



# Congregation Ahavath Sholom

*A Family of Families*

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## BAT MITZVAH OF AMANDA BETH LEVENTHAL, JANUARY 16, 2010



Amanda Beth Leventhal will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah during Shabbat services on January 16, 2010. She will lead Friday night and Saturday services.

Amanda is a 7<sup>th</sup> grade Honor Roll student at Summer Creek Middle School. She has a wide variety of interests. Some of her many hobbies include singing, acting, reading, and sports. Amanda is on her school's basketball team and is involved in several after-school academic activities.

Amanda is the daughter of Judi and Harry Leventhal and sister of Keith and Julie. She is the granddaughter of the late, Betty and David Massis and Esther and Abraham Leventhal. Amanda and her parents are looking forward to sharing this joyous occasion with family and friends, and the congregation.

## 'Til 120 Jewish Film Festival

*A film by Ilana Trachman*

**Sunday, January 17**

**3:30 p.m.**

**Zale Auditorium**

**Faith Can Be Simple**

**Praying with Lior**

An engrossing, wrenching and tender documentary film, *Praying with Lior* introduces Lior Liebling, also called "the little rebbe." Lior has Down Syndrome, and has spent his entire life praying with utter abandon. Is he a "spiritual genius" as many around him say? Or simply the vessel that contains everyone's unfulfilled wishes and expectations? Lior, whose name means "my light" lost his mother at age six, and her words and spirit hover over the film. While everyone agrees Lior is closer to G-d, he's also a burden, a best friend, an inspiration, and an embarrassment, depending on which family member is speaking. As Lior approaches Bar Mitzvah, different characters provide a window into life spent "praying with Lior." The movie poses difficult questions such as what is "disability" and who really talks to G-d?

Told with intimacy and humor, *Praying with Lior* is a story of family, a story of triumph, a story of grief and a divinely inspired story.

*This event is free and open to the public. We thank the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County for their generous funding of our film festival.*



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# FROM OUR RABBI



## *A Tribute to Gai Ben David*

Our Congregation was shocked by the news of the passing of Gai ben David, the 13 year old boy who converted in our Shul and had his first aliyah to the Torah with us. Gai suffered from a cancerous brain tumor that was terminal. He lived in Madrid, Spain and attended the Hebrew Day School (Ibn Gabirol) for 5 years until the illness wouldn't allow him to study on a normal basis. When his death was imminent the family approached those in charge of the Jewish cemetery in Madrid and found that it belonged to the Orthodox community. After consulting with one of the chief Rabbis of Israel, they ruled that Gai should be buried in a section of the cemetery where non-Jews or Jews with questionable Judaism are laid to rest. The Conservative community in Madrid came together and resolved that all their members, when the time comes, would be buried in the same section as Gai ben David. They would not allow discrimination to continue in the midst of their community. Gai was Jewish and the rest of the Jewish members of his congregation will be buried close to him, making it clear: that section is Jewish regardless of what the Orthodox community says.

It's useless to comment about the lack of compassion of those who use religion as a political tool, making a statement that they are the owners of the only possible Jewish way. I want just to bring up the solidarity and loving kindness showed by Gai's congregation. It tells us that when someone brings darkness to the world it's always possible to light the candle of our hearts and souls to bring a ray of hope. When objections are made that a Conservative conversion is not done according to Halakha – the Jewish law – this is said either out of ignorance or politics.

What is a conversion according to Halakha? The Jewish law established 2 common steps for males

and females: 1) study of Judaism, that includes starting observance of the commandments; 2) mikvah, the ritual immersion in water (with a witness); and circumcision for males (if he is already circumcised, a drop of blood is taken). Conservative Judaism is very strict in following this process, so much so that if any Rabbi skips one of the steps, it can lead to a disciplinary action by the Committee of Ethics and even expulsion as a member of the Rabbinical Assembly, the Conservative Rabbinical organization.

When the Orthodox community said that Gai was not Jewish, they were also saying that the rabbis who signed his certification were not rabbis. Unfortunately, it doesn't stop there. It doesn't matter how strict we try to be with our kitchens or our mikvah, neither one will be acknowledged as being kosher. It's more than just religious standards, it's a political statement. We cannot forget that the State of Israel financially supports an Orthodox Rabbinate that controls marriage and divorce.

