



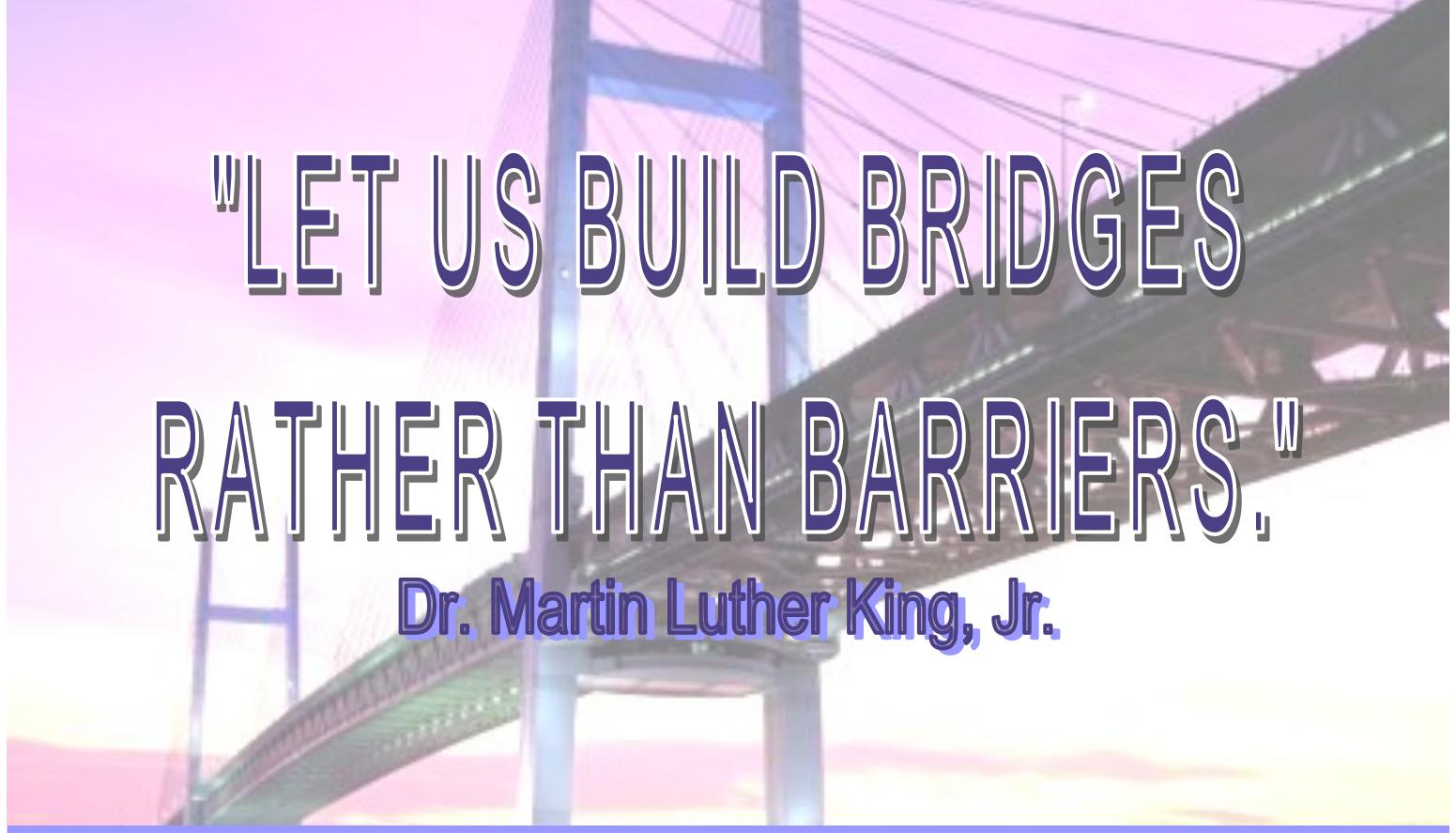
# CONGREGATION AGUDATH ACHIM

SAVANNAH GEORGIA'S CONSERVATIVE SYNAGOGUE

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"LET US BUILD BRIDGES  
RATHER THAN BARRIERS."  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Join us for our  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend  
Shabbat, January 18th & Sunday, January 19th

