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**The Learning Service: What Is It?**



Some of you have asked why do we have this Monthly Learning Service in the first place? Why is it not held in the Main Sanctuary? Why are we splitting up the congregation when this service takes place once a month?

Some, who have never attended this service, say we do not like it so we go elsewhere on that Shabbat. And some prefer

this service to the regular one. And then there are those who only attend this service and no other. Whew! There is no way of winning this one. So let me explain why we do it.

A synagogue is made up of different kinds of people with different backgrounds and needs. We are not a monolithic group. There are those who want a traditional service, all in Hebrew, and there are those who find such a service boring and one that does not speak to them. They want more English in the service. They want to understand what they are doing and why.

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We would appreciate it if you could please send  
in the following information:**

- 1. Your English name**
- 2. Your parents' Hebrew names**
- 3. English and Hebrew names of your children**

**Please print clearly. Thank you.**

## Exciting Times!

This is by far the most exciting time I have seen at HTAA. I feel so lucky to be in this position at such a pivotal point in our history.

True, we are sad to see a chapter come to a close with the retirement of Rabbi Landman. Without a doubt, the end of the background “tasks” that Gila has quietly done over all these years will leave a void. But I know that we are honoring our Rabbi’s retirement in ways in which all of us -- members and extended family members -- will be able to take great pride. We are lucky to have Abbe Levin heading up this task of putting on a gala that will honor the Landmans’ contributions not only to HTAA but to the community as well. Working with Abbe first hand, I can tell you that she knows her stuff. I don’t want to let too many details out of the bag, but ... we are expecting a large turnout for the June 10, 2012 event. The lunch affair will be held at a gorgeous facility in Potomac. I’m currently working on a mind-blowing website that will take both reservations and journal ads. In the next few weeks you will be receiving “hold-the-date” information. We are also going to be asking for photos and video clips to be used in a tribute. I’ll keep you posted as details are finalized.

## But what’s next?

You must be talking about the rabbi search! This started out as a depressing task. How does one go about replacing Rabbi Landman? As I have written in the past, MANY people wanted to be on the “search committee” – but I had to choose only a few. I’m proud of the process and, I have to say, surprised at the progress of the committee. One of the reasons committees are delayed is inadequate communications. Sure, a committee will have disagreements, but if you can’t get everyone to the table at the same time it just takes a long time. We have employed web technology, such as a secure blog, Skype, and Call Recorder for Skype, but what has made this process so successful is the sheer dedication of the committee members.

## Where does the process stand?

I get asked that a lot. I’m happy to report that we have received inquiries from numerous highly qualified candidates, including many who could each be a fine selection for our congregation. But what is EXCITING is that we have several candidates that have that WOW factor. This is why I’m so confident that our future looks so BRIGHT! There are so many features already in place at HTAA that are attracting the cream of the crop to our “little” congregation. Our history and past decisions have been converted to real assets that are going to leapfrog us into our next chapter.

## Don’t forget about what is happening now...

I’m sure you have seen and read the ambitious programming Rabbi Landman has laid out through June. Find out more on our website [www.htaa.org](http://www.htaa.org) or call the office and we will mail you another copy of the brochure.

Keep in touch –

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LANDMAN’S GALA  
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## The Four Mitzvot of Purim

By Rabbi Reuben Landman

*Purim* is a time of joy and gladness. But there are also some serious themes to consider. I have tried to condense and organize the meaning and observance of *Purim* into four basic *mitzvot* and provide some food (*Hamentashen*) for thought. Here is my recipe:

**The first mitzvah is the Hearing of the Megillah** - the Scroll containing the Biblical Book of Esther. It is chanted in a special Trope (cantillation) and describes the background of the holiday. We remember how Haman sought to destroy the Jewish people and the things we stand for. Neither the Jew nor Jewish values, however, would be wiped off the face of history. The Almighty has other plans. In the Reading and in the Hearing, which is obligatory upon every man, woman and child, we relive our history and recapture our destiny. Haman, like the mask worn on *Purim*, is still around, masquerading himself in a variety of modern-day shapes and forms. The struggle goes on, and we continually affirm that with G-d's help the Jewish people will go on and that the good in us will outlast all the evil that is around us

**The second mitzvah is called - Shalach Manot** - sending portions of food to friends. A minimum of two items, either baked goods or cooked foods or sweets or fruit or drink, are presented as a gift to a minimum of one

other person. The purpose of the *mitzvah* is to underscore the importance of friendship and the family/community spirit of Judaism. Rabbi Isaac Luria stressed the importance of this *mitzvah*. He especially emphasized the need to use the occasion to end enmity and discord. Therefore, he suggested that *Shalach Manot* become a means of making a friend out of a foe, as well as a statement of our desire to deepen the relationships and friendships we already cherish.

