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FROM THE RABBI

As a parent of a 6 year old, I am getting used to the repeated question, “why?” Why do I need to stop watching and go brush my teeth to get ready for bed now? Why do I need to sit at the table to eat my meal? Why can’t we _____ - you fill in the blank - the options seem endless. Many times, when I answer her questions, I am not happy with my response. I know I can find deeper answers to the reasons we need to do certain things beyond just saying, because...

We need to do this, too, with our Judaism. Because... is no longer a reasonable reason for why we do things the way we do them or why we should do things in a different way. Jewish traditions are rooted in thousands of years of tradition and innovation and we are now the keepers of these amazing rituals, foods, actions and so much more.

Why?

One of my favorite Midrash (a mode of biblical interpretation which mostly appears in story form), is about the conversation our ancestors had with God when receiving the Torah. According to this Midrash, when Israel stood to receive the Torah, the Holy One, Blessed Be God, said to them, “I am giving you my Torah. Bring me good guarantors that you will guard it.”

First, the people said, “Our patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are our guarantors.” This was not acceptable. Next, they said, “Our prophets are our guarantors.” These, too, were unacceptable. But when the people pledged, “Our children are our guarantors,” the Holy One, Blessed Be God, accepted them immediately: “For their sake, I give the Torah to you.”

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Every year we celebrate receiving this gift of Torah on Shavuot. A holiday where in addition to special prayers, we study together and eat sweet dairy treats to remind us that learning Torah is sweet.

Becasue...

We are the guarantors for God, whatever we each individually believe God to be, and our actions enable Judaism to continue to be a faith rooted in thousands of years of traditions that we have the honor to innovate today.

So, I invite you to join us on Thursday May 25th at 6:00 PM for some prayers, some study, some ice cream, some socializing and some fun as we celebrate Shavuot together.

Rabbi Smiley



LETTER FROM THE *PRESIDENT*

I am currently reading *Call It Sleep* by Henry Roth. Written in 1934, and popularized in the 1960s, it is a poignant portrayal of the early 20th-century immigrant Jewish experience. Preparing for Shabbat in her tenement home, Genya asks her young son David, “Why do they make Friday so hard for women?” I thought how sad, but also how different from what we are trying to do at the UJC BR. We don’t want Judaism to be hard. While honoring our traditions and heritage, we are creating a center of vibrant, dynamic, and exciting modern Judaism. We work hard to provide inclusive and inviting worship. Everyone is welcomed to Saturday morning Torah study, which usually concludes with a lively debate. Our educational programs, from the Rayner Center to Religious School and adult education, expand knowledge in creative ways. Other activities such as our Chanukah party, Purim carnival, Geaux to Shul, and congregational Seder all are designed to be fun and participatory.

A year from now, probably a little sooner, we will be in our new home, a building that will meet our current and future needs. Our teams continue to work to create a space that respects and represents our past and is also inviting and appealing. The sanctuary has been inspired by the ancient design of the Mishkan, the tabernacle, and classic synagogue architecture which has been enriched with “modernity and innovation.” The community spaces are flexible and attractive. The library/chapel will provide a space for quiet study, contemplation and small services.

Please let me know if you would like to serve on one of the task forces we will need to plan the move into the new UJC BR and help plan a very special dedication. Many of you have pledged to the capital campaign. If not, it’s never too late. If you have

already made a commitment and now have an ability or desire to increase your pledge, please consider doing so.

I want to close by thanking several people. Rabbi Smiley has worked untiringly since her arrival last July to help build our congregation, provide pastoral care to our members, and represent us in the broader community. Mitch Rayner spend many hours each week guiding the financial operations of our synagogue. Julie Tepper has led our Religious School through another successful year in spite of our serious space crunch. Thanks, Julie, for devoting so much effort toward our children. Michael and Joey Roth enhance our worship with beautiful music. Janet Black and Debbie Cavalier chaired our first congregational Seder and did most of the cooking for 90 people. The flowers arranged by Elizabeth Clubb beautified the room, as they have for many events. Zevi Gutfreund and Mark Posner are helping to organize affinity groups for professors and medical professionals. Steve Winkler spends many weekends helping to maintain our building. Henry Spielberger ensures the sanctuary is ready for services and the chumashim (printed books of Torah) are ready for study. Ben and Eileen Shieber host a kiddush on many Saturdays, and David Kirshner and Victor Sachse lead the minyan for those who want an alternative Shabbat service. Diane Dean and Richard Flicker are leading our Sisterhood and Brotherhood. All these, along with many others, are contributing time and effort to UJC BR. They all remind us there are limitless ways to help, and I express our cumulative enormous thanks.

