January Calendar

January 5 (hybrid)
Shabbat Services @ 6pm
The madrachim & Rich Goldman

January 7
Fiber Arts @ 1-3pm (in person)
Rosh Hodesh @ 4-5:15pm (Zoom)

January 13 (hybrid)
Daf Yomi @ 10am
Torah Study @ 10:30am
Kiddush Lunch @12pm
Rabbi Madeline Cooper

January 19 (hybrid)
Shabbat Services @ 6pm
Rabbi Solochek

January 20 (Zoom)
Daf Yomi @10am
Torah Study @ 10:30am
Susan and Chris Marshall

January 22 (hybrid)
Soup and Study @ 6pm

January 27
Ice Storm Wine Tasting @ 5:30pm (Zoom)

January 28 (in person)
Chai BiSh’vat Seder @ 11am

From the desk of Rabbi Asch...

We are now a few weeks past the wind storm that caused extensive damage and power outages all over Central Maine. It was wonderful to see our community come together to support one another, and the Temple was happy to provide a warm place to work or play when so many were without power. Seeing people from all over the community gather together and offer their homes for hot showers or a place to stay reminded me of how wonderful it is to be a member of our community.

Winter can be a difficult time with snow and ice storms, shorter days and colder weather. But our calendar over the next few months provides us with many moments of joy, including our Ice Storm Wine Tasting, fiber arts group, multimedia club, services, study, and more. Winter (in Maine) also means the arrival of Tu BiSh’vat (literally the 15th of Sh’vat), signaling the start of Spring in Israel. We’ll celebrate this year on Chai BiSh’vat (literally the 18th of Sh’vat) on Sunday, January 28th, with our Hebrew School students and families. This holiday involves eating nuts and fruits, drinking four cups of grape juice that change from white to red, singing songs, and appreciating nature. Though it may seem strange to celebrate the arrival of Spring when it’s still freezing outside, Tu BiSh’vat offers us the opportunity to look forward to brighter times and warmer weather in the months to come.

As we look forward to Spring, I am also looking forward to our new outdoor garden and worship space. Many of you received letters last month asking for donations so we can complete this project. It is the last piece of the renovation of TBE that started before I arrived in Maine. Years of work have brought us a new parking lot, the Shuman Center, and a renovated sanctuary, function space, and kitchen. We have done a tremendous amount of work and have almost reached our goal.

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February Calendar

February 4
Fiber Arts @ 1-3pm (in person)
Rosh Hodesh @ 4-5:15pm
(Zoom)

February 5 (hybrid)
Multi Media @ 6pm

February 9 (hybrid)
Shabbat Services @6pm

February 10 (hybrid)
Daf Yomi @ 10am
Torah Study @ 10:30am
Kiddush Lunch @12pm

February 16 (hybrid)
Shabbat Services @6pm

February 17 (hybrid)
Daf Yomi @ 10am
Torah Study @ 10:30am
Kiddush Lunch @12pm

Hebrew School
January 7, 14, 21, & 28
February 4 & 11

Teen Program
January 14 & 28
February 11

Committee meetings are on our online calendar.

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The Talmud (Berachot 26b) tells us that Isaac was the first person to pray outside, going out in the field toward evening. Rabbi Yohanan (Berachot 34b) says we must pray in a place with windows, allowing us to see the natural world. Being outside, whether for prayer, study, or socializing, changes us. Living in Maine, we appreciate the beauty of the natural world and this outdoor space will be one more way for us to bring nature into our community life. We truly appreciate gifts of any amount, and I hope that everyone will give something to help us complete this exciting project.

Rabbi Asch Goes on Sabbatical
January 8, 2024-February 8, 2024

Rabbi Asch will be on sabbatical from January 8th-February 8th. So many questions we have! What is a sabbatical? What happens if I have a pastoral need? Will there still be services?

These are all excellent questions. Never fear, Temple life will continue as usual with some fabulous guests who will lead and teach. We have a sabbatical committee that will make sure everything will run smoothly while Rabbi Asch is away.