Validation of the Conservative movement can also jeopardize the power of the Orthodox establishment. In Fort Worth we can have disagreements with other Jewish denominations but we come together to celebrate holidays and to pray to G-d.

Rav Kook, the first Chief Rabbi of Israel was asked, "Why are you going to talk and lecture to those Jews in kibbutzim when they don't believe in G-d and don't observe any of our mitzvot?" Kook replied, "The Second Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed, according to the Talmud, because of free hatred among brothers. I prefer to practice free love among brothers." Gai ben David practiced free love during the short time he was with us. He was always hugging people and saying, "Do you know I love you, right?"

Those were his words to our congregation when on that Shabbat morning he was called to the Torah; he asked if he could say a few words. He was grateful and with tears in his eyes he said, "I love you all, I am proud to be a Jew."

May his life and memory continue to inspire us.

With blessings,  
Rabbi Alberto (Baruch) Zeilicovich  
*(for more about Gai see page 4)*

## Ladies' Auxiliary and Men's Club

### Game Night!

Saturday, January 30  
at 7:00 p.m.  
Here at the Shul



**טו בשבת**

## Religious School Tu B'Shevat Seder

Sunday,  
January 31

Watch for more Information!

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



*Shalom, Chevre and Shanah Tova!*

A strange greeting for the dead of winter? As Jews we usually reserve the greeting of Happy New Year for the fall when we celebrate *Rosh Hashanah*. According to the *Torah*, *Rosh Hashanah* is celebrated on the first day of the seventh month.

That means that the first day of the first month, the calendar “new year” would be the *Nissan I*, in the spring. But we don’t stop there. We celebrate the new year for tithing animals on *Elul I* (in August) and we can’t forget the new year of trees, *Tu B’Shevat*, celebrated on *Shevat 15*. Why does the *Torah* give us so many new years to observe and to celebrate?

*Rosh Hashanah* is a time of spiritual renewal. We try to do better by committing to follow God’s laws more closely and to treat each other with more love, compassion and understanding. When *Tu B’Shevat* rolls around we are reminded that we have an obligation to be stewards of the environment. We plant trees as a part of our commitment to *Tikun Olam*, the completion and preservation of God’s creation. As *Nissan I* arrives, we see our world once again beginning to turn green. Trees begin to bud, flowers start to bloom. We go out to work in our yards and gardens and we are awed by the miracles of God’s creation. Each of the new year celebrations that the *Torah* presents to us is another way of connecting with God and God’s creation.

So, where does this leave January 1? As Jews, what can we glean from the celebration of the secular new year? I believe that the January 1 can offer an important opportunity to the Jewish community.

The *Torah* teaches (Deuteronomy 14:22), “You shall surely tithe all the produce of your seed which your field puts forth every year.” In modern terms, give a tenth of your income to charity, to help the community and those less fortunate than you. The *Tanach* and the *Talmud* remind us over and over again that what we have is given by God and that for acting charitably and sharing our wealth, God will reward us. You might ask, “What does any of this have to do with January 1?” Our wonderful government here in the United States made January 1 the beginning of our tax year. It is a time when people think about their incomes and their obligations. One of the ways for all of us at Ahavath Sholom to celebrate the secular new year is to find new ways to support and strengthen our synagogue family. Financial donations are always welcome and this is the perfect time to plan out your giving for 2010. But in the cold of the winter, when outside activities are so limited, it is also a great time for us to find time to do volunteer projects that will benefit the shul and add meaning to our lives. Contact a Director or Officer of our congregation and find out how you can do more for Ahavath Sholom.

By the way, 2010 offers us a bonus! Since New Year’s Day falls on a Friday, make a commitment to attend *minyán* on Friday morning, January 1<sup>st</sup> or, if you are out partying too long and hard on New Year’s Eve, come to *Kabbalat Shabbat* services on Friday night or *Shabbat* services on Saturday morning. What a wonderful way to kick-off 2010!

B’Shalom,  
Garry Kahalnik

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Wow! A semester completed. Our children have grown in such a short time. We are so proud of their successes. They took every opportunity to be victorious like the Maccabees. Please continue to take advantage of all the opportunities given at CAS to grow in Judaism.