**The third mitzvah is - Matonot Laevyonim** - gifts (charity) to the poor. At least two needy persons or worthy causes must be remembered on *Purim* day itself. The originator of the custom is Mordechai. In gratitude for the miraculous saving of the Jews, he instructed us to send gifts to the needy. Mordechai teaches: How do we show gratitude and joy? By helping to improve the lot of others.

**The last mitzvah on Purim is the - Seudah** - the special feast shared at home with family and friends. *Purim* is a time of joy and gladness, a time of sharing, feasting, and celebrating. We come together, once again, to strengthen the most important bonds we have - those in our own home.

On behalf of myself, my family and the entire staff of the Synagogue, I wish you all a happy and joyous *Purim*. □



### Purim Service Schedule

#### Fast of Esther and Services

**Wednesday, March 7**

**Fast begins, 5:12 am**

**Morning Service, 8:00 am** (That's more like it!)

**Mincha, 1:00 pm**

**Fast ends, 6:48 pm** (Start eating again with low fat, low cholesterol, and high fiber snacks - Yeah! Right!)

**Evening Service, 6:45 pm**

**Reading of the Megillah, 7:00 pm**

Bring your children, grandchildren, and any-

body else who will come with you to the *Megillah* Reading. It is fun. It is serious. It is a *mitzvah* to hear it read!

Children and adults are encouraged to **come in costume**. **A SPECIAL GUEST** will be with us.

The Sisterhood will be supplying the **groggers** and **hamentashen**. Yum! Yum!

#### Services for Purim Day

**Thursday, March 8**

And you thought you were finished last night!

Guess what? The *Megillah* is read again this morning.

**Morning Services & Megillah Reading, 7:30 am**

**Evening Services, 5:55 pm** □

## Congregation Har Tzeon-Agudath Achim

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**Wednesday, February 8, 2012**



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Please send your list of names, the form on this page, and \$4.00 per name to: Susan Baker, 13007 Freeland Road, Rockville, MD 20853 to arrive NO LATER than February 17, 2012. Or e-mail the names to [zeldanurse@verizon.net](mailto:zeldanurse@verizon.net) and send the check separately. Sue will not process any forms or e-mails that arrive late.

For those who receive one or two gifts, we will mail one of our beautiful, newly designed, Hava Seltzer cards with the names of the donors. If you prefer to receive a card instead of a box, just tell Sue.

You may send these same beautiful cards to wish a Happy Purim to friends, family and out-of-town members of HTAA. Just tell Sue Baker how many blank cards you want, at \$4.00 per card, and mail her the check. Blank Cards are 10 for \$25.00. If you want cards sent out for you, Sue Baker must receive names and addresses no later than March 6, 2012, along with a check. Her address is 13007 Freeland Rd., Rockville, MD 20853.

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## Celebrating Chanukah at HTAA



## Light in the Darkness

by Sharon Wolfson, ECC Director  
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Have you ever thought about the differences between things that occur in nature and things that are man-made? For several months, our children have been doing just that. When we are outside, they have the opportunity to explore the wonders of nature; from the acorn to the oak tree, to the oak leaf that falls to the ground in October, they marvel at the cycles of nature. Their excitement as seeds sprout into plants which then become edible herbs and vegetables, is an annual treat. They are also keenly aware that many things we see and use every day do not grow in nature.

To show the differences, we have created two large wall hangings. One is a collection of natural things collected mostly from the outdoors. It includes acorns, twigs, seeds and beans, corks, shells, and sand, to name a few. Our other board is made up of man-made products such as screws, buttons and electronic parts.

When we studied the story of Creation, we learned that G-d created the world and all that is in it. Finally, G-d created people. We learned that we (people) are G-d's helpers; it is up to us to help care for all that has been created. We like to thank G-d for all of the beautiful things we see every day when we go outside. We also like to thank G-d for giving us our imaginations that let us create our own masterpieces.

We hope you will visit to see our creation.