More information about Rabbi Asch’s sabbatical can be found here. This information will also be on the website and the weekly email. If you have any questions or concerns about Rabbi Asch’s sabbatical please reach out to committee chair David Faigin: dfaigin@gmail.com.

Rabbi Asch’s Recent Trip to Israel
You can read about it here
Join Our Hebrew School for Our “Chai” B’Sh’vat Seder  
**Sunday, January 28 @ 11am**

This year, our Hebrew School is hosting a special “Chai” B’Sh’vat Seder (happening on the 18th of Shevat and not the 15th). All are welcome to come by TBE at 11am on Sunday, January 28th. We’ll have a fabulous seder led by our madrichim with four cups of grape juice, fruit, nuts, songs, and conversation.

**This isn’t just for the kids!** Please plan to join us!

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**Save the Dates — There’s a Lot Going On at TBE!**

Please save the dates for these great events and look to your weekly email for more information.

**Purim Celebration**  
**Saturday, March 23 @ 6pm**

We are so excited to get ready for Purim! We’ll start with a pizza dinner. Our evening will continue with a live Purim spiel, a Yankee Swap gift exchange (only bring things currently in your home; no buyin’!), advertisements, a cooking competition with judging, a Purim quiz, and more! This is an **adults only** party that will include drinks (both alcoholic and non alcoholic), snacks and a lot of fun.

**Hebrew School Purim Carnival**  
**Sunday, March 24 @ 10am**

All ages are welcome at our Sunday morning Purim celebration with our Hebrew School, March 24th starting at 10am. We’ll join together, in costume, for a lot of silliness—a telling of the story, games, a costume parade and some hamantaschen. Look for more information in our weekly email. All are welcome to join, both young and young at heart. Come in costume!

**Goos Event – Moving TBE Forward**  
**Sunday, April 28th**

The next Temple Beth El Goos event is scheduled to be held on April 28, 2024. We are working to pull together some musical entertainment for the whole family, accompanied by delicious treats and fun for all. Look for more information as we get closer. We can’t wait for you to join us!
Another Great TBE Hanukkah Party!

It was wonderful to see so many people of all ages at our annual Hanukkah party! We had hanukkiahs galore, a tantalizing latke-tasting contest, a heart-pounding dreidel tournament, and all kinds of fun. Congratulations to Liz Sizeler for winning Mensch Madness and to the Solomon-Gagné family for winning the latke contest. Thank you to everyone who helped plan, set up, and clean up.
Love is Louder in Augusta

Several members of Temple Beth El were part of a community Love is Louder rally at Mill Park on Nov. 12. The rally, organized by the newly formed Greater Augusta Unity Committee, drew about 200 people to show that the people of Augusta embrace love, not hate. The rally was in response to swastikas at Mill Park, a Nazi march at the State Capitol, and hateful calls into a Zoom meeting of the Hallowell City Council.

The TBE group started the day with sign-making at the Shuman Center and then walked or drove to the park. Speakers at the rally included State Rep. Raegan LaRochelle, chair of the Unity Committee; Rabbi Asch, who even got the crowd singing in Hebrew; David Offer, who helped organize the rally; and Rabbi Jonah Steinberg, head of the Boston office of the Anti-Defamation League. The Unity Committee plans a Love Is Louder picnic or barbeque in the summer.

Remembering Covid

Paul Kuehnert, Barbara Archer Hirsch and Rabbi Asch are working on our liturgy to remember our times during Covid—both good and bad. Look for a brief survey coming to your email this month. We’ll have some meetings to gather and talk about our experiences in 2020 and beyond. Please join us at one of these sessions:

✦ Soup and Study Monday, January 22nd (with soup and some text study as well!)
✦ Fiber Arts Sunday, February 4th
✦ Shabbat Services Friday, February 16th
✦ Torah Study Saturday, March 2nd
✦ Hebrew School Circle Time Sunday, March 3rd

More information will be in your weekly email. Want to join our creative team? Let Dawn know!