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# INFORMATION FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rabbi Steven Henkin	Good day fellow congregants.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Motti Locker	I hope everybody had a wonderful December with Hanukkah, our synagogue party, and vacations. Elise and I certainly did with two granddaughters and a two week cruise.
PRESIDENT Victor Shernoff	
VICE PRESIDENTS Matthew Allan Adam Fins Jeffrey Mayo	As I have repeatedly spoken to you about, the kitchen sub committee has done a remarkable makeover of our kitchen. After six or seven Wednesdays of clearing out kitchen spaces, throwing away or donating unnecessary materials (you wouldn't believe the amount of items thrown away or given to places like Goodwill), and labeling everything in its new home and space, we are actually now in a place and time where we can start figuring out what our real needs are such as air conditioning/heating/ventilation, painting, what equipment is working or needs to be replaced. We are in the process of getting bids on replacing what needs to be replaced, painting the kitchen, etc. At this time, I want everybody to know that this task was accomplished through a lot of hard work by the six or seven volunteers who regularly use the kitchen. A schedule of correct maintenance and cleanliness has been developed so that this new kitchen will be a delight to work in.
FINANCIAL SECRETARY Liz Arkin	
RECORDING SECRETARY Ed Bernard	
TREASURER Lisa Dayan	
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT Kenneth Sadler	The survey has been completed and beginning the first week in January the committee of 11 of our congregation members will be meeting to discuss the results and begin planning for the next three years. At the same time each of the 11 committee people have committed to making phone calls, asking for more information regarding our needs. Please, when you get a call and are not available, call our members of the committee back. We are really trying very hard to find out what we can do better to meet your needs.
BOARD MEMBERS Marvin Cweibel Annette Friedman Kenneth Hoffman Nancy Isaacson Fran Kaminsky Stavie Kreh Jeffrey Lasky Jerome Lederman Morgan McGhie Rick Meier Tova Tolman Linda Zoller	Homestyle Judaism remains a popular program and will be continued on Monday nights. We are getting more than 20 people at each event so please become participants.
HONORARY MEMBER David Hirsh	Backpack Buddies continues to pack and deliver lunches to four schools. This year for Thanksgiving over 80 families were given turkey dinners delivered by the members of Backpack Buddies committee.
SISTERHOOD Gale Hirsh	
MEN'S CLUB PRESIDENT David Hirsh	
CHEVRA KADISHA David Reeves	In January, you will be hearing about some very interesting social plans. In February, we will have a deli dinner and you will be hearing about our June Gala. You will also be invited to come to our semi-annual congregational meeting where we will discuss our synagogue, the survey results, our three-year plan, and the process for electing new board members.
ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN Joel Goodman	If there's anything that Rabbi Henkin, Motti, or I can do for you please don't hesitate to ask. We are here for you just like you are here for OUR Agudath Achim synagogue.
RITUAL COMMITTEE Kenneth Hoffman	I appreciate each of you,
SHALOM SCHOOL Eva Locker	Your President, Victor Shernoff

## FROM THE DESK OF THE RABBI

### The Blessing of Justice

Those of you who have listened to my teachings over the last two and half years have heard me say multiple times that Judaism has a blessing for *everything*. Whether it's putting on a new article of clothing, eating, learning, seeing someone you haven't seen for a long time, or even seeing lightening or going to the bathroom, there's a blessing Judaism teaches to help us recognize that there is holiness and blessing in even the most mundane activities.

Yet, there is one common Jewish practice that does not have a blessing associated with it: *tzedakah*. Even though it is a *mitzvah*, a commandment prescribed from the Torah, we do not recite the usual blessing for performing a *mitzvah* ("asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu...," "Who made us holy through the commandments and commanded us..."). This has perplexed rabbis for centuries, producing a variety of answers, such as recognizing that the poor person to whom you're giving your *tzedakah* money might reject it (and you'd thereby not have performed the *mitzvah*); the poor person may be lying and not need the money, so you giving them money is not actually giving *tzedakah*; we should not say a blessing involving someone else's pain, recognizing that the poor person is embarrassed by the fact he/she needs the money; or possibly that we should assume every need for *tzedakah* is urgent and we should not take the time to say a blessing rather than respond to the need in front of us. Each of these answers has been proposed at some point in time.

