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MILESTONES

IN MEMORIAM

Jean Routman
Grandmother of Gene Perry McKee

Reed Melton
Father of Emily Melton Bolusky

MAZAL TOV

To Noam Faingold who was recently named the Oklahoma Music Teacher’s Associate Commissioned Composer for 2023.

To Jordan Diamond whose Allstate insurance agency, **The Diamond Agency** was recently named a top 30 agency in the country.

BIRTHS

Avi Jonathan Levitt, born to Sara and Matt Levitt, and brother of Lior. Grandparents are Amy and Eric Geboff of Orlando, Florida, and Angie and the late Alan Levitt of Chicago, Illinois.

Theodore Julian Basch, born to Ethan and Kate Basch. Grandparents are Loren Basch of Tulsa. XXXX and XXXX of Los Angeles, and XXXX XXXX Columbia of New York.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Board of Directors has given preliminary approval to the renovation of the parking lot north of the Synagogue building. This project will likely unfold over the next eighteen months, with many details yet to be finalized. We look forward to an outcome that will enhance the security of our property and bring our building and parking into closer alignment.

WELCOME TO THE SYNAGOGUE FAMILY
Susie Serafin
Jacob and Heather Leader
WE'RE SO HAPPY TO
HAVE YOU WITH US AT B'NAI EMUNAH

MASTHEAD

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***Rabbis Kaiman and Fitzerman are affiliated with the Rabbinical Assembly of the Conservative Movement.**

ON THE COVER

It is remarkable how much art about Purim fails to evoke the fizzy joy of the holiday. This painting by Jerusalem artist Tamir Shefer is an exception. Entitled **Purim Box I**, it evokes the goofy disruptiveness of the festival and the loosening of standards and practices. Everything in this image—eyes, cheeks, and nostrils—blends into everything else. It’s a homemade mask raised to the next level by a talented street artist with an ebullient heart. Happy Purim!

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MARCH CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

We're back with regular services in the Sanctuary once again. Each Saturday morning our community gathers to sing the liturgy of the tradition, study the weekly Torah portion, and spend time amongst family and friends. All are welcome to participate in this experience. For those wishing to attend in-person, we ask that you register in advance on the Synagogue website. Those wishing to attend via Zoom may do so by connecting to the Synagogue Zoom Room. Zoom Meeting ID: **918 583 7121**.

AFTERNOON/EVENING SERVICES

Twice a week our community gathers for afternoon/evening services. Every Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. we gather together to experience traditional prayer. Additionally, those who are mourning a loved one or observing the anniversary of a loss (*yahrtzeit*) can use these opportunities to recite the communal Mourner's Kaddish. Our Wednesday gatherings take place in the Sanctuary and we ask that in-person attendees register in advance. Friday services always take place on Zoom only. Those wishing to attend via Zoom may do so by connecting to the Synagogue Zoom Room. Zoom Meeting ID: **918 583 7121**.

BAKER'S DOZEN EVERY MONDAY

We continue to collect cookies, bars, and single-serve baked goods and deliver them immediately to frontline workers around the city. All are invited to participate and any gift in any amount is appreciated. Please wear a mask and deliver your cookies to the front desk at the Synagogue on Mondays from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Shaver at nshaver@bnaiemunah.com.

2 LIFELONG LEARNERS

Join us for a new kind of monthly gathering at the Synagogue. Ageless seniors from every corner of the community are invited to join Rabbi Dan Kaiman at the Synagogue for lunch and rabbinic storytelling from the literature of our civilization. The session will begin at 11:30 a.m. and a bus will leave from Zarrow Pointe at 11:00 each time. No charge for transportation (you may, of course, come in your own vehicle) and lunch from Queenies will be provided. Please reserve your spot and/or your meal by calling Nicki or Special

at (918) 583-7121

10 BLATT + BLUE: THE FLAT

Our ongoing film and television series, Blatt + Blue, spotlights the discussion-leading skills of film and television enthusiasts David Blatt and Alice Blue. This month, they will lead an exchange about *The Flat*, an award-winning documentary that follows the journey of Israeli filmmaker Arnon Goldfiner as he investigates long-buried family secrets and unravels his grandparents' painful past. *The Flat* is available on Amazon Prime for a modest rental fee. Join us on Thursday, February 10 at 7:00 p.m. for a lively discussion in the Synagogue Zoom room at 918 583 7121.