— Steve

Shavuot

Thursday, May 25

Beginning at 6 PM

We Received the Torah...Now What?

Erev Shavuot Service

Ice Cream Sundae Bar

Learning Together



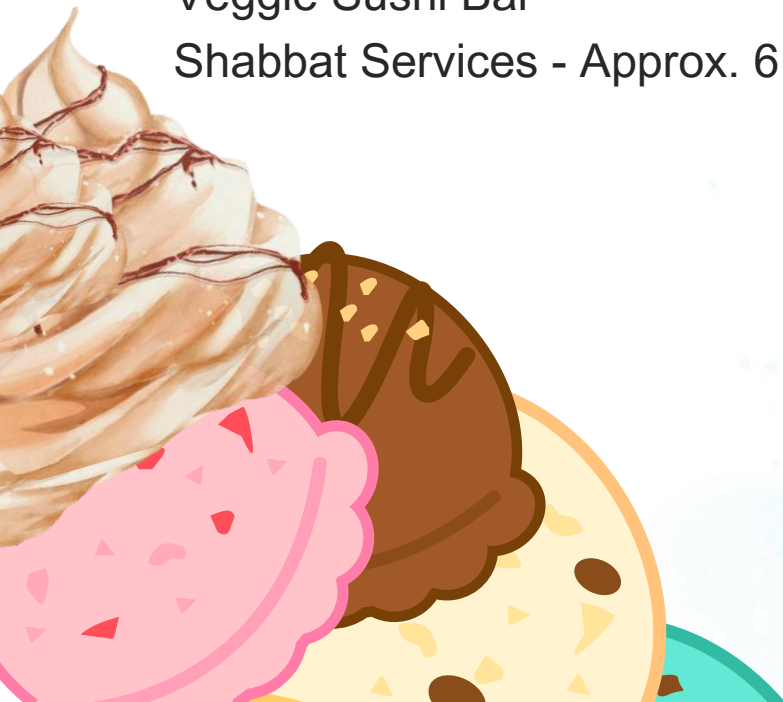
Friday, May 26

Shavuot, Sushi, Shabbat

Yizkor Service - 5:15 PM

Veggie Sushi Bar

Shabbat Services - Approx. 6 PM



GEAUX TO SHUL

MAY 17 | 6PM | UJC BR

HOW TO PERFORM TAX-EFFICIENT AND PLANNED GIVING

with Special Guest, Bobby Garon



Bobby Garon has served as the executive director of the Jewish Endowment Foundation of Louisiana (JEF) since 2019.

Prior to joining JEF, Garon practiced law for over two decades. Garon received his undergraduate degree from Cornell University and his law degree from the University of California, San Francisco.

In addition to his work at JEF, Garon is a dedicated community leader and has served on numerous boards throughout his career.

Garon and his wife, Robin Levy, have two grown sons, Marcel and Emile.

MAXIMIZE YOUR CHARITABLE GIFTS, REGARDLESS OF SIZE

This informative session will cover strategies and techniques for maximizing your charitable donations while minimizing your tax burden. Mr. Garon will also answer any questions you may have about tax-efficient giving and provide valuable insights into philanthropy. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn how you can make the most impact with your charitable contributions!

SERVING APPETIZERS AND WINE

RSVP

 **HADASSAH**
Baton Rouge Chapter

Join us!

Hadassah Shabbat

Friday, May 19
6:00 PM

Unified Jewish Congregation
of Baton Rouge
9111 Jefferson Highway
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Hadassah Baton Rouge Chapter will lead the service and host the Oneg Shabbat. Hadassah Southern President, Susan Smolinsky, will talk about Hadassah: Past, Present and Future.