I would like to offer perhaps another reason. Even though we usually associate in both thought and practice the word *tzedakah* with "charity," giving to the poor, the word actually means something along the lines of "justice" or "righteousness." Giving *tzedakah* is not necessarily giving to the poor (though it certainly is included in that category) but is anything we do to make the world more just and righteous. But, creating this world of justice is a never-ending pursuit; giving *tzedakah* doesn't make the world a more just place, but it is a step to help us get there.

As we prepare to honor the memory of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. this month—a man whose major contribution was to help make America a more just and righteous nation through the way it treated all of its citizens (which was one of the reasons he had the support of many Jews), we recognize that we're not there yet. We recognize that, in his own words, "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere" and there is still injustice in this world.

Therefore, in addition to the regular *tzedakah* you give, we hope you'll join us at our Homestyle Judaism classes, which will focus on the issue of justice in Jewish texts, and for Shabbat on January 18, as we welcome St. Paul CME Church and their pastor, Rev. Da'Henri Thurmond, who will help us think and reflect on Rev. King's legacy and how we can work together to create a world of justice and righteousness—the true goal of *tzedakah*. Maybe then, when we create that world together, we'll have a blessing to recite.

Rabbi Steven Henkin

## SYNAGOGUE RELATIONSHIP

### Weekly Study Opportunities

1. Food for the Soul (Wednesday mornings, after minyan and breakfast, hosted by Ron Ginsberg): Come for breakfast, stay for learning! We are going to begin a new series of discussion-based classes on larger topics of Jewish interest. We hope to see you there!
2. Rabbinic Literature Study Group (Thursday afternoons, 2:00-3:15 pm): Take a look into the rabbinic mind and how the rabbis interpret the Torah in this weekly class.
3. Skeptics Study Group (second Thursday of every month, 11 a.m., hosted by Michael Konter): This group is for all of those who want to ask difficult questions about Judaism and/or seeking Jewish answers to the questions they have. Our next session will be **Thursday, January 16th at 11 a.m.**
4. Rabbis of the Mishnah Class will take a deep look into the Rabbis of the Mishnah; who they were and what they were thinking. Our next session will be **Wednesday, January 15th at 10:15 a.m.**

More classes coming soon, so stay tuned!

Have something you want to learn about but don't see a class about it?  
Contact Rabbi Henkin at [rabbihenkin@gmail.com](mailto:rabbihenkin@gmail.com) or call the main office.

### Homestyle Judaism

#### In Pursuit of Justice

In honor of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday this month and his dream of a just society, we will be taking a look at Jewish views towards justice and what it means for us to live justly and act to create a more just world.

**Monday, January 6, 7:30 pm** @ Marvin & Charna Cweibel's home (South Carolina)

**Monday, January 13, 7:00 pm** @ Barry & Debby Luskey's home (Landings)

**Monday, January 20, 7:00 pm** @ Michael & Suzanne Konter's home (Midtown)

Please let the host or Rabbi Henkin know if you plan to attend any of the sessions.

If you're interested in hosting future sessions and/or have topics you'd like to discuss in the future, let Rabbi Henkin ([rabbihenkin@gmail.com](mailto:rabbihenkin@gmail.com)) know!

## SYNAGOGUE RELATIONSHIP

TIME TO  
*Celebrate*

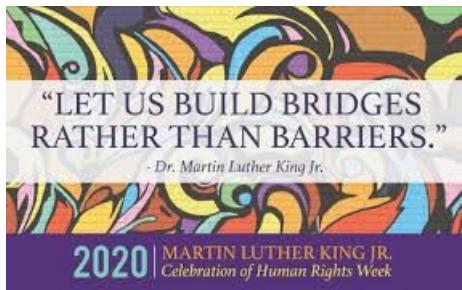
### Join us Shabbat, January 11th

for the month's Simcha, or Celebration, Shabbat.

On the second Shabbat of each month we celebrate those having birthdays and anniversaries in that month.

We will honor those individuals during the service and also have a special Kiddush.

We hope you'll join us, especially if you have something to celebrate in January!



### Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend Shabbat, January 18 & Sunday, January 19

As part of our mission as Jews to pursue justice and in memory of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s pursuit of it, we are partnering with St. Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church on MLK Weekend. On Shabbat, January 18, we will be welcoming the St. Paul community and Rev. Da'Henri Thurmond, who will be speaking during services. In addition to being the pastor at St. Paul, Rev. Thurmond is also co-president of the recently formed Savannah Area Interfaith Justice Ministry (SAIJM), a group of congregations from across the religious spectrum (including our own) which is engaging in a grassroots effort to engage in social justice work in our area. On Sunday morning, our community is invited to join St. Paul's worship service as Rabbi Henkin will be delivering the sermon.

We hope you'll join us for both of these opportunities to build bridges within our Savannah community as a first step to creating a just world.

### Learn to Leyn!

Have you wanted to learn to read from the Torah? Did you once learn for your Bar/Bat Mitzvah, but are in need of a refresher?

Join your fellow congregants for a 6 week course (starting in January) on the basics of reading Torah.

All you need is a basic knowledge of how to read Hebrew, at least some ability to carry a tune, and enthusiasm to learn and participate!



Classes will be held on  
**Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 - 5:00 pm at AA**  
**on January 22, January 29,**  
**February 5, February 12, February 19, and February 26.**

For more information and/or to sign up, please email Tova Tolman at [tovatolman@gmail.com](mailto:tovatolman@gmail.com).



Congregation Agudath Achim

# *Sisterhood Game Day*

Bring your favorite games and  
your group and let's play!

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**Sunday, January 12**

**12:30-4:00 pm**

**\$18 per person**

**Lite lunch, Door prizes and snacks**

**RSVP by January 6  
to the AA Office: 912-352-4737**



# SISTERHOOD MITZVAH-GRAM

## How do I Send a Mitzvah-Gram?

Here are 4 simple steps to do this:

- 1 Print out the Mitzvah-Gram page from the **JANUARY** HaYom newsletter with the list of people celebrating a birthday or anniversary in **FEBRUARY**.
- 2 Circle the names of all those people to whom you would like to send a Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary greeting.
- 3 Mail or deliver your list, along with your *check made out to Agudath Achim Sisterhood for \$.50 for each circled name, to Barbara Abrams, 24 Raindrop Lane, Bluffton, S.C. 29909*, or leave your list and check in the synagogue office Sisterhood box, attention Mitzvah-grams.
- 4 Make sure to include your name(s) the way you want it (them) listed.

In order for your birthday and anniversary greetings to be delivered in a timely manner, everyone needs to turn in FEBRUARY Mitzvah-Gram sheet before JANUARY 15th.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact me at [barba43@hargray.com](mailto:barba43@hargray.com), or at (843) 705-3723 or (843) 290-3995.

Thanks to everyone for participating in this exciting program.

*Barbara Abrams, Chair*

*Gale Hirsh, Acting Sisterhood President*

### FEBRUARY 2020 BIRTHDAYS

2 Monique Mayo	15 Kenneth Sadler
3 Dorothy Stock	17 Yael Elfassy-Conner
4 Leon Friedman	17 David Kinsey
4 Jennifer Tillinger	18 Robin Pam
4 Rhoda Weiland	21 Ellen Winters
5 Michelle Heyman	24 Esther Buchsbaum
6 Helene Friedman	25 Douglas Holstein
7 Elliot Palefsky	25 Shellie Jensen
10 Michael Dobbs	26 AM Goldkrand
11 Sharon Galin	26 Sara Silverman
13 Orly Henkin	27 Robert Isaacson
14 Stephen Herman	28 Margaret Kaplan
14 Sandra Seligman	

### FEBRUARY 2020 ANNIVERSARIES

7 Maurice & Frances Middleberg
7 Harvey & Donna Sussman
9 Howard & Andrea Slutsky
16 Bill & Sharon Sand
17 Richard & Kathryn Barker



Please indicate how you would like your greeting signed:

e.g. Barbara & Ellis Abrams

If we are missing your FEBRUARY birthday and/or anniversary, please contact Barbara Abrams at [barba43@hargray.com](mailto:barba43@hargray.com) or (843) 705-3723 or (843) 290-3995.

## SISTERHOOD EVENTS



### Mah-jongg Cards for 2020

Deadline to place an order for the  
Mah-Jongg Cards is

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Cards: Standard \$8, Large \$9

Make checks payable to:

Agudath Achim Sisterhood

ATTN: Gale Hirsh

9 Lee Blvd, Savannah, GA 31405

Please call Gale Hirsh at 912-667-9663,

if you have any questions!