Multi-Media Club

Our Multi Media Club will meet on **Monday, February 5th at 6pm**. Please start reading **A Pigeon and A Boy** by Israeli author Meir Shalev. The book is available in paperback. This book follows two stories, one set during the 1948 War of Independence that follows a pigeon handler and one set in the present day that follows a tour guide specializing in bird-watching trips. "Unforgettable in both its particulars and its sweep, **A Pigeon and A Boy** is a tale of lovers then and now--of how deeply we love, of what home is, and why we, like pigeons trained to fly in one direction only, must eventually return to it."
TBE Takes a Stand Against Gun Violence in Maine

By the Social Justice Committee
This October, Maine and the nation were shocked by a mass shooting that occurred at a bowling alley and a bar in Lewiston. The shooting, carried out by a man armed with an AR-15 assault rifle who had recently displayed violent tendencies, claimed the lives of 18 people and wounded 13 others. The events in Lewiston were not an isolated incident. At the time of the shootings, there already had been 560 mass shootings in the U.S. in 2023. Tragically, the Lewiston shootings showed that, indeed, such an event could happen here.

Gun violence is now the leading cause of death for young people in the U.S. Nationally, over 40,000 people die every year as a result of gun violence. In Maine, as of 2021, the annual average number of gun-related deaths is 163 (89% of which are suicides). Between 2012 and 2021 the rate of gun deaths in Maine increased by 41% with gun suicides increasing by 45%. Annually, gun assaults injure approximately 50 additional people.

This past legislative session, the Maine Gun Safety Coalition introduced three pieces of legislation that were voted out of committee and approved by the Maine House: 1) closing the existing “loopholes” by requiring private sales and gun show sales be subject to background checks; 2) providing for a 3-day waiting period to complete the purchase of a firearm; and 3) prohibiting the sale and possession of “bump stocks” that convert ordinary firearms into assault weapons. All three pieces of legislation, however, were rejected by the Maine Senate.

In the wake of the Lewiston shootings, the Maine Gun Safety Coalition along with several members of the Maine legislature, announced that they will be reintroducing the proposals for expanded background checks and the 3-day waiting period this session. In addition, they will introduce a “red flag law,” which would replace Maine’s current “yellow flag” law and simplify the process that authorizes courts to require individuals found to be dangerous to turn over their firearms. They also will introduce a proposal to prohibit the sale and possession of assault weapons, such as the one used in the Lewiston shootings.

In accordance with TBE Policy and following a recommendation of the Temple’s Social Justice Committee, at its November meeting the TBE Board adopted a resolution to support these gun safety proposals this legislative session. As set forth in its decision adopting the Social Justice Committee’s recommendation, the Board stated its belief that the proposals outlined above are common sense, reasonable, and do not interfere with Mainers’ rights to reasonably possess firearms or to hunt. Further, the proposed legislation was consistent with Jewish principles and teachings. The Talmud teaches us that “he who takes one life, it is as though he has destroyed the universe and he who saves one life, it is as though he has saved the universe.” In addition, the Torah teaches us to not stand idly by while your neighbor’s blood is shed.

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Bikkur Cholim Committee

This Committee works closely with Rabbi Asch to keep up to date with the TBE congregants in need of meals, visits, and rides to medical appointments and in-home, hospital, or rehab visits. TBE volunteers step up regularly to offer mitzvot of comfort and care with their kindness and compassion. The Co-Chairs are Susan Bakaley Marshall and Enigmah Archer Hirsh.

This is being written as we’re in the midst of celebrating lighting the Hanukkah candles with the smell of latkes in the air. It’s also the new moon and the start of Tevet, as well as the winter solstice approaching. When you read this the turn of the secular year will have happened, ushering us into 2024. And it will still be getting dark early even though the days are getting longer.

We’ve noticed how those small candles on our hanukkiahs can really light up our homes. The darkest nights have been brightened at least for a brief time. Let’s remember we all have our inner candles and ways we bring our light into the world over the entire year.

TBE’s many volunteers shine their light with every mitzvot. Todah Rabah (thank you) to all who have volunteered: giving rides, cooking meals, making phone calls, sending cards, visiting, and doing pet care and dog walking. You are too numerous to mention by name. You know who you are and much gratitude for reaching out to others and brightening their lives.

