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Haftarot for December

Michael Rauchman, Alan Spetner,
Joe Levy, Liad Lerner, Jeff Jacob

Greeters for December

Siegfried Adler, Simmie Gellman, Beth
Rubin, Patsy Spector, Aleene Zawada

Kiddushes for December

Synagogue, Rick & Becky Lerner,
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Floor Gabbaim for December

Steve Birenbaum, Mark Weinstein,
Jim Singman, Sherri Weintrop Frank,
Rolf Cooke

Minyan Breakfasts for December

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A Message from the Rabbi

Rabbi Mark Fasman



Patience is a virtue... so they say. But I'm not so sure this is true. In Torah, there is the story of Moses at the burning bush (Ex 3:1-6). Moses comes upon a bush that is burning in the wilderness. But he becomes aware that the bush is burning *אכל אינו* – "and the bush was not consumed" (this, incidentally, is the motto of The Jewish Theological Seminary). Our Sages ask: how did Moses realize that it wasn't consumed? He must have watched that bush burning for a long time in order to realize that it wasn't being consumed by fire. Thus we learn that Moses had patience (not always, of course – later, he does strike the rock out of impatience and anger).

For the past four weeks I have been neutropenic (that is, my neutrophil count is very low). Neutrophils are our primary infection fighters. So I am told to stay at home in order to minimize exposure to bacteria that my body isn't used to. Consequently, I am experiencing an internally caused/externally imposed house arrest – a "forced" patience. I remain impatient – at my own white blood cells. They are the reason that I haven't been at Shabbat services so many times. They are the reason I am not in the office (four weeks now). They are the reason for my increasing impatience. Unlike Moses, I am being forced to sit and watch the burning bush.

Like Moses, I am discovering the benefits of patience. I have more time to think, to contemplate. But I have time to think and contemplate while I am in the synagogue (in my office or in services). Not being in the office, I am frustrated by my lack of interaction with Hazzan Dulkan and Nancy and Linda and Rico. I have a phone and email, but that isn't the same as being present.

It isn't really patience; it's *presence* that is

important. It is important to be present. That is when relationship takes place. In verse four, we read:

ויקרא אלקים מתוך הסנה משה משה

הגבי – "And God called to Moses from within the bush: 'Moses, Moses' and Moses said '*hineini* – I am here.'" What was critical was not for Moses to wait and marvel at the unconsumed bush, but for him to be present when God called to him, just as God had called out "Abraham, Abraham" and "Jacob, Jacob" to which each answered "*hineini* – I am here." Each of these three calls is followed by a life-transforming command and then acting upon that command.

It occurs to me that we have a "burning bush moment" each Shabbat morning. It happens during the reading of Torah. Many of us are thinking of other things as these sacred words are being read. But when we

"It isn't enough to wait patiently for the moment of hearing God's voice. We must enter the conversation... be present"

are not *present*, we miss out on the possibility of relationship with God. It has been taught that, during prayer we speak to God, but during the reading of Torah, God is speaking to us. The blessing recited both before and after each *aliyah* ends with an identification of God as *נותן התורה* – The One Who

Gives Torah – not the One Who Gave Torah. If we read Torah during the service as though it is being given to us at that very moment, we might just hear The Voice of the One Who Is Speaking. It isn't the same to read Torah at home as it is to sit in a sacred space hearing Torah chanted. Perhaps we should remove our shoes during the Torah reading, just as Moses is commanded by God in verse five: "Do not come close; take your shoes off your feet, for the place where you stand is sacred ground.

Whatever place we hear the voice of God is sacred ground; we need to remove our

shoes – so as not to create a barrier between ourselves and the ground (or floor). We must be truly present; we must "take off our shoes" in order to more clearly hear The Voice. We should uncross our legs and put our feet squarely on the floor. And we should *listen* to the words (either from the lips of the *ba'al koreh* or by reading the translation). It used to be that the *ba'al koreh* would read and the *meturgeman* would translate immediately after the Hebrew words were chanted. After all, we have to understand the words. If God had spoken to Moses in Sumerian, he probably wouldn't have understood what God was saying. That is why we have a chumash (and why we need a full set of Etz Chayim *chumashim*) – to understand what the words we hear mean, and to explore their deeper meanings as well.