11 TWO RABBIS AND | CHOICE

Join us for the new format of our podcast, "Two Rabbis And..." After Shabbat dinner at home, log on to Zoom at 7:00 p.m. for a live conversation featuring Rabbis Kaiman and Fitzerman. This month's conversation will focus on the upcoming Supreme Court decision on Roe v. Wade, the landmark decision that gave every American woman access to a safe and legal abortion. Our guest will be Kathryn Kolbert, author of *Controlling Women: What We Must Do Now to Save Reproductive Freedom*. The book is the definitive account of the battle for reproductive freedom and a bold new strategy to safeguard the gains of Roe v. Wade. The Zoom Room access number is 918 583 7121. Two Rabbis And... is an ongoing conversation about our shared journey in a diverse, multicultural world. As always, the resulting podcast is available on Spotify, iTunes, and the Synagogue website. We hope this new format brings stimulating conversation to your Friday evenings.

TOURO CELEBRATION COMING THIS SPRING!

Health Care Aides

*If you've had a good experience
with a home health care aide, Please share
her/his name with Rabbi Fitzerman
at marboofitz@bnaiemunah.com*

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17 TRADITIONAL MEGILLAH READING

All are invited to gather in-person in the Sanctuary and on Zoom for a short service during which we will chant the Book of Esther. We'll start at 8:00 a.m. and conclude one hour later so that you can move into your day with joy and strength! Please remember that all people entering the building are required to be masked and all eligible individuals should be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Members and friends can participate in this experience by signing on to Zoom at 918 583 7121.

20 PURIM STREET FESTIVAL

The entire community is invited to join us for our annual Purim Festival! We'll gather at 10:30 a.m. in the street in front of the Synagogue to fulfill the four mitzvot of the holiday. We'll read the megillah, enjoy a festive meal, give gifts to each other, and give gifts to the poor. There will be plenty of inflatables, games, face painting, hamantaschen, popcorn, cotton candy, donuts, and so much more! Costumes are strongly encouraged and all are welcome!

25 SHABBAT FOR EVERYONE

It's not just for you and it's not just for me. It's Shabbat for Everyone at CBE! Join us for a festive Shabbat dinner in the Synagogue at 6:00 p.m. With indoor and outdoor seating options available, we hope this setting can be safe and comfortable for all who choose to participate. We'll then move to the Sanctuary for our musical celebration highlighted by song, dancing, and storytelling at 7:00 p.m. The service will be broadcast live on Zoom at 918 583 7121. In-person capacity is limited, and we'll be attending to our regular protocols including masks, vaccinations, and pre-registration for everyone entering the building. Please register in advance on our website, www.tulsagogue.com.

27 PRIDE CELEBRATION BRUNCH

We are delighted to announce our new Pride Brunch series at the Synagogue. Members of the LGBTQ+ community are welcome to join us for a delicious catered meal and conversation about the intersectionality of queer and Jewish identities. We are intended to be an inclusive, welcoming, and safe social space, not only for those who are out and proud but also for those who need a place to explore their identities among friends. Please register in advance on our website, www.tulsagogue.com.

FROM RABBI FITZGERMAN

SILVER LINING

Second year in, I don't know how much more any of us can take. We seem to have passed the point where the pandemic is a lethal danger to **everyone**, but people are still dying, including the very rare victims who are fully vaccinated. This is a good time to remind everyone to test if you are feeling puny, and to watch the news. I'm writing this note as the media continues to identify Oklahoma as a dangerous place. I hope that we are on the other side of the curve by the time this reaches you, but please pay close attention. I won't relax until the case counts really drop, ICU beds open up, and my health-care friends look less wrung out.