A special thank you to our Religious School Students for doing a great job making the Special Door Decorations for Ms. Hedy’s Senior Program. Kudos to Sarah Silverberg for volunteering at the Senior Lunch. We are proud of you. A Mitzvah Opportunity.

A very special thank you to Sarah Silverberg and Hannah Stansbury for helping at the Hanukkah House on December 6—your expertise in Dreidel Game was SUPER; we appreciate your CAS representation. Another MITZVAH OPPORTUNITY, plus it was loads of fun.

Our very own 5th Graders will participate in a Class Mitzvah Project by supporting the Meals on Wheels Program. They will be paying for one week’s meals for a person in our Fort Worth Community. The students will collect *tzedakah* within their class to pay for this project. What a SUPER MITZVAH OPPORTUNITY! HELPING OTHERS.

Our Religious School works monthly on one type of Mitzvah Project or another. It is important for our children to have an understanding of “What is a Mitzvah?” and “How can one do a Mitzvah?” The point is to make doing mitzvot a life-long practice. Help your children be a part of these special opportunities.

Look for a new program starting in January. What, you ask, may that be? We will honor those participating and show completion of a mitzvah. We will call this special program A Mitzvah Moment. Watch for updates.

Have you been to Torah Troop lately? Oh my goodness, our students are spectacular! Please join us twice monthly. It will be an experience you won’t forget. Our future CAS leadership is in the making.

A BIG HUG & THANK YOU TO THE MEN’S CLUB FOR  
SPONSORING THE  
GREAT HOT DOG/POTATO LATKE LUNCH.

THE LADIES AUXILLIARY HAS INDEED BEEN AS  
GENEROUS WITH SPONSORING THE  
GELT & DREIDELS FOR OUR HANUKKAH DAY  
PROGRAM & THEY HAVE PREPARED A SPECIAL AREA  
FOR OUR AUCTION ITEMS. PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO  
RUN IN & VISIT OUR GIFT SHOP

You can help out with our auction by purchasing an item. We thank you in advance—oh, another MITZVAH OPPORTUNITY!

LASTLY, THANK YOU PARENTS  
FOR ALWAYS SUPPORTING OUR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL,  
WE APPRECIATE YOU.

Have a great break. We return for Religious School on Sunday, January 6, 2010 and the Wednesday session resumes on January 10. Look for postcard updates.

Most sincerely,

Ann Cobert

## Statement from the Rabbinical Assembly Regarding The Denial of a Jewish Burial for 13-Year-Old Gai Ben-David in Madrid

December 14, 2009 (New York, NY) – This past week, 13-year-old Gai Ben-David died in Madrid, Spain from the brain cancer he had been fighting for a quarter of his young life. Born of a non-Jewish mother and converted by a Conservative rabbi in a halakhic ceremony, the pain of his untimely death was shortly compounded by the shocking news that he would not be granted the right to be buried as a Jew.

The arbiter of this unconscionable decision is Rabbi Shlomo Amar, the Sephardic Chief Rabbi of Israel, whose counsel was sought by the Orthodox Chief Rabbi of Madrid. Rabbi Amar ruled that because of the non-Orthodox conversion of Gai, he had to be buried in a section of the Madrid cemetery reserved for those whose Judaism is questionable.

The news of Rabbi Amar's decree rippled throughout the Jewish and non-Jewish world, evoking horror in all people of conscience. The following is a statement by the Rabbinical Assembly, the worldwide association of Conservative and Masorti rabbis, who stand in solidarity with the Ben-David family at this painful time and in the face of this outrageous ruling:

As rabbis of the Conservative/Masorti movement, we are honored that the family of Gai Ben-David found a home within our community.

Converted as a young child by Rabbi Baruch Zeilicovich, Gai Ben-David celebrated his bar mitzvah this past June at Congregation Ahavath Sholom in Fort Worth, Texas – Rabbi Zeilicovich's synagogue. In the words of Gai's father, Zohar Ben-David, the name of the synagogue was apt because his son was an "ohev shalom v'rodeph shalom" – a pursuer and a lover of peace.

We are dismayed that this exemplary Jewish boy, a student of the Colegio Estrella Ibn Gabirol in Madrid, was not permitted a burial in the main section of Madrid's Jewish cemetery as Rabbi Amar erroneously declared his halakhic conversion to be insufficient to bury him where he belongs.

