.

Bookman, Kahn, This House We Build, *Supporting Institutions That Support Us: Paying Your Real Dues*

Announcements

The Jewish Book Discussion Group

Saturday, May 8, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

The May selection is "My Jesus Year: A Rabbi's Son Wanders the Bible Belt in Search of His Own Faith" by Binyamin Cohen, led by Michael Sinensky. All adults and teens are welcome.

Hadashot Religious School

No School May 9; Last Haverim: May 15

Youth Congregation: May 15 - Haftra Readers Induction

Last Youth Congregation: May 22

Last day of School: May 23 (Shavuot Pancake Breakfast & Awards Ceremony)

Silicon Valley Celebrates Israel!

Sunday, May 9, 1:00 - 3:30 pm, Levy Family Campus

Join us as Israel's most celebrated cities come to life in celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut! A full day of fun and festivity in honor of Israel's big day. Please visit www.jvalley.org for more information.

Shavu'ot Schedule

Tuesday, May 18: 9:00 pm - Midnight

Tikkun Leil Shavu'ot (Night of Study)

Experience the spirituality of Shavuot as we study until midnight!

Wednesday, May 19: Services at 9:30 am

Thursday, May 20: Services at 9:30 am- includes Yizkor

Tikkun

According to the Talmud, the first question a Jew will be asked when reaching heaven has to do with how he or she behaved in matters of business. Come join us for a night of study delving into the ways Jewish tradition guides us in these areas, including: the value of labor; issues surrounding wages and benefits; and, the obligations and responsibilities of employers and employees. As a part of our study, we will be using the recently published “Walking with Justice”. As always, you are invited to bring your questions and your appetites.

Kugel & Cheesecake will be served!

Cheesecakes and Kugel!

2nd Annual CBD Kugel Cook-Off

Tuesday, May 18, 1pm - 5 pm

Put your favorite recipe to the test and come bake your Kugel. Your kugels will be served & judged at the beginning of the Leil Tikkun Shavuot, Tuesday, May 18, at 9:00 pm. Bring your recipes & ingredients and prepare those yummy kugels!

Cheesecake Anyone? Have a great cheesecake recipe? Prepare a cheesecake at home and bring it to Beth David. Be sure to label it with your name! The cheesecakes will be served for dessert at the Kiddush lunches on May 19 & 20! Please contact Barbara Biran if you will be baking for either or both at biran@beth-david.org.

Special Membership Meeting

Monday, May 31, approximately 7:30 pm, following minyan

This membership meeting is to vote on a motion to accept Rabbi Ohriner as our assistant rabbi. There is an additional item for discussion and vote regarding the timing of our regular annual meeting.

Save the Date



B' Hatzlaha!

A Farewell celebration in honor of Rabbi Schonbrun and his family will be held on June 19. Come join us to wish them Shalom ~ lehitra'ot at Shabbat Services & Kiddush Luncheon.

"Cruise Around the World at the JCC"

Saturday, May 15, 6:00 pm

The JCC has chosen to honor Beth David members Jack Moore and Bonnie Slavitt-Moore at the JCC's annual gala event. For tickets, contact Diana Schnabel at diana@svjcc.org or 408.357.7402.

Junior Kadima

(open to 4th graders for rest of year)

Sunday, May 16th 5:30-8:30

Israel themed chaotic dinner. Pick-up/drop off at Beth David.

For more info. contact Rachel Schultz at racheleschultz@gmail.com

Senior Kadima

(open to 6th graders for rest of year)

Sunday, May 23rd 5:40-7:45pm

Lazer Tag at Lazer Quest in Mountain View

For more info. contact Rachel Schultz at racheleschultz@gmail.com

Noten Yad

(Extending a Hand)

Noten Yad is a new program focused on creating positive changes for our neighbors and ourselves that we define! We will listen to the personal concerns regarding Education, Health Care, Affordable Housing, Elder Care and Support, and other timely issues along with stories of our fellow congregants and turn them into action both within Beth David and in our wider community. To participate contact Allen Rosenzweig, 408-257-1396, arosenzweig@comcast.net

Adult Education

Tuesday, May 25, 7:30 p.m. at Beth David

Conversations in Jewish Learning: *In Plain Sight*

In Plain Sight is a popular, award-winning TV series about the Federal Witness Protection Program. In the episode “Aguna Matatala,” Avi must give up his Orthodox Jewish identity to enter witness protection. After viewing “Aguna Matatala,” Bob Baird will lead a lively discussion of the provocative Jewish issues raised, such as how one can be a Jew in isolation, especially an Orthodox Jew, as well as issues related to Jewish divorce and obtaining a Get.