CONGREGATION AGUDATH ACHIM

## Sisterhood Shabbat

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

CONTACT ORLY HENKIN TO PARTICIPATE -  
[ORLYHENKIN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ORLYHENKIN@GMAIL.COM)

# JANUARY 2020

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  9:00 a.m. <b>Shacharit</b>  6:00 p.m. <b>Maariv</b>	<b>2</b>  7:30 a.m. <b>Shacharit</b> 2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. <b>Rabbinic Literature Study Group</b>  6:00 p.m. <b>Maariv</b>	<b>3</b>  7:30 a.m. <b>Shacharit with breakfast to follow</b> 5:14 p.m. <b>Candle Lighting</b> 6:00 p.m. <b>Kabbalat Shabbat</b>	<b>4</b>  9:45 a.m. <b>Shabbat Services</b> 12:40 p.m. <b>Mincha</b> 6:05 p.m. <b>Maariv</b> 6:13 p.m. <b>Havdalah</b>
9:00 a.m. <b>Shacharit</b>  6:00 p.m. <b>Maariv</b>	<b>5</b>  7:30 a.m. <b>Shacharit</b>  6:00 p.m. <b>Maariv</b>	<b>6</b>  7:30 a.m. <b>Shacharit</b>  6:00 p.m. <b>Maariv</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>8</b> 8:00 a.m. <b>Shacharit with Breakfast and Torah Study</b>  6:00 p.m. <b>Maariv led by Michael Konter</b>	<b>9</b>  7:30 a.m. <b>Shacharit</b> 2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. <b>Rabbinic Literature Study Group</b>  6:00 p.m. <b>Maariv</b>	<b>10</b>  7:30 a.m. <b>Shacharit with breakfast to follow</b> 5:20 p.m. <b>Candle Lighting</b> 6:00 p.m. <b>Kabbalat Shabbat</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>Celebration Shabbat</b> 9:45 a.m. <b>Shabbat Services</b> 12:40 p.m. <b>Mincha</b> 6:10p.m. <b>Maariv</b> 6:18 p.m. <b>Havdalah</b>
9:00 a.m. <b>Shacharit</b>  9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. <b>Shalom School (CMI)</b>  6:00 p.m. <b>Maariv</b>	<b>12</b>  7:30 a.m. <b>Shacharit</b>  6:00 p.m. <b>Maariv</b>	<b>13</b>  7:30 a.m. <b>Shacharit</b>  6:00 p.m. <b>Maariv</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>15</b> 8:00 a.m. <b>Shacharit with Breakfast and Torah Study</b>  4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. <b>Shalom School (AA)</b>  6:00 p.m. <b>Maariv led by Michael Konter</b>	<b>16</b>  7:30 a.m. <b>Shacharit</b> 11:00 a.m. <b>Skeptics Study Group</b> 2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. <b>Rabbinic Literature Study Group</b>  6:00 p.m. <b>Maariv</b>	<b>17</b>  7:30 a.m. <b>Shacharit with breakfast to follow</b> 5:26 p.m. <b>Candle Lighting</b> 6:00 p.m. <b>Kabbalat Shabbat</b>	<b>18</b>  9:45 a.m. <b>Shabbat Services with St. Paul CME Church</b> 12:40 p.m. <b>Mincha</b> 6:15 p.m. <b>Maariv</b> 6:24 p.m. <b>Havdalah</b>
8:00 a.m. <b>Sermon by Rabbi Henkin at St. Paul CME Church</b>  9:00 a.m. <b>Shacharit</b>  6:00 p.m. <b>Maariv</b>	<b>19</b>  7:30 a.m. <b>Shacharit</b>  6:00 p.m. <b>Maariv</b>	<b>20</b>  7:30 a.m. <b>Shacharit</b>  6:00 p.m. <b>Maariv</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>22</b> 8:00 a.m. <b>Shacharit with Breakfast and Torah Study</b>  4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. <b>Shalom School (AA)</b>  4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. <b>Learning to Leyn Class</b>  6:00 p.m. <b>Maariv led by Michael Konter</b>	<b>23</b>  7:30 a.m. <b>Shacharit</b> 2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. <b>Rabbinic Literature Study Group</b>  6:00 p.m. <b>Maariv</b>	<b>24</b>  7:30 a.m. <b>Shacharit with breakfast to follow</b> 5:33 p.m. <b>Candle Lighting</b> 6:00 p.m. <b>Kabbalat Shabbat</b>	<b>25</b>  9:45 a.m. <b>Shabbat Services</b> 12:40 p.m. <b>Mincha</b> 6:25 p.m. <b>Maariv</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>Havdalah</b>
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<b>UPCOMING 2020</b> Sisterhood Shabbat - Feb. 1st SCAD Hillel - Feb. 7th Tu B'Shevat for Young Families - Feb. 9th Deli Dinner - Feb. 23rd				Come welcome the Shabbat by celebrating with our friends at Buckingham South on <b>Fridays at 10:30 a.m.</b>		