Because the Conservative/Masorti movement is a worldwide community of committed, passionate Jews, the Ben-David family is greatly supported in this time of their loss. Gai's relationship with Rabbi Zeilicovich began when he was a child in Bogota, Colombia and continued when he journeyed to Texas this summer to have his beloved rabbi perform his bar mitzvah. Gai's conversion—which included *brit leshem gerut* and *mikveh* (ritual circumcision and immersion in a ritual bath) is an unimpeachably kosher and halakhic as any conversion offered in the world – including those supervised by Orthodox rabbis, such as Rabbi Amar.

In Gai's memory, we remind ourselves that the Jewish People are one people bound together by common history and practice. We therefore not only take great offense at Rabbi Amar's incorrect and inhumane interpretation of Jewish law; we also abhor this misuse of power that has increased the suffering of a Jewish family grieving the loss of a child.

For further information about this statement or the Rabbinical Assembly, please contact Shira Dicker at 917.403.3989 or by email at [shira.dicker@sd-media.com](mailto:shira.dicker@sd-media.com).

## Conservatives decry Amar's "outside the wall" ruling

THE JERUSALEM POST, December 17, 2009

By Matthew Wagner

The Rabbinical Assembly—the international association of Conservative rabbis—has issued a sharp condemnation of a ruling by Sephardi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Amar that rejected Conservative conversions.

Amar ruled that 13-year-old Gai ben-David, who passed away last Friday and was buried on Sunday, could not be interred in the main section of Madrid's Jewish cemetery because he had been converted in a Conservative ceremony.

The story was first reported in *The Jerusalem Post* on Monday.

"We are dismayed that this exemplary Jewish boy, a student of the Colegio Estrella Ibn Gabirol in Madrid, was not permitted a burial in the main section of Madrid's Jewish cemetery, as Rabbi Amar erroneously declared his halakhic conversion to be insufficient to bury him where he belongs," declared the rabbis in a press statement on Tuesday signed by the assembly's executive vice president Rabbi Julie Schonfeld and president Rabbi Jeffrey A. Wohlberg.

"The news of Rabbi Amar's decree rippled throughout the Jewish and non-Jewish world, evoking horror in all people of conscience," the rabbis wrote.

Ben-David, who died of a brain tumor, was buried in a section of the cemetery separated by a row of trees, in accordance with Amar's ruling.

## Chevra Kadisha Dinner

February 14, 2010  
at 6:15 p.m.

Honoring Those Who Serve  
Our Community

The volunteer members of the  
**Chevra Kadisha Society**  
and  
**Cemetery Committee**

\$20 per person

Please call the  
Shul Office for your reservation(s)  
817-731-4721

More fun from the Noach Program



### Ina Singer and Shayna Punim

Ina out-did herself this year with not one costume but two! Handmade—with love!



Here is Shayna— Ready for fall in her white outfit with orange trim and matching hat. After a brief wardrobe change—

### Voile!

The Princess is here in all her beauty. Shayna's crown is lilac with pretty pink roses and seems to have enough "diamonds" to please any girl. Her gown is lilac and purple then trimmed in white eyelet lace and finished with a tiny gold necklace.



What will Shayna wear next year?



# The Jewish Education Agency's Bubbe and Zayde Honorees

The Jewish Education Agency announces this year's Bubbe and Zayde (grandparents) Honorees. Ilene and Jerry Zenick will be recognized on Sunday, January 31, 2010 for their extraordinary dedication and service to Jewish education and Jewish day camp for the past thirty years.

"Our community has benefited immensely from the efforts of Ilene and Jerry. Their quiet steady support combined with their professional talents has enabled families and especially children to experience the joys of being Jewish. Whether it was Jerry rolling up his sleeves to make holiday celebrations happen or "Miss" Ilene's creative classroom activities, they have enriched our lives tremendously," stated Rebecca Isgur, JEA board member.

According to Dr. Jennifer Ratner, JEA Fundraising Chair, "We are thrilled to be honoring the Zenicks. Ilene taught at Lil Goldman for 16 years and Jerry served as DDJCC president in the 1980's. Now they really are a Bubbe and Zayde with their granddaughter Madison being a Lil Goldman student and Camp Shalom camper. Our honorary chairs, Patty and Elliott Garsek, have a special distinction with the Lil Goldman pre-school. Elliott was among the first students, their children attended as well, and their grandchild-to-be is enrolled."