 Unified Jewish
Congregation
BATON ROUGE

With Musical Guest

**CHARLENE
GUBITZ**

Followed by an

ONEG DINNER

all are welcome

RSVP FOR DINNER



YOUTH SHABBAT

Join us for Shabbat led by our Confirmation Class
with musical guest Michael Roth. All are welcome

MAY 5 | 6 PM

LIFELONG LEARNING

Learning is essential in Judaism. It is one avenue to bring us together. Our tradition teaches that when we learn in groups, we bring the *Shechinah*, God's presence, into our midst. So, we want to learn together. Join us for some or all our educational opportunities.

Those Crazy Rabbis Part I & II

with Rabbi Smiley

May 7, May 21 @ 10:30 AM



In this class we will study some of the writings of the ancient rabbis that we don't teach in Sunday School and decide if they were among the great minds of their time, or just out of their minds! Who knows, we might even learn a few Jewish life lessons in the process.

The Writings of Josephus

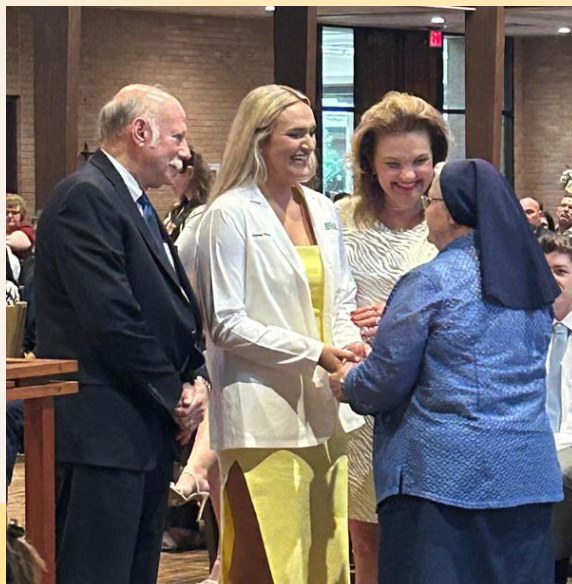
with Ben Shieber

May 7 and May 28 @ 2PM



Join Ben Shieber and fellow congregants in the exploration of the writings of Josephus. The May 7th class will discuss Josephus' retelling of the Jewish conquest of Canaan featuring Joshua, Deborah and Gideon. Book V, to page 285 All singles and couples are welcome!

MAZEL
TOV!



Alyssa Winkler, daughter of Monica and Steven Winkler, received her "White Coat" in a ceremony on Friday April 21 as she completes her second year of her Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program at FRANU. Alyssa will next begin her final year doing clinicals.

Congratulations and we look forward to sharing your continued joys!

YOM HASHOAH

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE & ANNE FRANK: A HISTORY FOR TODAY EXHIBIT

- Ellen Sager

Community members of all faiths came together at The Episcopal School of Baton Rouge Visual & Performing Arts Center to honor the six million Jews who lost their lives in the Holocaust. The Yom HaShoah Program, also known as Holocaust Remembrance Program, resulted from a first-of-its-kind partnership between The Jewish Federation of Greater Baton Rouge, the Unified Congregation of Baton Rouge, and The Episcopal School of Baton Rouge.



The program opened at 6 pm with a special Anne Frank Exhibit that has been on display at the school's VPAC Lobby for the last month. On this night the exhibit was open to all members of the community. Students from the school led visitors through the museum-style experience to commemorate the observance of Yom Hashoah and share the story of a young girl whose diary has become a classic in literature and personalized the Holocaust.



Pictured above from left to right: Holocaust Essay Winners; High School; Melissa Carillo-Martinez (Dutchtown), 1st place, Isabelle Gruner (St. Joseph's Academy), 2nd place, Christian Burnett (Dutchtown), 3rd place. Middle School Brady Foreman (St. Aloysius), 2nd place, Grace Dozier (St. Aloysius) 3rd place, and Hope Lemoine (St. Aloysius) 1st place.