We are welcoming two new members – two bright lights – to the Bikkur Cholim Committee: Cindy Rehagen Langewisch and Brian Harding. They both are already known for stepping up to do what’s needed in our TBE community. We’re extremely lucky to have them on this committee.

Cindy stated upon coming on board, “There are no small deeds. Everything is meaningful in someone’s life.” She lives in Hallowell, is semi-retired from work as a special education teacher and a children’s case manager/supervisor now working in Brunswick. She enjoys spending lots of time with her Temple Beth El “family”, her husband Nicholas, and their five adult children and nine grandchildren, she loves cooking, gardening, and putting foods by, painting, sewing, being outdoors with nature, listening to music, spending time with the family cat Milo, attending indie movies and concerts in Waterville. Cindy has been a volunteer in many capacities ---for Hospice, teaching literacy, serving on non-profit boards, fund raising for community causes, serving on town planning board and local library board, leading youth theatre and art groups.

Brian lives with his cat in Farmingdale and works for Maine General Orthopedics in Augusta. He enjoys watching movies, reading fiction and nonfiction, including books about Judaism, walking outdoors and enjoying nature, crocheting, and traveling when he can. Brian says, “I joined the Bikkur Cholim committee because I like helping others and finding ways to bring joy to them. I also enjoy meeting new people.”

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For the past 40 years, the URJ’s Religious Action Center has supported the passage of legislation to reduce gun violence, but opponents of gun legislation have proven that they are extremely potent and well-funded. The passage of the proposed legislation will take an “all hands-on deck” approach. TBE’s support, based in our faith and ethical teachings, can be an important part of the coalition that will be needed to get the legislation enacted. The Board recognized that support for this legislation may not be universal within the congregation, however, at this point, such legislation is supported by an overwhelming majority of TBE congregants.

Finally, the Board noted that in the past the Board has supported gun safety proposals. First, approximately seven years ago when it endorsed Ballot Question 3 to expand background checks, and more recently approximately two years ago, when it endorsed a proposal to publicize the Maine Gun Safety Coalition’s Show Up Network which encourages citizen participation in the legislative process to support gun safety legislation.

In the coming months, TBE’s Social Justice Committee will be working closely with members of the Maine Gun Safety Coalition in its efforts to get the legislative proposals outlined above enacted into law. Please check the Temple’s weekly bulletin for ways in which you can participate in this initiative.

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We’re also giving a shout out todah rabah to Ilana Gilg for being Co-Chair of the Bikkur Cholim Committee for the past year. We certainly miss her but understand that her full-time job at the JCC in Portland and being a full time mom leaves her little room for volunteering these days.

And last but certainly not least, we are pleased to have a NEW Co-Chair!

Enigmah Archer Hirsch, known simply as “E,” is another bright light in our community! They joined the Bikkur Cholim Committee in June and have stepped up with enthusiasm, eagerly taking on some very important committee tasks. They grew up down the river in Bath. Now, they live in Augusta about a mile from TBE. Although they did not attend the Beth Israel Congregation, every childhood milestone, including their birth, was made possible by its members. It was because of the generosity of the folks at BIC that they were introduced to compassion. It was because of their Jewish wife that they found what real love looks like. It was here at TBE that they learned acceptance.

E loves cooking, driving, visiting, and writing. E says, “The Bikkur Cholim group is my way to give back …to express the compassion, love, and acceptance that has been given to me. It is a place to reach out in tangible ways to let others know that they, too, are seen and welcome.”
This rendering of the outdoor space includes: a covered pavilion (16x24 feet); entrance gates at the front and rear; accessible walkways and access to the pavilion; a lawn area and variety of low maintenance plantings around the edges; and outdoor seating areas for conversations and quiet mediation.

Exciting Update about TBE’s Outdoor Spiritual Space Project

We are excited to announce that as of mid-December we have secured $120,000 in gifts and pledges for the Outdoor Space Project! With the total cost estimated to be $140,000, we now only have $20,000 left to raise. THANK YOU so much to those who have supported this project to date.