L'hitraot,  
Sharon Wolfson, ECC Director □

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## There Is a Lot Going On At Sisterhood

by Evelyn Block and Carole Perlin

Evelyn Block, Co-President, [fblock@rcn.com](mailto:fblock@rcn.com); Carole Perlin, Co-President, [epcp1122@aol.com](mailto:epcp1122@aol.com)

Sisterhood began the winter with a very busy December. A Rosh Chodesh discussion, held on December 4th, was very well attended. As usual, we all enjoyed Gila Landman's presentation.

A yearly tradition, the preparation of Hanukah bags, took place on December 18th. A total of 199 bags were filled. These were distributed to Jewish residents of non-Jewish nursing homes. Chuck Rich, noted film critic, provided some stimulating moments. As always, Lillian Goldberg did a terrific job organizing and planning this program.

In February, not only is Sisterhood having a Rosh Chodesh session, but they also will be preparing Shalach Manot bags for Purim as well. Sharon Cohany will host the Rosh Chodesh session on **February 12th**. Sue Baker is getting a group together on **February 26th** to prepare the Purim bags that our Congregation enjoys.

March is also going to be a busy month. On **March 4th**, the Seaboard Region Torah Fund Dessert will be held at 2:00 pm in Baltimore at Chizuk Amuno Congregation. Rabbi Marc Wolf, JTS Vice-Chancellor will be the guest speaker. Cost for the dessert and program is \$18.00; \$36.00 is the minimum Torah Fund pledge. R.S.V.P. deadline is **February 21st**. Please contact Larelda Gruber, Torah Fund Chair, for additional information.

Of course, in March we all will be celebrating Purim, a holiday noted for lots of fun and good eating. Sisterhood and the Men's Club are planning a special program on **March 25th**. (More information to follow.)

In April, Sisterhood will hold elections (**April 22nd**), as well as a Rosh Chodesh session at the home of Sue Baker on **April 29th**.

Sisterhood's recipe card project may become a specialized cookbook specifically aimed at people who wish to follow

a kosher diet while under treatment for such diverse medical problems as cancer, heart disease, and high blood pressure. There will also be recipes for vegetarians, vegans, and those who require a gluten-free diet. We would also like to help others who require special diets. If you would like to participate in this project, please contact Evelyn Block (301-649-3538) or Stacy Roy (301-460-1368).

Don't forget that you can start or renew your subscription to the Jewish Week by contacting Muriel Breger (301-598-0217).

### A Happy Ending

Near the cut-off date, things started to fall into place, and my worrying was needless. We received some donations of fabric, and Sisterhood bought some additional fabric. With the bought snacks and the donated toiletries, we were able to deliver bags to 199 residents in twelve nursing homes. In 2012, it may be wise to bring items into the office throughout the year, and I'll pick them up. Once again, Fred and Barbara Sitkoff were a tremendous help, boxing the bags and helping with the delivery. Barbara cut and sewed 170 bags. Larelda Gruber donated and cut bags. Diane Hamou, and Robin Sacks helped with delivery. A thank-you to Bea Marx, Theda Perlman and Phyllis Perlberg for all of their help with shopping and sorting and counting the items I want to give another thank-you to the Sisterhood members who came to stuff the bags. I guess this sounds like winning the Oscars; the real winning is the *mitzvah* that ensures that 199 residents know that they are not forgotten.

Once again we were fortunate to have CHUCK RICH share his wonderful personality and knowledge of entertainment with us. Thank you again for a real "happy ending".

Lil Goldberg □

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There are those who are committed to a more traditional service that limits the amount of participation of women and there those who would like to participate in a service that is fully egalitarian.

There are those who are looking for more formality and decorum and quiet in the service and there are those who are looking for a service that is more informal and participatory and that involves a lot of the children and tolerates more noise at times as a result. Then there are those who find the regular service too long and want a shorter one.

So the question is how to navigate those various outlooks and needs, especially on Shabbat, when we have a good attendance on a regular basis, not just for special occasions. They are all legitimate expressions within their context. The daily morning and evening minyans have their own character and are supported by a cadre of committed regulars all year round. There is less leeway to tamper with that structure lest we lose the support of that group. Those who come and go will not sustain a daily minyan no matter how you constitute or define it. Still the question was: How can we make the Shabbat service more accessible to the different kinds of people that make up our congregation?