According to the Anne Frank Center at the University of South Carolina, “Anne Frank: A History for Today brings to life the story of the young Jewish girl who – in the pages of her world-renowned diary – documented two years of hiding in German-occupied Amsterdam during World War II. By sharing Anne’s legacy with visitors, students and teachers, this traveling exhibit seeks to inspire our commitment to never be bystanders but instead to stand up together against antisemitism, bigotry, and inequality wherever they may exist today.”

The program continued in the auditorium with a thoughtful and meaningful service led by Rabbi Sarah Smiley that included both prayers of remembrance and prayers of peace. Father Scully and Marian Castille, EHS teacher, and Ellen Sager from the Jewish Federation of Greater Baton Rouge lit the memorial candles as they vowed never to forget the lives of the Jewish men, women, and children who were symbolized by the flames. Other memorable parts of the program included Israel’s National Anthem, the Mourners Kaddish, and recognition of the winners of The Jewish Federation’s 2022 Holocaust Essay Contest.



ISRAELI FOLK DANCING

Unified Jewish Congregation | Baton Rouge



Sunday, May 7th | 7 PM at UJCBR



Israeli Folk Dance is a unique contemporary art form. Unlike the folk dance traditions of other countries that preserve the dances of long past eras, the Israeli tradition was born as part of the modern state of Israel, barely 70 years old today. The dances of Israel combine the dance forms of

the Jews who came to the Middle East from all over the world -- the Chassidic Jews of Eastern Europe, the Yemini Jews of the hot sands of Yemen, the Sephardic Jews of Africa. All brought their own styles of dance that are reworked by Israeli choreographers, and brought to you care of our instructor David Kirshner: dkirsh@lsu.edu; 225-284-7595, for more information. All ages, experience levels, singles, couples, families welcome.

UJCBR Cemetery Plot Costs

Beginning **June, 1 2023** the price for a plot at either the Beth Shalom Cemetery or the Jewish Cemetery will be \$3,00 for members and \$6,000 for non-members. Members can purchase two plots at one time for \$4,500.

In the interim, plots are being sold for the following prices:

Beth Shalom Cemetery: \$1,500 for members and \$3,000 for non-members

Jewish Cemetery: \$3,000 members and \$6,000 for non-members

Call the office or email info@ujcbr.org for more information



MAZEL TOV

UJCBR's Ralla Shaw (pictured top left), daughter of Hillary and Hamilton Shaw, and Lily Teppar (pictured top right), daughters of Julie and Michael Teppar both graduated from the [Young Entrepreneurs Academy of Baton Rouge](#) (YEA BE) this past April. YEA's mission is to unlock the potential of young, aspiring leaders. Throughout the academic year, YEA BR students receive instruction under the LSU E. J. Ourso College of Business and launch their own companies.

Ralla is a current Junior at St. Joseph's High School. She won 2nd place in her school science fair and was invited to the regional high school science fair competition. She is the founder of Turn Up, a music social media app for expressing your musical taste. Watch her pitch [here](#)!

Lily is a current Junior at Dutchtown Highschool, a member of Mu Alpha Theta, and a 5-year veteran of the school's volleyball team. Lily is the founder of C.O.A. L., Community Opportunities and Access Locally. C.O.A.L. shows parents of children with disabilities the accessible recreational areas and service providers available to parents within their geographic area. Watch her pitch [here](#)!



Yom Ha'Atzmaut Sameach!

Happy 75th Independence Day to Israel!

Our littles at the Rayner Center enjoyed celebrating Yom Ha'Atzmaut Sameach with a parade and Israeli flags. Students colored their own flag to take home and share with their families.



Sisterhood

of the UNIFIED JEWISH CONGREGATION | BATON ROUGE

The UJCBR Sisterhood recently hosted a delightful flower-arranging activity. The event was a great success, with attendees creating stunning arrangements. Elizabeth Clubb, a member of the Sisterhood, led the event and taught participants how to craft beautiful floral displays. The featured flowers for the day were hydrangeas and white roses, which were incorporated into the arrangements in creative and eye-catching ways. Overall, the event was a wonderful opportunity for members to come together and learn a new skill while enjoying the beauty of friendship and nature.