Having a beautiful, peaceful, and safe spiritual space for outdoor programming seems more important than ever. As you have read in prior articles, the goals of the project include:

- **Create an attractive and flexible space for a wide range of activities**, including worship, Torah study and other small group activities and meetings, kiddush for large groups (following indoor services) and other social events, Hebrew School in the spring and fall months, summer programs for youth, quiet meditation spaces, and life cycle events such as weddings and B’Mitzvah celebrations.
- **Make outdoor spaces accessible** for those with limited mobility.
- **Design an aesthetically pleasing outdoor space** with plantings and benches that complements our new Temple and takes advantage of the beautiful ravine, while providing a noise barrier between the parking lot and the outdoor space.
- **Enhance security** during outdoor activities.
- **Improve site conditions during inclement weather** to minimize mud, erosion, and other environmental impacts.

Our hope, pending completion of fundraising, is to start construction during the summer of 2024.

Please consider a tax-deductible gift to TBE in support of this project. **We welcome gifts of all amounts.** Additionally, gifts and pledges can be spread out through 2025; we hope this multi-year timeline will allow community members to be as generous as possible. We also have special naming opportunities for gifts at many levels and we encourage people to consider them.

Click here for the [pledge form](#) and the [list of naming opportunities](#). Completed forms can be returned to the TBE office.

Fran Rudoff (frudoff@gmail.com), Jerry Bley (jbley@gwi.net) and Hildie Lipson (hildielipson@gmail.com) would be happy to speak with you about your gift of pledge and answer any questions you may have about the project.

Todah Rabah!
“Wines Without Borders”
TBE’s 2024 Wine Tasting
Saturday, January 27 at 5:30 pm on ZOOM!

Join our fabulous sommelier, Syd Sewall, on a world tour to sample some of the most unusual wines from multiple continents! Syd is busy researching and sampling wines created from lesser-known grape varieties and the evening is guaranteed to be a delectable learning experience.

The wine tasting will be held via Zoom – enjoy all the wines without concerns about driving home on a cold, dark winter night! To help nurture the community spirit of the event, we encourage small groups to gather at the homes of people in your neighborhood; this is a great opportunity to organize a potluck dinner, enjoy good company and vote on your favorite wines!

For $60, you’ll receive six mini bottles of wine plus special international treats for noshing.

- If you are not in Maine and want to participate, we can share the wine list with you in advance so you can source some bottles!
- Non-drinkers, join in on the fun for a donation of any amount!

And our popular raffle is back! Enter to win amazing baskets prepared by TBE Committees and other prizes. Raffle tickets are 1 for $5 or 5 for $20; any raffle tickets you purchase will be added to your bag o’ wine.

Another highlight of the evening will be a live auction led by the incomparable Chuck Cohen. You won’t want to miss Chuck’s hat choices for 2024 or the amazing items that can be yours!

Speaking of the auction, we need your help! What can you offer to tempt bidders to open their wallets to support the Temple? Popular items in the past have included special property rentals, fun experiences, event tickets, special baked goods and meals delivered to your home, handcrafted items, themed baskets and more! Engage your creativity and let Fran Rudoff know what you’ve got! She’d love to hear from you as soon as possible, but no later than January 12, 2024!

**How to sign up (by January 23 please):**
* Decide how many wine tasting **and** raffle tickets you want, then...
* Call 207-622-7450 or email the Temple and let Dawn know your order.
  * Finally, pay either by check or online.
* You will be able to pick up your bags of wine and treats on January 25 or 26 (details to be shared)

Hope to see you on the Zoom on **Saturday January 27th at 5:30 pm** for another outrageously fun event!
Made in the Image of God

By Rich Goldman

This year, Temple Beth El adopted a Statement of Ethical Principles which notes, among other concepts, that Jewish tradition teaches that every person is created b’tzelem elohim, in the divine image. As such, we ask each other to practice nondiscrimination, mutual respect, and conduct toward each other and the community at large that embodies the Jewish values of kavod (respect), bitachon (safety) and chesed (loving kindness).