I recalled a lecture I once heard by Professor Ernst Simon, a great Jewish educator and scholar. He asked: Why do we have to be totalitarian in our synagogues? There are people I can pray with but I do not socialize with, and there are people I can socialize with but I cannot pray with. Here was the birth of our Learning Service. Why not give people a choice? Why be totalitarian and opt for only one way? Why not offer an alternative service with a lot of English and explanations, a service that is egalitarian, informal and participatory, that invites the children to join in and that is not bound by halachic requirements?

A Learning Service, almost like a class, would be a way to do it. And that is how this service came about and that is

what happens there. We can offer it only once a month because of the limited professional staff that we have. We start at 10:30 am and end by 11:45 a.m. the latest, no matter what, with a Kiddush that follows. Women can take aliyote or read from the Torah. We do not read the full portion of the week, but only a part of it. Parts of the service are chanted in English with explanations as we go along and comments and questions are offered freely by those who participate. We experiment with different forms and tunes and there is no Bema or podium to separate leaders from the congregation. It is a kind of theatre in the round, if you will.

So there you have it in a nutshell, the Monthly Family Learning Service. We are not trying to sell this service. More than enough attend to make it worthwhile and there are enough complaints about us having it in the first place that make it a challenge to continue it. Our stubborn streak is encouraged as well.

Oy as the expression goes: *siz shver tzu zayn a yid*, it is not easy to be Jew.

We want to especially thank Inga Guttman and Jeannette Waxman, Thea Perlman and all the others who help set up the kiddushim which are sponsored by the Adult Education budget of the Congregation. We also want to thank Ely and Nathan Rashti and Dr. Rochelle Rosenfeld, who regularly volunteer to read sections of the Torah portion for us. Of course, we invite anyone who wants to prepare to do so at this service, to please let us know. This is the service to come to if you are hesitant about taking an Aliya. We are all learning together. This is the service to come to if you want more English, learn what to do and why and when, or sleep later or get home earlier, or prefer an egalitarian service without imposing your will on others, or have them impose their will on you.

In our view, a modern Synagogue should try to find ways, within financial constrictions of course, to be as inclusive

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## More Donations for the Yahrzeit Board Upgrade

We express our gratitude to the following people who have already made contributions (we apologize if anyone was omitted and if there are any spelling errors) since the previous Reporter. Since Har Tzeon-Agudath Achim did not provide you with any goods and/or services in exchange for your contribution your gift is fully deductible as a charitable contribution. This list is as of January 3, 2012.

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as possible and look for ways, as the Founding Fathers of our country tried to do, to create a democratic system of rule by the majority and at the same time protect and respect the rights and views of the minority: to create unity amidst diversity.

There you have it: the idea behind a simple Shabbat Monthly Family Learning Service. Come and take a look some time.

With blessings for peace,  
Rabbi Reuben Landman □

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## Programming Ideas

by Robert Abrams, robertabr@aol.com

First, let me thank the Men's Club Board of Directors for confirming my appointment to take over the duties as President. I salute Dr. Elliott Perlin for his dedication to the Men's Club as President for the past few years.

We hope to have some interesting programs at our monthly Sunday breakfasts. Melvyn Sacks has explained what our breakfasts are like: plenty of good food, at no charge to paid up members. I want to see more inputs from the members insofar as ideas are concerned. Some of you may want to tell us about your career experiences; some may want to give a review of a book that had an impact on your lives. It's

an election year, so there will be plenty to discuss; maybe we can get some political speakers as well.

The Men's Club can support activities in the *Shul* as in the past, not merely with money but with our personal time. What can we do to help the Hebrew School? How can we support the daily *minyans*? (answer: by committing time to do so).

I welcome the opportunity to hear the ideas you contribute. Write to me at robertabr@aol.com. I'll see you at the next breakfast! □

## Community Blood Drive Update

by Louis Numkin

Just a quick reminder for you to mark your 2012 Calendars as we begin our 24th year of this support activity:

Our first **2012 Community Blood Drive** will be from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm on **Wednesday, February 1, 2012** at Congregation Har Tzeon-Agudath Achim. It will again be co-sponsored by Montgomery-Cornerstone Masonic Lodge.

This will mark the return of the American Red Cross as this drive's servicing organization. They have promised a speedy, competent staff, and we hope you will help us meet our quota, as we have done on two of our last three drives.