I encourage you to experience what it means to realize that the bush is not being consumed, to be truly present, and to listen carefully for the Voice behind the words. It isn't enough to wait patiently for the moment of hearing God's voice. We must enter the conversation with *hineini*, and to really mean it. We must be *present*. Perhaps then we will hear the Voice that calls out to us at all times.

This article was written on December 5, 2011

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Presidential Matters

Mitchell Shenker



This month I thought I would reprint an article I recently read on the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism website. I feel that the article clearly explains the importance of the daily minyan and why you should consider attending. I hope you will consider attending a minyan on a regular basis.

Mitch

Early Morning Traditions

According to our sages, when Abraham “arose early in the morning,” as we are told in Genesis 22:3, he was beginning his day in prayer. That tradition of beginning the day with prayer still is practiced daily today.

For many Jews, the morning shacharit service is when they acknowledge the yahrtzeits of loved ones and other lifecycle events. Others attend the daily service regularly to connect with the community and to maintain the traditions that link them.

Whatever the motivations, the opportunity to gather to worship continues to have a strong bearing on our connections as Conservative Jews.

Deuteronomy 11:13 calls Jews to “serve God with your whole heart,” which, according to the 12th-century Spanish scholar Maimonides, means doing so through both prayer and the study of the law.

But the explanation of how and why Jews pray three times a day is a bit more complex.

“There are two ideas about the origins of the daily services,” according to Rabbi Jonathan Infeld, who serves as rabbi of Conservative Congregation Beth Israel in Vancouver, British Columbia. “One is, of course, that they were started by the patriarchs.”

Jewish tradition links the three main prayer times with the three patriarchs, attributing shacharit to Abraham, who is said to have begun the day in prayer after being told that he must sacrifice his son. The story serves as a powerful symbol of Jewish spirituality, which is paralleled in this tale with Abraham’s faith and willingness to do as God commanded.

The other two daily prayer times – minchah,

said in the afternoon, and ma’ariv, the evening prayer – also have been attributed to passages in the Torah, inspired by Isaac and Jacob.

Infeld said that another possibility is that the afternoon and evening services “are connected to the daily sacrifices at the time of the Temple.”

Shacharit and minchah serve as reminders of the ancient sacrifices, which were an integral part of Jewish life thousands of years ago. While many Conservative Jews may not link their attendance at minyan directly with Temple sacrifices, the sacrifices did provide their own powerful means of communication to the Israelites who took part in them.

“Once the Temple was destroyed, we as Jews metamorphosed the way we worship, from physical sacrifices to a sacrifice of words,” Infeld said. “And the truth is, words, before the second Temple was destroyed, already were being introduced into the Temple service.

“That progression and that metamorphosis is one of the reasons that Judaism exists today. If it weren’t for that change, then Judaism as a religion never would have been able to sustain itself because the heart of its religious life was destroyed.”

Rabbi Daniel Isaak, who is the senior rabbi at Congregation Neveh Shalom in Portland, Oregon, notes that despite the significant role that prayer plays in contemporary Jewish spiritual life, it is far less visible in our foundational text.

“Prayer is a relatively rare thing in the Torah,” Isaak said. “We have only a few times when we read about people who pray, and in fact the first person who prays in the Torah is not even Jewish. He is Abraham’s servant

Eliezer, who is sent on a mission to find a wife for Abraham’s son Isaac.”

The way we pray today, however, says a lot not only about our spirituality, but also about our compassion and connection with those around us.

And both Neveh Shalom and Beth Israel long have maintained that vital tradition.

At Neveh Shalom, Portland’s largest Conservative synagogue, congregants lead the weekday shacharit services. The main leader, Isaak said, is a 95-year-old man who is known for his punctuality, starting at 7:15 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. (The minyan begins 15 minutes earlier on Monday and Thursday, when the Torah is read, and at a relatively luxurious 9 o’clock on Shabbat and Sundays.) Other members of the congregation step up to read the Torah. Fifteen to 20 members come most days, which ensures that there will be a minyan.

“It is a very good mixture of men and women,” Isaak said. “It is an older crowd for the most part, but we have younger people too.”

To encourage younger attendees, the congregation offers a new pair of tefillin for each bar mitzvah student who attends minyan once a week for a year.