In preparation for this wonderful event, the committee is very busy gathering names and photos of Ilene's former students, as well as photos of Jerry and his former JCC teammates. There has been a *Facebook* profile created for Lil Goldman Early Learning Center to check out happenings at the school and information about this wonderful tribute event. You can find information on *Facebook* at "Lil Goldman Early Learning Center/ JEA/ Camp Shalom/ Hebrew Day School".

If you, your children, or grandchildren were among Ilene's students, if you played sports with Jerry, if you volunteered with either of them on a committee or board of the Dan Dancinger Jewish Community Center, B'nai Brith, Jewish Women International, or any other organization, the JEA wants you to be a part of this tribute event. A tribute committee has been formed which includes the following members: David and Greta Beckerman, Larry and Gail Berlin, Leon Brachman, Harry and Carol Bulbrook, Hedy Collins, Alvin and Jaclyn Daiches, Dr. Jason and Alice Finkelstein, Al Faigin, D.O., Dr. Nancy Faigin, Charlie and Cathy Freid, Dr. David and Elizabeth

Friedman, Elliott and Patty Garsek, Jeff and Barbara Gilbert, Tricia Haber, Ben and Suzie Herman, Gary and Shoshana Howard, Ben and Shoshana Isgur, Stuart and Rebecca Isgur, Jeff and Randee Kaitcer, Stephen and Valerie Kaye, Matthew and Diana Krompass, Dr. Stan and Marcia Kurtz, Dr. Cory and Neta Mandel, Amy Matejka, Kendra McCown, Rafael and Marina Michan, Drs. Bruce and Etta Miller, Hal and Dr. Jennifer Ratner, Sam Reznikoff, Debby Rice, Sam and Joan Rosen, Mark and Naomi Rosenfield, Al and Rose Sankary, Rick and Karen Savitz, Carol Schwartz, Daniel and Blanca Sherwin, Ken and Felice Sherwin, Robert and Cindy Simon, Nancy Spiegel, Sheila Stocker, Dr. Bruce and Hollace Weiner, Lon and Laurie Werner, and Rabbi Alberto (Baruch) and Graciela Zeilicovich. This extensive group of community members is representative of the love, respect, and appreciation for the Zenicks.

The event committee is creating a tribute book, which will reflect our community's gratitude for their service. Photos and personal messages will be available to the entire community and distributed at the event. The evening will be a most memorable one, beginning with wine and cheese in the Lil Goldman Early Learning Center school wing at Congregation Ahavath Sholom, with progression to a sit-down dinner. Several presentations will be made followed by a delicious dessert buffet, just the way a Bubbe would want it.

As an added bonus, the JEA will draw a winning raffle ticket for a week (July 3-10, 2010) at a fabulous beachside resort in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Tickets are being sold 1 for \$10.00 and 12 for \$100.00. Ticket sellers will be happy to show you pictures of the property.

Best of all, all proceeds from the tribute book and raffle will help the JEA's Tuition/Campership Program. These are difficult times for many Jewish families and we will not turn them away. With your help and support we will continue to provide the only intensive Jewish education programs and Jewish Summer Day Camp experience in Tarrant County.

This is an opportunity for us to come together, to honor deserving people and in the process to do the "right thing" for our children. Let's do it!

For additional information on purchasing ads, raffle tickets, or tickets to the event, please contact Lil Goldman Early Learning Center at **(817) 737-9898**.