Please remember that one needs 56-days between whole blood donations. If you have any questions or wish to schedule a donation time, just e-mail LMN@juno.com or phone (301)933-0537 (before 9:00 pm).

Thanks from all those who will benefit from our donations. Our next drive will be **May 2, 2012** with INOVA. □

## Sisterhood Leagrams Available

Stop buying birthday, anniversary, and other greeting cards! Support the Sisterhood and congregation by sending Sisterhood Leagrams to honor birthdays, anniversaries, births, and other special events; express condolences; and extend get well wishes. Call Joan Eisenberg at 301-949-5138 with your requests. Her appropriately decorated Leagrams (**only \$4.00 per name**) are receiving rave reviews.

## Have Dinner at Max's

Please consider joining us for dinner at Max's. Max's contributes 10% of the sales for the monthly evenings that are scheduled as HTAA Night from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. No reservations are necessary. The dates are:

**February 20, 2012**

**March 19, 2012**

**April 23, 2012**

**May 21, 2012**

**June 18, 2012**

**July 16, 2012**

**August 20, 2012**



## *Mazel Tov to:*

**Dr. Elliott and Carole Perlin** on the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter, Joelle Perlin. Mazel tov to the parents, Dr. Daniel and Annette Perlin.

**Sol and Mona Freishtat** on the recent engagement of their granddaughter, Ora, daughter of Alan and Sandie Freishtat to Moshe Glass.

**Don Katz and Bobby Becker** on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Ari Ryan. Mazel tov to the parents, Faith and Dave Fischel.

**Bill and Joan Eisenberg** on the birth of their granddaughter, Halley Lynn. Mazel tov to the parents, Steven and Rina Eisenberg.

**Seth and Alyn Breger** on the birth of their granddaughter, Hailey Lynn. Mazel tov to the parents, Andy and Stacey Dworin. Mazel tov to great grandparents Muriel Breger and Leonore Greenbaum.

**Sharon and Mark Wolfson** on the birth of their granddaughter, Brooke Sophie Wolfson. Mazel tov to the parents, Melissa and Steven Wolfson and to the grandparents, Cindy and David Lipshutz.

## *Condolences to:*

**Bernice Albert** on the loss of her beloved son, Marc Albert, z"l

**Sanford Vinick and his family** on the loss of their beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Sara Vinick, z"l.

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**10:00 am** Tai Chi with Leonard Gross

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Blood Pressure Check, first Thursday of  
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**1:00 pm** Yiddish Group with Marcia Levinsohn

### Afternoon Programs

**Feb. 2** Ed Fritz, "President George Washington and his Spies"

**Feb. 9** Shoshana Bryen, "Israel Update"

**Feb. 16** Michael Bloom, "Origins of Jewish Food"

**Feb. 23** Adult Music Student Forum, "An Afternoon of Beautiful Music"

**Mar. 1** To Be Announced

**Mar. 8** The Revitz House Chorus

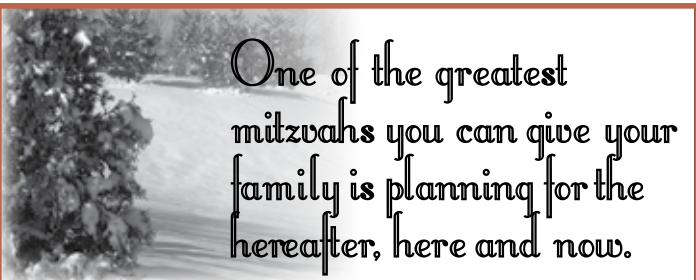
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**Mar. 22** Paul Forbes, Baritone, "Songs of the Theatre"