# YAHRZEITS JANUARY 2020 5780

## JANUARY 02/5 TEVET

ABRAHAM MADISON  
IDA MARTINEZ  
IRVING RUBIN  
MARIAN VOGEL

## JANUARY 03/6 TEVET

MORDEHAY GENOUNE

## JANUARY 04/7 TEVET

T. DAVID ODREZIN  
ELIHU SHERNOFF  
SYLVIA SHERNOFF

## JANUARY 05/8 TEVET

ABE BERKOWITZ  
SIDNEY ROBIN  
JUDY ANN WELTMAN

## JANUARY 06/9 TEVET

LEAH ISRAEL

## JANUARY 07/10 TEVET

SARAH DUNN  
HENRY KAPLAN  
RUTH SADLER  
GENEVIEVE SHARK

## JANUARY 08/11 TEVET

JACK LEVY  
JOSEPH WEIL

## JANUARY 09/12 TEVET

JOSEPH GALIN  
DAVID LINDER

## JANUARY 10/13 TEVET

HAROLD BLUMBERG  
STEVE HOLLENBERG  
ISADORE SCHEER

## JANUARY 11/14 TEVET

RUTH BLUMBERG  
IDA EISENBERG

## JANUARY 13/16 TEVET

MARY CANTOR  
SAMUEL CWEIBEL

## JANUARY 14/17 TEVET

JAMES BURNSED

## JANUARY 15/18 TEVET

BARNEY JOSELOVE  
MORRIS LEVINE

## JANUARY 16/19 TEVET

PHILIP HAYSMAN  
RONALD KRONOWITZ  
JACOB MAMAN  
JENNIFER SACALOFF

## JANUARY 17/20 TEVET

IRWIN KLUGER  
NATHALIE KONTER  
MONTE KRISSMAN

## JANUARY 18/21 TEVET

IDA DAVIDSON  
HERMAN DULBERG  
RONALD GORDON

## JANUARY 19/22 TEVET

MORRIS COHEN  
MELVIN KARP

## JANUARY 20/23 TEVET

TILLIE FELDMAN

## JANUARY 21/24 TEVET

BURTON UDINSKY

## JANUARY 23/26 TEVET

RAOUL DJIAN

## JANUARY 24/27 TEVET

IRVING DIAMOND  
RHODA HESS  
ANNIE HIRSCH  
NATHAN KARNIBAD  
HENRY MILLER  
JANETTE WEINBERG

## JANUARY 25/28 TEVET

BERTHE GOMEL  
ASHLEY SAMUELS

## JANUARY 26/29 TEVET

HELEN CWEIBEL  
EVA KONTER

## JANUARY 27/1 SHEVAT

HENRY FEINGOLD  
LAWSON HAYES

## JANUARY 28/2 SHEVAT

BERTRAM FREED  
JOSEPH GEFFEN

## JANUARY 29/3 SHEVAT

SAM ELMAN  
HENRY HIRSZFELD  
FANNY ZOLLER

## JANUARY 30/4 SHEVAT

YAFA EHRLICH

## JANUARY 31/5 SHEVAT

DAVID FIEGLEMAN  
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# DONOR DUES PROGRAM

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If you would like to participate in the Donor Dues Program contact the office with your credit card information or send in a check.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

Good company, good chatter while we crochet for a good cause



"The average plastic bag is used for 12 minutes, and shoppers collectively use about 500 billion single-use bags each year, which averages out to about 150 bags per person, according to the [ABC NEWS] study."