I wanted to explore with my Hebrew School students what it may mean to be created b’tzelem elohim, to be created in God’s image. I wondered how they would react to this foundational principle. How would they grapple with it? I was confident, however, that they would have the capacity to do so, to think about God and our relationship to God.

So, we turned to the sixth day of creation, Genesis 1:26 and 27: “And God said, ”Let us make humans in our image, after our likeness”…And God created humans in God’s image, in the image of God.”

I proposed that we spend the entire year on this idea, these two sentences. My students were, to be kind, skeptical. How can you spend the entire year on a sentence or two? Maybe they will be right; we’ll see. But let’s look at what we have discovered so far.

We started our exploration by thinking about God. More specifically, we asked that if you were to create God, what characteristics would you want God to have? After all, since we are to be made in God’s image, what would you want God to be? That seemed like a good place to start, anyway.

So where are we? Our discussions have been intriguing and have often led to other discussions quite relevant to our everyday life.

We have some areas of consensus: God should be loving, kind, fair, caring, and well moralized. God should be helpful. God should be resourceful. God should be tolerant and open to other, different ideas. God should be nice to nature, to the earth and animals (and by the way, not require nor request animal or human sacrifice). God should be genderless.

And, we have some ideas that, even though we mostly agree, have raised questions more difficult to resolve: God should be forgiving. But, who really should forgive—God or the person harmed or both? God should be smart or is it that God should be wise or both wise and smart? God should be all knowing (omniscient). But does this mean God should know and understand not only the past, but also the future as well?

Of course, we also have ideas with which we are wrestling and with which we may not all agree. Should God have the capacity for anger, especially so God can teach and correct and if so, how
Hebrew School Update from Bria

My class continues to explore Jewish identity and values through stories, games and movement activities. They are an enthusiastic and inquisitive group who delight in art activities led every week by our incredibly talented madricha, Lilah. We will be starting a new unit in January - stay tuned!

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much capacity and how much control? We wondered if anger is necessary, and if it is necessary for effective teaching and correcting. Should God have the capacity to resolve conflict? God would want people to be nice to one another, but should God take sides? Should God be just a peacemaker or understand and act on the “greater good”? This of course led us to another question: Is our God just for the Jewish people? Is our God just loving, kind, fair, and caring toward the Jewish people or for all people? Is our God “universal”?

Wow, I have learned so much from my students. I invite you to do the same. If you have comments, send them to me, (richardgoldman2013@gmail.com) and we will discuss them in class. Do you think God is universal? Do you embrace the idea that God has the capacity for anger and resolve conflict? Is it enough that God is kind? If you would like to come and join in the discussion, you are welcome to do so, just let us know. We would love to have adults at Hebrew School too, and we have a long way to go with this discussion. I have a suspicion we will be talking about the ideas in Genesis 1:26 and 27 all year.
Supporting TBE

**Building Fund**
- Rich Goldman & Linda Hermans, in honor of Alden Gilg, Daisy Bessey, Robin Asch, Max Orenstein, Gunner Suchar, Jonathan Rousculp, and Eleanor Gagne

**General / Other**
- Sarah & Mike Drickey, for the Hebrew School
- Richard Forcier
- Jerryanne Laperriere
- Matthew Rolnick
- Jean & Bill Seager, in honor of Erica and Chris’ wedding anniversary
- Marty Weiss, in honor of Eleanor Gagne’s Bat Mitzvah

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- Chuck Cohen and Mary Beth Paquette, in memory of Barbara Paronett
- Cindy Langewisch
- Richard Dana

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- Asch Family
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- Rich Goldman & Linda Hermans
- Janika Eckert & Robert Johnston
- Louisa Barnhart & Michael Klein
- Rebecca Schnur & Jack Schlottman