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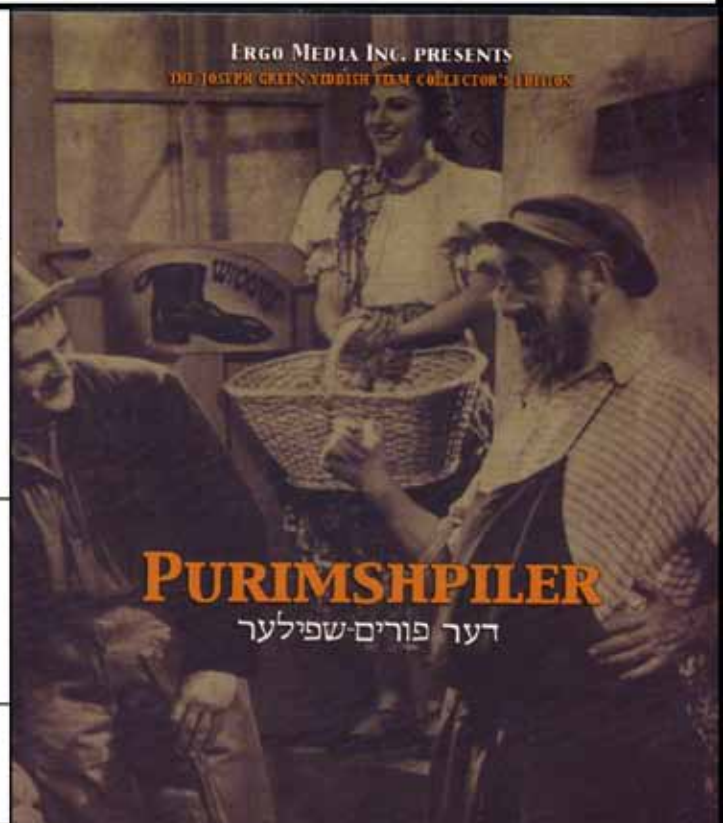
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Dear Rabbi Landman and Mr. Selkin,

I wanted to personally thank you for arranging the Scholar-in-Residence memorial weekend for my father, z'l, last weekend, and to tell you how we very much appreciated all the work that went into preparing for the weekend. Please thank Cynthia and the committee for us as well.

I know that a great deal goes into the planning of this weekend, and I wanted to tell you how much it meant to all of us. And my mother just loved the cake and the song, and the wishes to her that were so heartfelt. Rabbi Landman, it is a very special person who can make the *rebetzin* of the previous rabbi feel so special and so much a continuing part of the community. We thank you so much for how loved she feels by you and Gila and the shul.

I really appreciated both Rabbi Haberman's talk and that of Erica Brown. When I thanked Rabbi Haberman for his very wise words and sage advice about life, I told him that he gave me a new mantra, "Let go, and let G-d! Interestingly, our daughter Adina, who is teaching in Prince Georges County as part of the Teach for America program this year, just quoted his talk to me this week too in relation to something that she was experiencing – so his words clearly resonated with all age levels! As did the words of Erica Brown.

As I mentioned to you, Josh, my father was devoted to Jewish education and honoring his memory through a weekend of study, and on the topic "Spiritual Healing: A View from the Bible" with two such wonderful educators, was wonderful. Nothing could have been more fitting.

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Richard Cohen, 8th  
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Joan Magin, 28th  
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Murray and Muriel Seid, 5th  
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February 17, 5:35 pm  
February 24, 5:45 pm  
March 2, 5:50 pm  
March 9, 6:00 pm  
March 16, 7:00 pm  
March 23, 7:00 pm  
March 30, 7:00 pm

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February 3, 5:13 pm  
February 10, 5:21 pm  
February 17, 5:29 pm  
February 24, 5:36 pm  
March 2, 5:44 pm  
March 9, 5:51 pm  
March 16, 6:58 pm  
March 23, 7:05 pm

March 30, 7:12 pm

### Saturday Evening Services

February 4, 5:00 pm  
February 11, 5:00 pm  
February 18, 5:15 pm  
February 25, 5:20 pm  
March 3, 5:25 pm  
March 10, 5:30 pm  
March 17, 6:45 pm  
March 24, 6:45 pm  
March 31, 7:00 pm

### End of Shabbat

February 4, 6:14 pm  
February 11, 6:22 pm  
February 18, 6:29 pm  
February 25, 6:36 pm  
March 3, 6:44 pm  
March 10, 6:51 pm  
March 17, 7:58 pm

March 24, 8:05 pm

March 31, 8:12 pm

### Evening Weekday *Minyan* Sunday – Thursday

February 1-2, 5:15 pm  
February 5-9, 5:25 pm  
February 12-16, 5:35 pm  
February 19-23, 5:40 pm  
February 26-29, 5:50 pm  
March 1, 5:50 pm