Passover

UJC BR Congregational Second Night Seder



UJC BR welcomed over 80 members and their guests to our first Congregational Second Night Seder. Salmon and brisket were served with potato kugel, mixed vegetables, and a dessert bar. Rabbi Smiley led an entertaining seder, complete with plague masks, and interactive media. Our children searched UJC BR for the afikomen with delight. Our Seder Coordinators, Janet Black, and Debbie Cavalier prepared a delicious meal. They recruited volunteers to help cook and prepare special components of the Seder plate.

Junk Food Sedar



The entire Sunday school was able to sit down and celebrate Passover together. They all participated in the sedar, BUT it wasn't any normal sedar. It was with JUNK FOOD!



Magical Mitzvah Day



To begin Magical Mitzvah Day, we all gathered in the sanctuary to start off our day of giving back with tefillah!

MAGICAL MENCH MANIA



1st grade filled 100 bags for Volunteers of America to pass out to the homeless! They also helped the other grades with coloring snack bags!



2nd and 3rd grade filled bags with toiletries and snacks for the men's shelter at St. Vincent DePaul and the battered women's shelter of Iris. We made 100 in total! They also helped decorate the snack bags!



Canines and Commandments



4th and 5th made homemade dog treats for the no-kill shelters, Companion Animal Alliance and Cara's House

Religious School Buddies



6th and 7th grade helped paint the lines in the parking lot and plant flowers/hers to beautify our space!



Neshamah Noshers



A beautiful day ended with a fabulous lunch donated by our Brotherhood made with love from our volunteers



Special thanks to everyone who donated and/or participated in our Magical Mitzvah day!



Spring Series

Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

The Israelis: Founders and Sons

Amos Elon

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This choice was selected in celebration the 75th anniversary of the State of Israel. In this dramatic, fair-minded portrait of Israel, first published in 1971, Amos Elon places the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East in brilliant historic perspective.

Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Israel: A Concise History of a Nation Reborn

Daniel Gordie

.....

Daniel Gordie offers us a brief but thorough account of the cultural, economic, and political history of this complex nation, from its beginnings to the present. Accessible, levelheaded, and rigorous, Israel sheds light on the Israel's past so we can understand its future. The result is a vivid portrait of a people, and a nation, reborn.

Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Disobedience

Naomi Alderman

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Steeped in Jewish philosophy and teachings, *Disobedience* is a perceptive and thoughtful exploration of the laws and practices that have governed Judaism for centuries, and continue to hold sway today.

Sunday, July 16, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Tomorrow, and Tomorrow and Tomorrow

Gabrielle Zevin

.....

In this exhilarating novel by the best-selling author of *The Storied Life of A. J. Fikry* two friends--often in love, but never lovers--come together as creative partners in the world of video game design, where success brings them fame, joy, tragedy, duplicity, and, ultimately, a kind of immortality.

The Jewish Book Club meets once a month, generally on the third Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. The group is open to everyone ~ men and women. Come and join even if you haven't read the book. We read and discuss books with Jewish themes. If you have questions or suggestions for future books, please contact Susan Smolinsky (hahtool@cox.net)



The Rayner Center

Our Rayner Center students celebrated Passover by making Matzah snacks and decorating Elijah's cup. We celebrated Israeli independence day with a lively parade in addition to creating flag crafts. April also included Earth Day celebrations. Our Pre-K students learned about colors with TechStars.



The Rayner Center enrolls students ages 3 months to Pre-K. Call Latonia Douglas, Director of the Rayner Center for more information (225) 924-6772.

Check out our updated [website!](#)



Apply for Enrollement

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BUILDING UPDATES



CONSTRUCTION

We are excited to update you on the progress of the construction and renovation of our future synagogue. As of today, we are at 12% completion of the project and are on schedule for completion in the first quarter of 2024.



We are also pleased to announce that slabs have been poured and steel will begin being erected. This is a major milestone in the construction process and we are excited to see the building taking shape.

Thank you for
your donations
to the capital
campaign!

Make a Gift

PROGRESS BY THE NUMBERS

Percent
Complete

12%

Completion
Estimate
First Quarter

2024



Special attention has been given to the doors of the Ark. A call for artists' proposals for artwork on the Ark doors has been posted. We look forward to seeing the proposals for this important sanctuary feature.