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# CELEBRATIONS

## Birthdays

2-Jan	Carol-Ann Schwartz	10-Jan	Bernard Appel	21-Jan	Loli Kantor
3-Jan	Earl Givant	11-Jan	Elaine Daiches	22-Jan	Marc Barnett
4-Jan	Marcia Garoon	12-Jan	Daniel Russakov	22-Jan	Nancy Faigin
4-Jan	Howard Lackman	13-Jan	Hedy Collins	22-Jan	Red Goldstein
5-Jan	Ellen Appel	13-Jan	Linda Kahalnik	22-Jan	Jack Miller
5-Jan	Tommy Paul	13-Jan	Ina Singer	22-Jan	Jeffrey Tetenbaum
5-Jan	Mark Ulrich	15-Jan	Eleonora Bond	23-Jan	David Beckerman
6-Jan	Ann Cobert	15-Jan	Carl Morgan	23-Jan	Michael Dworkin
6-Jan	Jane Cohen	17-Jan	Greta Beckerman	24-Jan	Edrie Goldstein
6-Jan	Linda Hochster	17-Jan	Etta Miller	25-Jan	Cecily Renov
6-Jan	Rafael Michan	18-Jan	Louis Cristol	26-Jan	Aleksandr Gershengoren
7-Jan	Shoshana Howard	19-Jan	Arnold Barkman	27-Jan	Leon Gachman
7-Jan	Lea Varelans	19-Jan	Valerie Kaye	28-Jan	Gerry Brown
8-Jan	Rochelle Moses	19-Jan	Harry Labovitz	29-Jan	Rebecca Isgur
8-Jan	Elaine Moss	19-Jan	H. Gary Stoddard	29-Jan	Arlene Lamark
9-Jan	Marc Cohen	20-Jan	Allen Schuster	29-Jan	Alvin Luskey
9-Jan	Jerry Stein	21-Jan	Talya Galaganov	29-Jan	Rose Sankary
				29-Jan	Ricki Schuster

## Wedding Anniversaries

	Years	
1-Jan	Jerry and Robin Stein	36
6-Jan	Robert and Marilyn Hyer	42
12-Jan	Jeffrey and Nancy Tetenbaum	41
13-Jan	Marvin and Laurie Blum	31
14-Jan	James and Elaine Stanton	22
16-Jan	Leon and Eleanor Gachman	72
18-Jan	Daniel and Daina Eckles	18
19-Jan	Al and Sylvia Wexler	63
25-Jan	Larry and Elaine Daiches	40
28-Jan	Jack and Joyce Gerrick	54
29-Jan	Barry and Dolores Schneider	43
30-Jan	Bernard and Rochelle Moses	33

## Children's Birthdays

1-Jan	Shunit Yaacobi	17-Jan	Netta Horowitz
2-Jan	Mallory Paul	17-Jan	Maayan Krompass
8-Jan	Melanie Smith	19-Jan	Misty Berman
9-Jan	Emily Cobert	22-Jan	Noah Eckles
11-Jan	Matthew Bumpus	25-Jan	Michael Fine
17-Jan	Sarah Alpert	28-Jan	Emily Bernstein
		30-Jan	Ariella Listig

Our Thanks—We Love You—to the dedicated bulletin Volunteers for their time and help in preparing the Bulletin for mailing. Joe Klein—thank you for always doing the proof-reading and for catching *all* of our mistakes. Shuggie Cohen, Pearl McFarland, Joe Coggan, Carmen Ledeman, Peter Ledeman, Sal Mitrani and Sid Roston—thank you for dropping everything else to fold and label over 400 copies of the bulletin!

## Our Condolences

To Shuggie Cohen and his family on the loss of his brother, Walter Cohen.

To Jetti, Kim and David Cole on the loss of Kim's father, Norris Cole.

To Ann and Marc Neerman on the loss of Ann's sister, Terry Noah.

## Gravestone Unveilings

Carolyn Rubin—10:15 a.m., Sunday, January 10  
Dr. Philip Sheinberg—10:30 a.m., Sunday, January 10

## Mazel Tov

To Frances and Dr. Richard Marks on the birth of their grandson, Zachery.

## Help Make our Shabbat Kiddush Table the Talk of the Town!

*Since this is the time of year when people may have received gifts of liquor that they will never use, we thought it a good time to suggest recycling those gifts. If you have sealed bottles of liquor that are just collecting dust in your cabinet or bar, why not donate them to the shul for use at the Shabbat Kiddush table. Whiskies, Vodkas, Tequillas, Rums (anything without flavorings) or liqueurs with hechshers will be gratefully accepted. If you have any questions, contact Elsie Blum or Garry Kahalnik at the shul office.*

# Yahrzeits

**Friday, January 1  
15 Tevet**

Sidney Cohen  
Aberaham Goldman  
William W. Goldstein  
Hyman Kornbleet  
Hannah Sandler  
Sol Suskin

**Saturday, January 2  
16 Tevet**

David Horn  
Al Kaplan  
Louis Katz  
Tobias Oruch  
Ruth Tovin  
Hanna Widerhorn