March 4-6, 5:55 pm

March 7: *Mincha*, 1:00 pm, Services,  
6:45 pm, *Megillah* Reading, 7:00 pm

March 11-15, 7:05 pm

March 18-22, 7:10 pm

March 25-29, 7:15 pm

### Daily Morning *Minyan*s

Mon.-Fri. at 8:00 am

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| <b>29</b> 5 Shevat<br>9:15 am Religious School<br>4:00 pm Yiddish Film Festival<br>5:15 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i>                                       | <b>30</b> 6 Shevat<br>5:15 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i><br>6:50 pm Bingo   | <b>31</b> 7 Shevat<br>5:15 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i><br>6:50 pm Bingo  | <b>1</b> 8 Shevat<br>3:00 pm–8:00 pm<br>Blood Drive<br>4:15 pm Religious School<br>5:15 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i>  | <b>2</b> 9 Shevat<br>10:00 am Tai Chi<br>11:00 am Senior Program<br>& Lunch<br>5:15 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i>                   | <b>3</b> 10 Shevat<br>5:13 pm Candle Lighting<br>5:15 pm Friday Evening<br>Service               | <b>4 BESHALLACH</b> 11 Shevat<br>Shabbat Shirah<br>5:00 pm Evening Services<br>6:14 pm End of Shabbat  |
| <b>5</b> 12 Shevat<br>9:15 am Religious School<br>10:00 am Arts Project<br>10:00 am Men's Club Brunch<br>5:25 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i>                 | <b>6</b> 13 Shevat<br>5:25 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i><br>6:50 pm Bingo   | <b>7</b> 14 Shevat<br>5:25 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i><br>6:50 pm Bingo  | <b>8</b> 15 Shevat<br>4:15 pm Religious School<br>5:25 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i><br>7:30 pm Memorial Lecture       | <b>9</b> 16 Shevat<br>10:00 am Tai Chi<br>11:00 am Senior Program<br>& Lunch<br>5:25 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i>                  | <b>10</b> 17 Shevat<br>5:21 pm Candle Lighting<br>5:25 pm Friday Evening<br>Service              | <b>11 YITRO</b> 18 Shevat<br>5:00 pm Evening Services<br>6:22 pm End of Shabbat  |
| <b>12</b> 19 Shevat<br>9:15 am Religious School<br>10:00 am Sisterhood Rosh<br>Hodesh<br>5:35 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i>                                 | <b>13</b> 20 Shevat<br>5:35 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i><br>6:50 pm Bingo<br>7:30 pm Sisterhood Board<br>Meeting             | <b>14</b> 21 Shevat<br>5:35 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i><br>6:50 pm Bingo | <b>15</b> 22 Shevat<br>4:15 pm Religious School<br>5:35 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i><br>7:00 pm HTAA Board<br>Meeting | <b>16</b> 23 Shevat<br>10:00 am Tai Chi<br>11:00 am Senior Program<br>& Lunch<br>5:35 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i>                 | <b>17</b> 24 Shevat<br>5:29 pm Candle Lighting<br>5:35 pm Friday Evening<br>Service              | <b>18 MISHPATIM</b> 25 Shevat<br>Shabbat Shekalim<br>5:15 pm Evening Services<br>6:29 pm End of Shabbat  |
| <b>19</b> 26 Shevat<br>No Religious School<br>5:40 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i>  | <b>20</b> 27 Shevat<br>Office Closed<br>5:40 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i><br>5:00 pm–8:00 pm<br>Max's Night<br>6:50 pm Bingo | <b>21</b> 28 Shevat<br>5:40 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i><br>6:50 pm Bingo | <b>22</b> 29 Shevat<br>4:15 pm Religious School<br>5:40 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i>                                  | <b>23</b> 30 Shevat<br>Rosh Chodesh<br>10:00 am Tai Chi<br>11:00 am Senior Program<br>& Lunch<br>5:40 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i> | <b>24</b> 1 Adar<br>Rosh Chodesh<br>5:36 pm Candle Lighting<br>5:45 pm Friday Evening<br>Service | <b>25 TERUMAH</b> 2 Adar<br>10:00 am Learning Service in<br>Sarah Lechter<br>5:20 pm Evening Services<br>6:36 pm End of Shabbat<br>8:00 pm USY Movie Night |
| <b>26</b> 3 Adar<br>9:15 am Religious School<br>10:00 am Sisterhood Purim<br>Meeting<br>4:00 pm Yiddish Film Festival<br>5:50 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i> | <b>27</b> 4 Adar<br>5:50 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i><br>6:50 pm Bingo   | <b>28</b> 5 Adar<br>5:50 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i><br>6:50 pm Bingo    | <b>29</b> 6 Adar<br>4:15 pm Religious School<br>5:50 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i>                                     |  |  |  |