Lastly, we have weekly meetings with the architect and contractors to address any changes or needs in real-time. This ensures that we can make any necessary adjustments and keep the project on schedule.

Thank you for your support throughout this process. We cannot wait to enjoy this new space with you!





Happy Anniversary

13 Febie and Michael Perdue
14 Dana and Jeffery Kahn
15 Janet and David Kirshner
16 Yuet Li and Michael Dreznick
20 Millie and Rick Brooks
20 Kate and Andy Blumberg
21 Mindy and Gregory LaCour
21 Amanda and James Bullman

24 Rebecca and Per Svensson
25 Carolanne and Sidney Blitzer
26 Adrian and Alec Hirsch
28 Chelsea and Jeffery Bender
29 Martha and Rene Salomon
29 Susan and Byron Kantrow
31 Rebecca and Warren Gottsegen

Happy Birthday

1 Dylan Folks
3 Michael Cherry
3 Per Svensson
3 Eli Sage
4 Cathy Craig
4 Diane Deitch
5 Benjamin Shieber
5 John Pizer
5 Ralla Shaw
6 Jasmin Pizer
7 James Mayer
7 Dylan White

11 Margaret Kantrow
12 Lynne Miller
12 Hannah Kaplan
13 Jill Kantrow
13 Renee Bacher
17 Marla Silverberg
17 Eric Abraham
17 Davis Pike
18 Ronit Robinson
18 Rachel Peal Posner
19 Jamie Strickler
20 Matthew Rachleff

20 Toby Burton
21 Nate Brener
22 Richard Flicker
22 Avery Hazey
23 Skip Bertman
23 Robbie Rubin
23 Maya Briscoe
23 Avi Weill
24 Sidney Blitzer
24 Barbara Young
24 Shalom Hurrey

24 Mimi Bonadona
24 Michael Perdue
25 Drew Ratcliff
26 Liam Svensson
27 Becky Simmons
28 Norman Silverman
29 Trygve Olson
29 Susannah Silverman
30 Kim Deitch
30 Allen Ross
30 Julian Adams
31 Ellanor Cohen



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2	3	4	5 6:00P Shabbat led by Confirmation Class Musical Guest: Michael Roth	6 9:30A Torah Study 10A Minyan 10:30A Shabbat Morning Service
7 10:30A Lifelong Learning with Rabbi Smiley 2:00P Lifelong Learning with Ben Shieber 7:00P Israeli Dancing	8	9	10	11	12 6:00P Shabbat Service	13 9:30A Torah Study 10A Minyan 10:30A Shabbat Morning Service
14	15	16	17 6:00P Geaux to Shul: How to Perform Tax-Efficient & Planned Giving	18	19 6:00P Shabbat Service led by Hadassah Shabbat Music with Charlene Gubitz	20 9:30A Torah Study 10A Minyan 10:30A Shabbat Morning Service
21 10:30 A Lifelong Learning with Rabbi Smiley 1:00P Jewish Book Club	22	23	24	25 6:00P Erev Shavuot Program and Ice Cream Sundae Bar	26 5:15P Yizkor Service -Sushi- 6:00P Shabbat Service - Shavuot Office Closed	27 9:30A Torah Study 10A Minyan 10:30A Shabbat Morning Service
28 2:00P Lifelong Learning with Ben Shieber	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30	31	1	2 6:00P Shabbat Service	3 9:30A Torah Study 10A Minyan 10:30A Shabbat Morning Service

Save the Date

June 11 - Jewish Book Club



Yahrzeits

Zichronam Livracha

May their memories be a blessing

5 May/14 Iyar

Doris Dreyfus
Natalie Feingold
Max Louis Gumelsky
Carolyn Hirsch
Miriam Kohn
Sarah Saltz
Leon Siegel
Rhoda Sillins
Jake Slipman
Mabel Steiner
Allan Tatar
Rabbi Larry Troster