**Yahrzeits/Memorials**
- Asch Family, in memory of Robert P. Myers
- Rich Dana, in memory of Lenora Dana
- Mike & Sarah Drickey, in memory of Beverly Drickey
- Mike & Sarah Drickey, in memory of Dorothy Drickey
- Gail Fels, in memory of Albert Rudoff
- Andrea Freed, in memory of Murray Freed
- Ellen Freed, in memory of Murray Freed
- Lowell & Joan Freiman, in memory of Beatrice Freiman
- Anya Goldey, in memory of Beatrice Freiman
- Ellen Kandel, in memory of Dorothy Bader
- David & Sue Offer, in memory of Albert Rudoff
- Chuck Cohen & Mary Beth Paquette, in memory of Albert Rudoff
- Doretta Shapiro, in memory of Albert Rudoff
- Steven & Beth Shapiro, in memory of Daniel Bulba
- Steven & Beth Shapiro, in memory of Eli Bulba
- Steven & Beth Shapiro, in memory of Richard Kelly
- Marty Weiss, in memory of Albert Rudoff
January Yahrtzeits

**January 1**  Faye Goldberg Montell
**January 1**  Annie Slosberg
**January 2**  Judith Shankman Kosak
**January 2**  Edmond Betit
**January 3**  Bernard Marienhoff
**January 3**  Leoni Adler
**January 5**  Jay Bass
**January 5**  Gladys Harding
**January 6**  Myron Shulman
**January 7**  Chuck Acker
**January 7**  Leonard Levy
**January 7**  Philmore Schiff
**January 8**  Lea Friedman
**January 8**  Margaret Ronn
**January 10**  Irel Rosenbaum
**January 11**  Harvey Gilbert
**January 11**  Helen Sizeler
**January 12**  Leo Bessey
**January 15**  Alice Karp Gross
**January 15**  Jane Bridgman Koopman
**January 17**  Louise Macy
**January 17**  James Montell
**January 17**  Ruth McInn
**January 18**  Jacques Grunblatt
**January 18**  Elkan C. Offer
**January 18**  Shirley O’Brien
**January 18**  Bettye Young
**January 19**  James Carvutto
**January 19**  George Graber
**January 20**  Evelyn Bickerman
**January 20**  Eleanor Viles
**January 21**  Syliva LaPerriere
**January 22**  Jacob Dana
**January 22**  Roselind Eckert
**January 23**  Rose Orenstein
**January 24**  Thelma Gross
**January 25**  Richele Amy Gross
**January 25**  Beatrice Schatz
**January 26**  Virgilio Gonzaga
**January 26**  Louis Sizeler
**January 26**  Frank J. Lipman
**January 26**  Rosa Belle Orenstein
**January 27**  Leonard Fels
**January 27**  Rhoda Newman
**January 27**  Douglas Schair
**January 28**  Martha Feinstein
**January 29**  Selma Dana
**January 30**  Wilbur Viles
**January 30**  Alvin Kosak
**January 31**  Len Bolonsky

February Yahrtzeits

**February 1**  Richard Goldman
**February 2**  Clara Greenberg
**February 2**  John Stanhope
**February 3**  Anna Imondi
**February 4**  Leah Deborah Freed
**February 4**  Eunice Kuehnert
**February 4**  Jacob Kestin Shankman
**February 4**  Virginia Seager
**February 5**  Ezra David Bessey
**February 6**  Henry Thielman
**February 7**  Morey Lerman
**February 7**  Betty Franzel
**February 7**  Odell Kominers
**February 8**  Erik Eckert
**February 8**  Laura Goodrich
**February 8**  James LaPerriere
**February 9**  Yetta Marienhoff
**February 10**  Todd Michael Greene
**February 12**  Betty Brody Kraus
**February 12**  Theodore Kuehnert
**February 13**  Davis Spalding
**February 14**  Walter Barlow
**February 14**  Hyman Cohen
**February 17**  Laura Goldstein
**February 17**  Harry M. Slosberg
**February 17**  Evelyn Weiner
**February 21**  Morris L. Cohen
**February 23**  Fred Freed
**February 23**  Helen Hannaford
**February 23**  Harold Shapiro
**February 26**  Esta Brickman
**February 27**  Daniel Moyer
**February 28**  Katie Zamler

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