“The cantor also encourages bar and bat mitzvah students to read Torah on Monday and Thursday. And they get a lot of positive reinforcement from everyone there,” Isaak added.

Isaak acknowledges that there may be a wide range of reasons why congregants are willing to get out of bed for early morning services. One is to say kaddish, but another

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HazzaNotes

Hazzan Joanna Selznick Dulkan

Here are my 10 (Jewish) Suggestions for (Secular) New Year's Resolutions:

The new calendar year gives us another opportunity to make room for improvements in our daily routine, and "upgrades" to our lifestyle. Here are some ideas to rekindle the flame in your *Yiddishe neshama* (Jewish soul) as the *other* New Year begins:

1. Pick one day a week to daven with the community. Prayer brings us closer to each other and to God – and gives us a new way to look at old texts. And, despite what Woody Allen once said about showing up, be assured that 100% of minyan involves just showing up: And food is often involved afterwards.

2. Find a study partner. Our Rabbis tell us that if we say "I will study when I have the time," there will be no time. In other words, we must carve out sacred time for study. Think about it: is there a friend you always have fascinating conversations with that you feel you come away learning something? You probably have something to teach too. Get together with that friend regularly to read the same book, or study the weekly *parasha*, to study Hebrew or talk about events in the Jewish news.

3. Make a donation of your time to Shaare Zedek. Sure, we like it when you give money too, but your energy on one of our many amazing committees could be just what the shul needs. Whether it's social action, young families, adult education, ritual, or any number of committees here, or helping out with our website, newsletter, facilities or PR, there is an outlet for your passion and talent that will directly benefit the community.

4. Seek out Jewish cultural opportunities. Musicians come to town all the time, as do artists, and theatre: check out a performance at the New Jewish Theatre or the Jewish Film festival, check out a book, CD or video from the Brodsky Library, go to

a Jewish concert at another synagogue or institution – it will be well worth it!

5. Make a difference in people's lives who are less fortunate than you. Mitzvah projects aren't just for Bar and Bat Mitzvah students! Donate food to the Jewish food pantry, or volunteer there. Read to children in an after-school program. Donate sports equipment to Lift For Life Gym. Help with Kosher Meals on Wheels, which is based in the shul!

6. Learn more about Conservative Judaism and what this movement is all about. Try <http://uscj.org>, <http://jtsa.edu> or <http://aju.edu> to learn more!

7. Make plans to travel to Israel. I frequently meet adults who have never been to Israel, and it is never too late to go! Summer trips are booking now, and there are dates, times, programs, itineraries and pricing for everyone!

8. Give Tzedakah to Federation, or another worthy Jewish organization, such as (gasp!) the synagogue! It's still a tax write-off!

9. Be Kind to Yourself. Jewish law is very clear about the sacred nature of the human body: it's the only one we get! Being good to ourselves by eating right and exercising, and



mediating our stress with play and relaxation is a Jewish value.

10. Take on a new ritual. For instance, use the weekly rituals of Shabbat to define a time devoted to home and family. Stay home and eat dinner together, on Friday night; Saturday morning, come to shul as a family, Saturday night, do a Havdalah service with twisted candle, wine, and spices before running in your separate ways. Invite friends over for a Shabbat meal and enjoy each other's company.

Resolutions take work. So do relationships, so do new skills, but as we know, the payoff is worth the effort. Happy Secular New Year.

The Jewish Food Pantry Needs Our Help

For the month of **January** the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry is looking for these specific items to provide well-balanced nourishment for the community in need.

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Sisterhood

Micki Kingsley, President



Chanukah packages were sent several weeks ago to our college students away from home. In spite of Chanukah falling so late in the secular calendar this year, the kids still looked forward to receiving at school the packages that Ann Frank has made a time-honored custom at Shaare Zedek. Thank you, Ann, for seeing that the kids always get their Chanukah packages.

As we finish another secular calendar year, there are more miracles in store for us in 2012. As we know, we've just celebrated one. Just saying "latkes" or "sufganiot" (jelly donuts) conjures up oil, eight-days, rededication of the Temple, candles and songs. Actually, our prayers teach us that every day is a miracle.