Mazel Tov to Dmitriy Drabovskiy and Svetlana Veksler on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Anna! Our thanks to the family for sponsoring the Kiddush Luncheon.

Sisterhood

Gift Shop Open Days - Sundays

May 23, 9:30 - 1 pm and June 6, 12 - 2 pm

If you are able to help in the Gift Shop, please contact Susan Ehrlich, amfehrlich@yahoo.com or call (408) 866-5638.

**Creative Judaic Arts Sip N Stitch
Sunday, May 16, 2 - 4 pm at CBD**

Join us as we "Sip N Stitch." Bring any arts and crafts projects, and enjoy camaraderie and light refreshments. RSVP by May 13 to Shannon Wells, thesquedler@gmail.com or (650) 954-5671.

Save the Date!!

Yad L'Kol Appreciation Event

Sunday, June 6, 2 - 4 pm, Beth David Social Hall

Join us for a wonderful program where author Jennifer Cornbleet will present recipes from her recent book, Raw for Dessert. Book-signing follows. We especially welcome Sisterhood's Past Presidents!

Faith in Action Rotating Shelter

The Social Action Committee needs your help to make the Rotating Shelter a success once again this year. The Shelter provides meals and housing for about 12 men as they work to find jobs. Please consider volunteering as a greeter for the men each evening when they arrive at Beth David or to cook dinner(s) in advance. It's a great opportunity to do Chesed in our community. The Shelter will run for four weeks starting on June 4th. Contact Ronnie Gordon at (408) 265-8165 to volunteer.

Yahrzeit

Gerald Abramovitz, Father of Norman Abramovitz
Tible Alshansky, relative of Hava Goldman
Ruth Austin, Mother of Helen Tieger
Alex Berger, Friend of Yulia Shvarts
David Bromberg, Father of Abraham Bromberg
Eleanor Clark, Aunt of Donna Klein
Sonia Dickman, Mother of Lloyd Dickman
Rachil Drabovskaya, Grandmother of Dmitriy Drabovskiy
Sylvia Ehrlich, Mother of Donald Ehrlich; Grandmother of Diane Rock
Joseph Farkas, Father of Stanley Farkas
Rosa Finkelberg, Sister of Liliya Popova
Hermann Frank, Father of Joan Stone; Grandfather of Linda Weiss
Albert Goldman, Cousin of Leonard Metz
Werner Goldschmidt, Husband of Steffi Goldschmidt
Nathan Goldstein, Uncle of Wendy Glasser
Dorothy Gordon, Great aunt of Walter Spector
Edna Haimovitz, Great-great aunt of Jonathan Harris
Leonard Heller, of Blessed Memory
Fritz Joseph, Father of Ron Joseph
Mollie Kantin, Grandmother of Joyce Halper
Rose Kaplan, Mother of Henry Kaplan
Benjamin Katz, Father of Ellen Gold
Nathan Harry Kohan, Father of Ruth Kohan
Jacob Lyons, Uncle of Roberta Linsky
Moshe Malin, Father of Shlomo Malin
Rosella Mathieu, Grandmother of Elizabeth Batson
Yudasha Mednikov, Mother of Sima Vishnevsky
Fay Mitnick, Mother-in-law of Isadore Kertzman
Harry Moore, Father of Carol King
Samuel Moses, Cousin of Agnes Grossinger
Cyril Pearl, Father of Jacqueline Stone
Alfred Randolph, Father of Madelene Teifeld
Shifra Rubinshteyn, Mother of Judith Gelb
Fannie Salsberg, Mother-in-law of Anita Salsberg
Goldie Shore, Mother of Sima Shore
Lou Silber, Father of Sandi Bretz
Gertrude Simms, Grandmother of Joel Schwartz
Raya Simms, Aunt of Joel Schwartz

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