**Sunday, January 3  
17 Tevet**

Samuel Davis  
L.G. Gilbert  
Harry Murad  
Minna Shosid

**Monday, January 4  
18 Tevet**

Elliott Appel  
Dave Hyman Lewis  
Lena Lurie  
Robert Mothner  
Morris Star  
Max Weinberg  
Dorene Zilberg

**Tuesday, January 5  
19 Tevet**

Harry Blackstone  
Rebecca Finkelstein  
William N. Goone  
Esther Gryder  
Nettie Klemow  
Andrew Kutler  
Solomon Kutler  
Abraham Rothfleisch  
Beatrice Schwartz

**Wednesday, January 6  
20 Tevet**

Nettie Bailin  
Marilou Berman  
Mary Schuster Friedman  
Mona Golin  
Max Greenberg  
Hannah Weber Sandler  
Sylvia Schweiger

**Thursday, January 7  
21 Tevet**

Stanley Barnett  
David Falkowitz  
Bessie Fendler  
Jenny Weiss

**Friday, January 8  
22 Tevet**

George Joseph  
Mike Rovinsky  
Max Rubin  
Irv Solomon  
Joseph Wolffson

**Saturday, January 9  
23 Tevet**

Julius Bailin  
Louis Engler  
Lyusya Gutman Falkovich  
Rabbi Philip Graubart  
Lola Kantor  
Benjamin Kaplan  
Irving Leva  
Rose Luskey  
Charles K. Raker  
Hyman Sankary  
Barry Stern

**Sunday, January 10  
24 Tevet**

Abraham Baum  
William Beleck  
Charlsa Sarvis Church  
Morris Cohen  
Louis Engelberg  
Jerome Kantor  
Sylvia Krakover  
Rose Label  
Philip Sheinberg

**Monday, January 11  
25 Tevet**

Anne Cohen  
Lieba Deborah Daiches  
Samuel Steve Deifik  
Lillie Herman Deutch  
Anna Gurkoff  
Abe Hertz  
Yale Kahalnik  
Julius Solomon

**Tuesday, January 12  
26 Tevet**

Leopold Cohen  
Rose Fuller  
Jeno Lacko  
Jennie Motley  
Ethel Walensky  
Edward Weeker

**Wednesday, January 13  
27 Tevet**

Julius Cohn  
Easer Falkowitz  
Stanley Feinberg  
Anna Friedman  
Sophya Nosanovskaya  
Gertrude Pozez  
Dena Rabinowitz  
Sophie Rovinsky  
Morris Weinberg  
Leon Weingarten

**Thursday, January 14  
28 Tevet**

Gad Cuperman  
Myer Oberstein  
Pauline Oberstein  
Bertha Wolf  
Sarah Zodon

**Friday, January 15  
29 Tevet**

Lillie Cohen Anton  
Harriet Hava Belcher  
Hilda Blum  
Blanche Abrams Goldberg  
Sidney Korenman  
Sidney Skibell  
Norman Spigel

**Saturday, January 16  
1 Shevat**

Nathan Ginsberg  
Jacob Goldberg  
Harold Goodman  
Gertie Salsberg  
Lillian Brod Towne

**Sunday, January 17  
2 Shevat**

Yetta Fein  
Elisa Mitrani  
Harry Rovinsky  
Isidor Sack

**Monday, January 18  
3 Shevat**

Julius Cohen  
Eli Echert  
Bella Falkovich  
Burnhardt Faine  
Helen Friedman  
Norman W. Rudman  
Sam Simon

**Tuesday, January 19  
4 Shevat**

Herbert Blackman  
Sara Faro  
Ida Goldstein  
Nat Gray  
Abe Mitchell Herman  
Martin Pawgan  
Joseph Sher  
Bella Victor

**Wednesday, January 20  
5 Shevat**

Joseph C. Jacobs  
Emanuel Kaikow

**Thursday, January 21  
6 Shevat**

Leo Berman  
Marcia Bockstein  
Eva Cooper  
Saul Gresky  
Irving Levinson  
Ike Sandler