As I flip the calendar to the new month of January (the middle of the month of Tevet),

I know that it is getting close to Sisterhood Shabbat, which will be on January 21. The reason for designating a Saturday morning as Sisterhood Shabbat is not to allow women to participate in the service. At Shaare Zedek, we can do that throughout the year. We can be given a Torah aliyah, deliver a d'var, and lead different parts of the entire service. Sisterhood Shabbat is to recognize the dedication of women who, throughout the year, give their time, efforts and hard work, freely, to help, literally, every corner of the synagogue.

Thank you to Rick and Becky Lerner for sponsoring a Sisterhood Kiddush in honor of their son Liad's bar mitzvah on December 24. Thank you to Ruth Jacob for sponsoring a Sisterhood kiddush for the auf ruf before their marriage of her granddaughter,

Courtney Jacob to Scott Kaar. We wish them much happiness together.

We note, with sorrow, the passing of Frances Olian, a long-time member of Sisterhood; and the passing of Shirley Hartstein, not only a past President of the synagogue, but a past President of our Sisterhood. We offer condolences to their families; and may their memories be for a blessing.

Keep those Torah fund pledges and contributions coming. We are well on our way to our goal. Arleen Kerman and her group will be sending out flyers soon with requests for your reservation for the February 26 program. We encourage and welcome everyone to plan on being there. I've seen the menu and I've seen the chefs, and I encourage you to send in your rsvp when you receive the flyer.

You may notice the difference. Beginning in 2012, we will start using biodegradable products for serving kiddushes. The shul's new social action chair, David Levine, has found an "angel" to cover the increased cost of these products, which include cups, plates and utensils, for a year's trial run. The "trash" will be taken to a compost venue in St. Louis and will be mixed with other compostable products and returned to the soil. We will try this for a year and see how it works. Thanks, David, and thank you to the environmentally-conscious "angel" among us.

We continue to pray for refuah shlema and do mitzvot in the name of our dear Rabbi Mark Fasman.

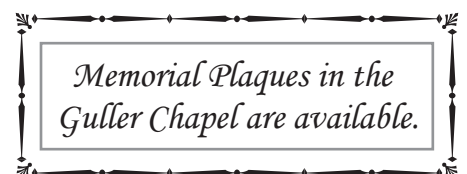


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Shaare Shalom

Anita Kraus, Education Director



Jewish Learning continues each and every day. Walk through the halls at BSKI on a Sunday morning or at Shaare Zedek on a Monday or Wednesday afternoon and you will hear lots of noise, the noise of students having fun learning. Join us for Havdallah on a Sunday morning, t'fillah on a Wednesday evening at 5:30 or walk into one of our classrooms and you will most likely be handed a Chumash, Tanakh, textbook or a marker and glue, and asked to join in the learning. So stop in and join the fun!

The sense of Kehillah at Shaare Shalom is apparent each month we meet at Shaare Zedek and BSKI for Shabbat Initiative. Our next community wide intergenerational service is January 21st at 10:00 a.m. at Shaare Zedek Congregation. The ruach of the service is apparent as students and congregants join together in prayer, celebration and learning.

B'Shalom
Anita



Jenna and Abbie enjoying sufgoniyot and latkes!



6th graders enjoying latkes and sufgoniyot!



Moreh Aaron & Moreh Daniel acting as Rabbi Shammai and Rabbi Hillel. How do you light your menorah? The 6th -10th graders voted. Rabbi Shammai won hands down.



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Israel Committee

Bob Olshan, Israel Chair



Watch For Upcoming Programs.

In November, as part of our Free Trip to Israel, we tried connecting live with Dan Shwarzman, currently serving as a combat soldier for the Israel Defense Forces. Dan grew up at Shaare Zedek and went to Solomon Schechter. His parents are Rabbi Steve and Bettina Schwarzman and his proud grandparents are still members at Shaare Zedek, Harry and Chris Krauss.

Here is Dan's story (written in a tent in the desert while protecting Israel).

I grew up in America, lived in University city, went to Shaare Zedek and SSDS from age 6 to 14. Currently serving in Orev Nachal, the anti-tank company of the special forces battalion of the Nachal infantry brigade.