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|  |   |   |  | <b>1</b> 7 Adar<br>10:00 am Tai Chi<br>11:00 am Senior Program & Lunch<br>5:50 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i><br>7:30 pm Women's League: Study with Rabbi Landman | <b>2</b> 8 Adar<br>5:44 pm Candle Lighting<br>5:50 pm Friday Evening Service                   | <b>3</b> TETZAVEH 9 Adar<br>Shabbat Zachor<br>5:25 pm Evening Services<br>6:44 pm End of Shabbat         |
| <b>4</b> 10 Adar<br>9:15 am Religious School<br>10:00 am Art for children<br>10:00 am Men's Club Brunch<br>5:55 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i> | <b>5</b> 11 Adar<br>5:55 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i><br>6:50 pm Bingo                                      | <b>6</b> 12 Adar<br>5:55 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i><br>6:50 pm Bingo  | <b>7</b> 13 Adar<br>Fast of Esther<br>No Religious School<br>1:00 pm Mincha<br>6:45 pm Services<br>7:00 pm Megillah Reading            | <b>8</b> 14 Adar<br>Purim<br>10:00 am Tai Chi<br>11:00 am Senior Program & Lunch<br>5:55 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i>   | <b>9</b> 15 Adar<br>Shushan Purim<br>5:51 pm Candle Lighting<br>6:00 pm Friday Evening Service | <b>10</b> KITISA 16 Adar<br>5:30 pm Evening Services<br>6:51 pm End of Shabbat                           |
| <b>11</b> 17 Adar<br>9:15 am Religious School<br>7:05 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i>   | <b>12</b> 18 Adar<br>6:50 pm Bingo<br>7:05 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i><br>7:30 pm Sisterhood Board Meeting | <b>13</b> 19 Adar<br>7:05 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i><br>6:50 pm Bingo | <b>14</b> 20 Adar<br>4:15 pm Religious School<br>7:05 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i><br>7:30 pm Memorial Lecture                             | <b>15</b> 21 Adar<br>10:00 am Tai Chi<br>11:00 am Senior Program & Lunch<br>7:05 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i>   | <b>16</b> 22 Adar<br>6:58 pm Candle Lighting<br>7:00 pm Friday Evening Service                 | <b>17</b> VAYAKHEL–PEKUDE 23 Adar<br>Shabbat Parah<br>6:45 pm Evening Services<br>7:58 pm End of Shabbat |
| <b>18</b> 24 Adar<br>9:15 am Religious School<br>4:00 pm Yiddish Film Festival<br>7:10 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i>                          | <b>19</b> 25 Adar<br>6:50 pm Bingo<br>7:10 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i>                                     | <b>20</b> 26 Adar<br>6:50 pm Bingo<br>7:10 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i> | <b>21</b> 27 Adar<br>4:15 pm Religious School<br>6:00 pm HTAA Board Mtg.<br>7:10 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i><br>8:00 pm Congregation Mtg. | <b>22</b> 28 Adar<br>10:00 am Tai Chi<br>11:00 am Senior Program & Lunch<br>7:10 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i>   | <b>23</b> 29 Adar<br>7:05 pm Candle Lighting<br>7:00 pm Friday Evening Service                 | <b>24</b> VAYIKRA 1 Nisan<br>Shabbat Hachodesh<br>6:45 pm Evening Services<br>8:05 pm End of Shabbat     |
| <b>25</b> 2 Nisan<br>9:15 am Religious School<br>5:00 pm Men's Club and Sisterhood Brunch<br>7:15 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i>               | <b>26</b> 3 Nisan<br>6:50 pm Bingo<br>7:15 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i>                                     | <b>27</b> 4 Nisan<br>6:50 pm Bingo<br>7:15 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i> | <b>28</b> 5 Nisan<br>4:15 pm Religious School<br>7:15 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i>   | <b>29</b> 6 Nisan<br>10:00 am Tai Chi<br>11:00 am Senior Program & Lunch<br>7:15 pm Evening <i>Minyan</i>   | <b>30</b> 7 Nisan<br>7:12 pm Candle Lighting<br>7:00 pm Friday Evening Service                 | <b>31</b> TZAV 8 Nisan<br>Shabbat Hagadol<br>7:00 pm Evening Services<br>8:12 pm End of Shabbat          |