**Friday, January 22  
7 Shevat**

Marcos Hazan-Cohen  
Lillian Klotzman  
Sol Stepinoff  
Gertrude Levin Weinstein

**Saturday, January 23  
8 Shevat**

Donald Herman  
Aaron Sandler

**Sunday, January 24  
9 Shevat**

Rachel Leah Bernstein  
Nathan Falkowitz  
Jacob Goodstein  
Lena Persky  
Max Robin  
Baruch Vinokurov

**Monday, January 25  
10 Shevat**

Harvey Gilbert  
Sam Gilbert  
Max E. Goldberg  
Leonard Gordon  
Leo Kahn

**Tuesday, January 26  
11 Shevat**

Meyer Attias  
Edith Simon Kornbleet  
Dorothea Weinstein

**Wednesday, January 27  
12 Shevat**

Ann Herzfeld  
Florence Sherman  
Michael Shlizerman  
Max Slovin  
Sol Witt

**Thursday, January 28  
13 Shevat**

Eva Engler  
Kalman Givant  
Minnie Klorfine  
Sam Menscher  
Colleen Owen  
Arthur H. Rosenthal  
Ben Rubin  
Esther Schwartz  
Saul Schwartz  
Jimmy Wisch  
Joe Zoblotsky

**Friday, January 29  
14 Shevat**

Shirley Cowan

**Saturday, January 30  
15 Shevat**

Etta Blum  
Milton Carey  
Etta Rebeccah Freeman  
Julius Glickman  
Charles Hurwitz  
Sam Hurwitz  
Reva Lustig  
Lazer Meyer  
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# January 2010 Y 14 Tevet to 16 Shevat 5770

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					15 Tevet 9:00 a.m. Holiday minyan time Happy Secular New Year! The Shul Office will be closed all day.	16 Tevet  Veyechi
7 Tevet	18 Tevet	19 Tevet 9:30 a.m.—Hebrew Class 10:30 a.m.—For Women Only with Rabbi Z. 1:00 p.m.—Mahjongg	20 Tevet 1:30 p.m. Jewish Archives in the CAS Library  Religious School	21 Tevet 1:00 p.m. Spanish Class	22 Tevet	23 Tevet 9:30 a.m. Torah Troop  Shemot
24 Tevet Gravestone unveiling for Carolyn Rubin (10:15 a.m.) and Dr. Philip Sheinberg (10:30 a.m.)  Religious School	25 Tevet	26 Tevet 9:30 a.m.—Hebrew Class 10:30 a.m.—For Women Only with Rabbi Z. 1:00 p.m.—Mahjongg	27 Tevet 1:30 p.m. Jewish Archives in the CAS Library 7:00 p.m. Adult Education  Religious School	28 Tevet 1:00 p.m. Spanish Class	29 Tevet	1 Shevat Bat Mitzvah of Amanda Leventhal  Va'era <b>Rosh Chodesh</b>
2 Shevat 3:30 p.m. Film—"Praying with Lior"  Religious School	3 Shevat 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting	4 Shevat 9:30 a.m.—Hebrew Class 10:30 a.m.—For Women Only with Rabbi Z. 1:00 p.m.—Mahjongg	5 Shevat 1:30 p.m. Jewish Archives in the CAS Library  Religious School	6 Shevat 1:00 p.m. Spanish Class	7 Shevat	8 Shevat 9:30 a.m. Torah Troop  Bo
9 Shevat Religious School	10 Shevat	11 Shevat 9:30 a.m.—Hebrew Class 10:30 a.m.—For Women Only with Rabbi Z. 1:00 p.m.—Mahjongg	12 Shevat 1:30 p.m. Jewish Archives in the CAS Library  Religious School	13 Shevat 1:00 p.m. Spanish Class	14 Shevat 6:00 p.m. Sound of Music Shabbat	15 Shevat Tu B'Shevat 7:30 p.m.—Men's Club and Ladies' Auxiliary Bowl!  Beshalach Shabbat Shirah
16 Shevat RS Tu B'Shevat Seder	<b>Schedule of Services</b>					
Religious School	Kabbalat Shabbat (Friday)		6:00 PM	Sunday and National Holiday Morning		9:00 AM
	Shabbat Morning (Saturday)		9:30 AM	Sunday - Thursday Evening		6:00 PM
	Monday - Friday Morning		6:55 AM	Rosh Chodesh (New Month)		6:45 AM
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