Lots of people visit Israel and see soldiers, are impressed by the uniform. I was one of those, and never expected to actually end up wearing the uniform, until a series of decisions were made, and suddenly I was starting the process of being drafted into the IDF. The first day in the army, soldiers show up to a base near Tel Aviv, go through a series of stations which involve things like getting fingerprinted, receiving an army ID, and getting vaccinations. Then, soldiers are given their "aleph" uniform, the public dress uniform, and sent to a dressing room. Putting the uniform on for the first time was weird-looking in the mirror and seeing an Israeli soldier, and I remember on the bus after that on the way to the base where I did basic training that I kept looking at my red-brown army boots, as if they weren't real.

I think basic training was the hardest part of the army so far. "Tironut", as it is called in Hebrew, entails a lot of running back and forth, a lot of saluting and "ken hamephaked" (yes commander), and almost no free time. While my Hebrew was not bad to begin with, some other foreigners had a hard time with the language. Although most of the guys I was with had been in Israel since they were

young, I thought it was interesting that my platoon in basic training had Jews born on every continent (except for Antarctica, of course). We knew altogether a total of 10 languages. This really highlighted to me how Israeli society is an ingathering of Jews from all around the world. In basic, I was with a few other guys who spoke English, including an Australian, a guy from Chicago, and a guy from Jerusalem whose parents made aliyah from America. We would speak amongst ourselves in English, and it got to the point that our commanders started telling us to tone down the English.

An interesting aspect of being in a Jewish army is how religion affects daily life. In basic training, there was a nice synagogue on base. Religious soldiers were given time every morning to pray. One thing I liked was that for festive Friday night services, many soldiers would show up, even if they weren't especially observant. In later training, and where I am now on the Egyptian border, the schedule is dictated not by training, but by the necessities of patrolling the border. I remember on Yom Kippur, the commander of my unit dropped by services for half an hour, before heading back to work. Many soldiers do not observe shabbat, but those who do have to do things like drive in order to do their jobs.

On shabbat there is always a big festive meal, and it is funny to see all of the improvised head coverings when kiddush is said from kippot and military berets, to napkins or hands of friends.

I feel like most people picture the army as full of action and danger. When they hear the word "mission", they think going behind enemy lines. In reality, much of the time in the army is spent guarding things, sitting on base working on equipment, or peering through night vision binoculars waiting for something to happen. Even in drills that simulate war, the hard part is walking all

night with a heavy bag, rather than the short sprint of the battles themselves.

One different thing about the Israeli army is the mandatory draft. The fact that soldiers have no choice in the matter does lead to a good amount of complaining by soldiers, and more than once have I heard a foreign volunteer such as myself asked why he would volunteer for this crap. I've always found that hard to hear, but I think that deep down, Israeli soldiers are proud of what they do. There's kind of a lack of perspective, because most of them grew up in Israel their whole lives and then got drafted into the army straight out of high school. Because Israel is such a small country (only the size of New Jersey), soldiers are able to go home much more than their American counterparts. Combat soldiers get out for shabbat once or twice a month usually, and many non-combat soldiers even do office jobs and go home every day. Combat soldiers tend to look down on these "jobnikim" (slang from the word "job"). Walking around in Israel, you will see lots of soldiers on the streets because of how often they go home, while it is rare to see American soldiers walking around in uniform. When asked whether I am enjoying being in the army, I usually say that no, it's not fun. It's not college or a vacation. It is difficult physically and mentally. What helps get through things is being part of a team. Like anything, what matters in the end is the people that you're with. I've been with the same guys now for a year and 8 months, since the first week of basic training and we're very close. But above all, while the army may not be fun, I feel like I'm doing something important, and I am proud to defend Israel and the Jewish people.

We also heard Mark Weinstein tell us interesting stories about what it was like to serve in the IDF.

may be the desire to ensure that those who are saying kaddish can do so. (Halachah – Jewish law – requires a minyan of 10 adults for reading Torah and reciting the mourners kaddish.)

“If I am not there, maybe they will only have nine people and somebody will not be able to say kaddish,” Isaak said. “So it is important for me to be there in person.” It is a compelling reason, and one that attendees often take very seriously.

Minyan is well attended at Beth Israel as well, Infeld said. The kehilla, which was

incorporated in 1932, is one of Vancouver’s oldest synagogues, and the only egalitarian shul in British Columbia that offers services seven days a week. On average about 15 people of various ages attend the daily shacharit service. Breakfast, discussion, and a d’var Torah (Torah study) follow the service.