**Plastic Bag Yarn Sleep Mats for the Homeless**  
**Thursdays in January (9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>)**  
**9:30 to noon**



**Free but call...RSVP a must 912-355-8111**

**Bring a LARGE or JUMBO (S/19mm) crochet hook  
(or reserve one at time of RSVP from our limited supply and pay \$4 at class)**  
Check out YouTube videos on Making Plastic Bedrolls to get started!

**Need more info? Email Carol MStarArts@gmail.com**

**Can't Stay? Bring your finished 2 1/2 x 6 foot mat to donate! (Smaller mats also accepted)**

No formal instruction this time... just a warm, friendly place to get the job done with free parking and new friends!

Some heroes die in battle... some because of neglect.



How can we prevent suicide by helping Jewish military personnel and veterans be more connected to our community?

**Tuesday, January 14th, 2020**

6pm-7:30pm

**RSVP a must: 912-355-8111**

Meeting facilitator and special guests:

Rabbi Michael G. Cohen, U.S. Army Chaplain  
LTC David Escobar, Hunter Garrison Commander

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Free parking  
Light snacks provided

Martin E. Kirschbaum Jr. Post 320  
Jewish War Veterans of the United States

Open to the whole Jewish community-- current or previous military service not required. Meeting is during the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of JWV 320  
Col. Ed Wexler, Post Commander USAF, *retired*.  
All are welcomed!

***Thank you!***  
***Thank you!***  
***Thank you!***

***Thank you to all  
that have helped with the  
Plastic Bag Yarn Sleep Mats  
for the Homeless Project.***

# SHALOM SCHOOL



## SHALOM SCHOOL

The songs and excitement spilled into the street as Shalom School hosted our annual Hanukkah performance. Those in the audience were blown away by the original songs, creative costumes and infectious spirit of our students. Our kindergarteners marched as Maccabees. The 5th graders dropped the beat with a Six13 tribute. Our 3rd/4th class did a fabulous rendition of Bohemian

Hanukkah, 6th grade took us back to the 90s with a boy band themed tribute to Hanukkah, 1st grade blew us away taking us down to the Menorah with an Old Town Road Parody, and 2nd grade put their knowledge of Hebrew vowels to use with an original remake of "Witch Doctor".

It was so wonderful to see not just parents, but extended family members in the audience as well. After working up quite the appetite, our students and families were treated to latkes and sufganyot by the CMI Sisterhood. Students piled their plates high with latkes, gobs of sour cream and applesauce and doughnut holes. We are so incredibly grateful to the CMI Sisterhood for providing The Shalom School with a substantial and generous donation that will be put to good use in our classrooms.



We wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah.

See you in class in January!



# JANUARY 2020 BIRTHDAYS



2	Helen Rosengart	12	Sally Krissman	25	Sheryl Kreh
3	Joseph Cooper	13	Sara Jospin	26	Yetta Tureck
3	Carol Greenberg	19	Cookie Gale	27	Howard Gaynor
4	Charles Sitrin	20	Eliot Israel	27	Arlene Ratner
5	Scott Samuels	22	Marcy Konter	28	Alice Elfassy
7	Ron Ginsberg	23	Harvey Sussman	30	Jerry Kaminsky
9	Sarah Rabinowitz	24	Theodore Geffen	30	Lowell Kronowitz
11	Moisey Gubenko	25	William Bilek	31	Richard Bodziner
12	Michael Konter	25	Meir Elfassy		

**Yom Huledet Same'ach!**  
**We Extend Happy Birthday Wishes**  
**to the Above Members**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MINYAN CAPTAINS

If you are planning to come to Shul for Kaddish, please contact the minyan captain a few days in advance.

**Monday (7:30 am) - Kenneth Sadler**

**Tuesday (7:30 am) - Lynn Reeves**

**Wednesday (8:00 am) - Ron Ginsberg  
and Jerry Lederman**  
**(6:00 pm) - Linda Zoller**

**Thursday (7:30 am) - Michael Konter**

**Friday (7:30 am) - Bobby Isaacson**

**Sunday (9:00 am) - David Hirsh**



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