12 May/22 Iyar

Insa Abraham
Judah Bauman
Peggy Levy Blumberg
Roslyn Breyer
Jake Chapman
Mae Goux Clegg
Jerry Engelberg
Alfred Kaufman
Celina Maas
Michael Marvin
William Michalove
Michael Phelps
Miriam Hirsch Posner
Beatrice Rubin
Sally Sabin
Shirley Saltz
Lena Samuels
Bertha Wolff Seidenbach
Ronnie Shaab
JoAnn Strickler
Anne Turchen

19 May/29 Iyar

Harold Bromberg
Ella Cherry
Lois Daniels
Jeanette Ettinger
William Ettinger
Andy Mitchell Kaplan
Samuel Kaufman
Bertha Kern
Michael Kovnar
Lena Langlois
Julia Benedict Cohn Marks
Jacob Moscove
Nechama Rivlin
Abraham Roza
Lorraine Beverly Sklaver
Earl Buddy Suffrin
Annie Gordon Wander
Judith Waxman
Sadie Weintraub

26 May/7 Sivan

Leatrice Watsky Adams
Norma Chapman
Ronnie Louis Chenevert
Morris Clemens
Karen Selene Coen
Doris Diamond

Byrde Berenson Haspel
Joseph Haspel Jr.
Helen Haymon
Jean Kaplan
Arthur Kaufman
Natalie Lubin

Oscar Rosen
Sandra Schudmak



DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND

from **Ronney Batson**

from **Ronney Batson**

In honor of

Josh Sternberg on his Bar Mitzvah from **Anne Marks**

God's Glory from **C. M.**

the engagement of Abby Rayner & Liam Kissinger from **Don & Janet Bonaventure**

Debbie Cavalier and Janet Black for all their hard work creating a beautiful Community Second Night Seder from **Linda and Mark Posner**

the engagement of Abby Rayner and Liam Kissinger from **Linda and Mark Posner**

the engagement of Ben Maas and Madison Catalanotto from **Linda and Mark Posner**

for the speedy recovery of Karen Ceppos from **Linda and Mark Posner**

Janet Bonaventure, Diane Dean, Jill Roby Pike, Carol Newman and their team for a successful Corned Beef Sandwich Sale from **Linda and Mark Posner**

In memory of

the Yahrzeit of Dorothy Plauche from **Anne Marks**

the Yahrzeit of Julia Cohn Marks from **Anne Marks**

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Jerry Black from **Linda and Mark Posner**

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Steven Zuckerman, MD from **Steven & Monica Winkler**

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of

Rabbi Smiley's installation from **Linda and Mark Posner**

Deborah Selbin from **James and Barbara Stockner**



DONATIONS

DONATIONS (CONTINUED)

SISTERHOOD

In memory of

Peggy L. Blumberg from Barry & J'on Blumberg

SYLVIA STEINER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In memory of

Celestina Covacevich from Maureen and Mal Corcoran

Albert Fraenkel from Maureen and Mal Corcoran

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In honor of

Rabbi Smiley's installation from Joseph Leighton

Magical Mitzvah Day

MAGIC WAND

Jacquelyn Hoffseth

TOP HAT

Mari and Claire Kantrow

The Bienvenu Family

Ralph and Edie Bender

Anonymous

The Alton Family

Josh and Lindsey Burton

Felix and Lynn Weill

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Ananska Carlo

MAGICIAN

Eileen and Ben Shieber

The Ross Family

Ilya Vekhter, Mari Rethelyi, Avi and Ora

The Perdue Family

The Kaplan Family

Janet and Doug Black

Diane and Jim Mayer

Richard Flicker

The Shaw Family

The Pike Family

The Tepper Family

ABRACADABRA!

Anonymous

Morrie Breyer and Michel Mamp

Steven and Kitty Wiessenberg

Shiloh Schechter

Laura Sachse

Reggie Douglas

Janet and Hermann Moyse

Ashley and Turner Smith

Janet and Don Bonaventure

Rachel and Mark Hausmann

Mindy and Greg LaCour

Susan and Jack Dampf

Laurie Lipsey Aronson

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Steve and Debbie Cavalier

The Posner Family

The Dean Family

Maia and Jay Jalenak

Laurie and Harold Brandt

Allyson Bombet

The Suggs Family

Robin Levy & Bookman Family

The Bullman Family

Sue and Jerry Freedman

MAY IS JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Join us in celebrating Jewish American Heritage Month. Throughout May, explore and highlight the vibrant history, culture, and contributions of Jewish Americans throughout our nation's history. Spread the word and share how you'll be taking part in the festivities!