“There are some people who come regularly, and the minyan is part of their social circle and an important part of their day,” Infeld said.

For those who have experienced a recent loss, the minyan can be a place to find reassurance and support.

“After coming for 11 months to say kaddish, some people find it so meaningful that they continue to come for the rest of their lives.”

And people also come for education.

“There is no better way to learn about Judaism or to sharpen your Hebrew skills or to sharpen your skills in tefillah – prayer – than by coming to services,” Infeld said. “Some people come because of the spiritual element, recognizing that they are communicating with God on a daily basis.”

Isaak pointed out that minyan can be especially stimulating to people who are retired and looking for meaning and purpose.

“The minyan not only gives people a reason to get out of bed, it adds a kind of meaning to their lives. That is something we need from the moment we’re born to our last days,” he said.

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8am Shacharit - 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

Monday, January 2, 2012

8am Shacharit - 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
6:45pm Ritual Meeting

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

7am Shacharit - 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

7am Shacharit - 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

Thursday, January 5, 2012

Asara B'Tevet/Fast Day

7am Shacharit - 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

Friday, January 6, 2012

7am Shacharit
4:37pm Candle lighting
6pm Shabbat Rinah/With Band

Saturday, January 7, 2012

Parashat Vayechi
Ken Weinstein Bar Mitzvah
9am Shabbat Service
3:40pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
5:39pm Havdalah
6pm Kaar/Jacob wedding

Sunday, January 8, 2012

8am Shacharit - 6pm Mincha Ma'ariv
9:30am Men's Club Board Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2012

7am Shacharit - 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

7am Shacharit - 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
11:45am JCRC Meeting

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

7am Shacharit - 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

Thursday, January 12, 2012

7am Shacharit - 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

Friday, January 13, 2012

7am Shacharit
4:43pm Candle lighting
6pm Shabbat Rinah

Saturday, January 14, 2012

Parashat Shemot
9am Shabbat Service
10:30am Kidrash
11am Rhythm 'n' Ruach Family Shabbat
4:45pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
5:45pm Havdalah
7:30pm Goldstein Jazz Night/Music, Martinis & Memories

Sunday, January 15, 2012

8am Shacharit - 6pm Mincha Ma'ariv
6pm Sports Night

Monday, January 16, 2012

8am Shacharit - 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
10am MLK Community Service Program

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

7am Shacharit - 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
7pm Shaare Shalom Brd@BSKI

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

7am Shacharit - 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

Thursday, January 19, 2012

7am Shacharit - 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

Friday, January 20, 2012

7am Shacharit
4:51pm Candle lighting
6pm Shabbat Rinah/With Band

Saturday, January 21, 2012

Parashat Vaera
Birkhat HaChodesh
Women's League Shabbat
9am Shabbat Initiative @ SZ
9am Shabbat Service
12:15pm B'nai Mitzvah Class @ SZ
4:50pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
5:52pm Havdalah

Sunday, January 22, 2012

8am Shacharit - 6pm Mincha Ma'ariv
10am Make Your Own Tefillin/Men's Club
10:30am Free Trip to Israel

Monday, January 23, 2012

7am Shacharit - 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

7am Shacharit - 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat
6:45pm Shacharit - 6pm Mincha, Ma'ariv

Thursday, January 26, 2012

7am Shacharit - 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
7pm Board Meeting

Friday, January 27, 2012

7am Shacharit
4:59pm Candle lighting
6pm Shabbat Rinah

Saturday, January 28, 2012

Parashat Bo
Benjamin Schneider Bar Mitzvah
9am Shabbat Service
5pm Mincha/Ma'ariv
6pm Havdalah

Sunday, January 29, 2012

8am Shacharit - 6pm Mincha Ma'ariv

Monday, January 30, 2012

7am Shacharit - 6pm Mincha/Ma'ariv

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

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George Greenberg passed away on November 30th. Grandfather of Melissa (David) Berk and great-grandfather of Hanna.

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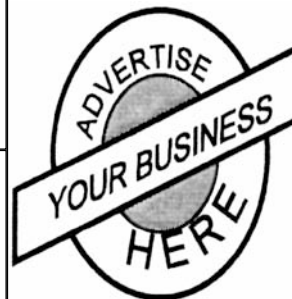
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