ATTEND FREE EVENTS



JAHM KICKOFF CONCERT: FRANK LONDON'S KLEZMER BRASS ALLSTARS WITH JOSHUA NELSON, PRINCE OF KOSHER GOSPEL
Thursday, May 4, 2023



JAHM 2023: BEHIND THE SCREEN - STANDING UP AGAINST ANTISEMITISM
Monday, May 8, 2023



JAHM 2023: WILLIAM SHEMIN AND THE MEDAL OF HONOR
Tuesday, May 16, 2023



JAHM 2023 JEWISH MATCHMAKING: WATCH PARTY & TALKBACK WITH STAR ALEEZA BEN SHALOM
Tuesday, May 16, 2023

LEARN AND SHARE



10 KEY FINDINGS ABOUT JEWISH AMERICANS
BY: PEW RESEARCH CENTER



PERSPECTIVES AND LIVED EXPERIENCES OF JEWS OF COLOR
BY: JEWS OF COLOR INITIATIVE



THE SHALVI/HYMAN ENCYCLOPEDIA OF JEWISH WOMEN
BY: JEWISH WOMEN'S ARCHIVE



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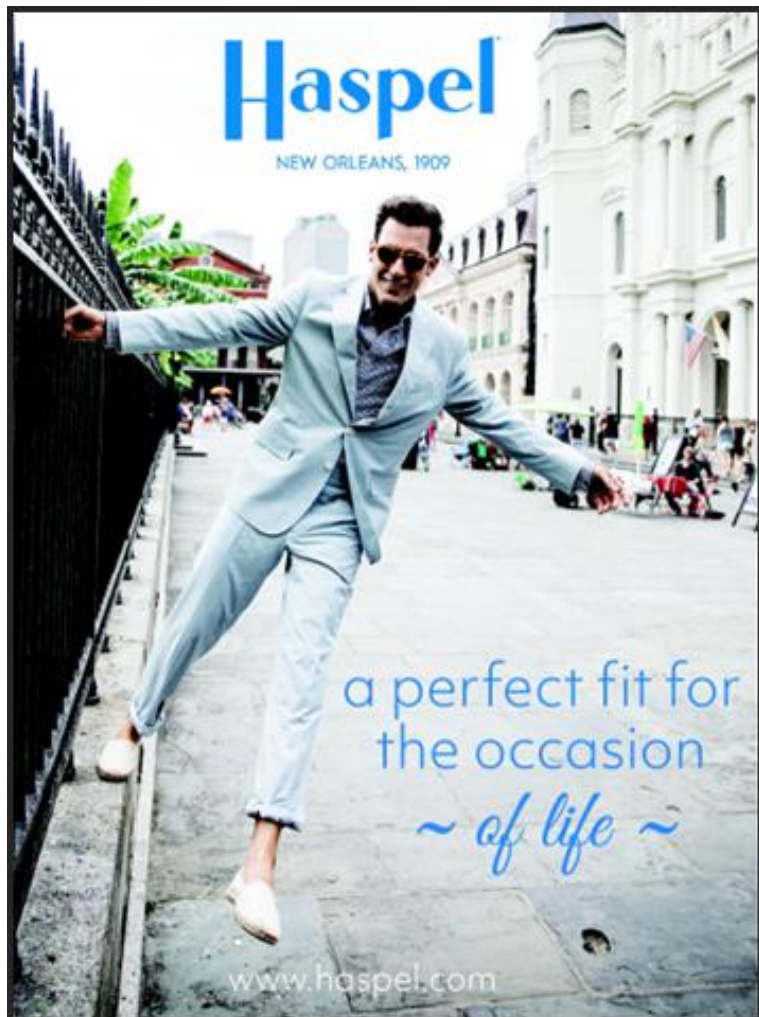
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