If there has been a silver lining (for me), all of this has helped with the task of transition and change. My beloved colleagues are now mostly working from their offices while I continue to operate online and from my desk at home. I wanted to see what it was like to disengage from some of the daily routines of the Synagogue and to give my professional family a chance to breathe. I've been a constant presence for a very long time, and it's time for other people to step in. As you may have noticed, Rabbi Kaiman is handling many of the outward facing responsibilities of speaking for us in public settings, presiding at Shabbat services, etc., while I handle back-office functions. There's still a lot to do, but our Board of Directors has granted plenty of discretion when it comes to timing, defining, and pacing my disengagement. I feel grateful for these permissions and touched by their trust. It will come as no surprise that many other rabbis have a different experience in this part of their careers.

And thanks to all of you. Between gradual and abrupt, I always favor gradual in **every** part of my life. It helps me settle into my own skin and test the big decisions of my life. For those who might be interested, Alice and I hope to be in Tulsa with the Fitzerman-Blue/Sterba Family and all of you for a very long time. There's lots of project work left to accomplish and I very much like having all my tools at hand, along with the social and emotional satisfactions that have nourished me since the 1980s. Thank you very much for your friendship, support, and care, and your willingness to reckon with the abundance of my idiosyncracies. That might be the biggest blessing of all.

PLURALISM AND OTHER GOOD THINGS

My mother's family comes from northeast Lithuania, right near the border where it touches Latvia. Prior to immigration, they lived in a cluster of towns, equidistant from Varklan and Utian, the Lithuanian home of Rabbi Kahn and his family. So it was with many of the rabbis of B'nai Emunah and, most notably, the Travis brother and their ancestors.

But all of these towns had a more important distinction, Whatever liveliness they had as centers of scholarship, commerce and trade, or politics and culture, all were within the

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RABBI MARC BOONE FITZGERMAN [CONCLUDED]

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orbit of Vilna, the largest and most distinguished city in the region. With ninety thousand Jews before the war, it had a full complement of Torah scholars, yeshivot, and synagogues. A whole approach to Talmud study took root in Vilna and it goes by the name of **Lithuanian** to this day, an essential counterpoise to the Chassidic courts of the era.

Of equal importance is that Vilna served as the birthplace of YIVO, the greatest study center of Yiddish culture in the world, some of whose archive made it to New York from the great pile of plunder that was storehoused in Frankfurt during the war.

It was long thought that what remained in Vilna was dispersed or burned, or otherwise destroyed by the Nazis. But it turns out that wasn't the case. The dramatic story of the recovery of that archive is one of the great moments of restoration in Jewish history. And in January of this year came the extraordinary announcement that the whole of the YIVO collection has been digitized, available to scholars, along with you and me.

I tell this story for many reasons, but the one that moves me most is the **diversity** of the collection. As it happens, there wasn't one Jewish Vilna or one Jewish Europe in the lands beyond. Those who have looked at the digitized material describe it as a heterogenous trove of documents ranging from political leaflets, secular literature in Yiddish, theater posters and (wait for it) dirty jokes. There are robust statements of Zionist devotion and equally robust calls to strengthen a Jewish proletariat in Europe. There are children's word games and lists of obscenities.

The archive describes a community—indeed a whole civilization—that looks a whole like the pluralism of the American Jewish world, with our disagreements, differences, and diverse attitudes toward life. Lots of energy in the Jewish neighborhoods of Vilna and elsewhere went into the production of Jewish scholarship, but there was a lot left over for other pursuits that had little to do with the traditions of the Jews, or at least the ones that were sanctioned by the rabbis. No single container could hold these energies. One of the greatest communities in Jewish history was all over the place in the things it cared about, including theaters and synagogues, medical case notes and politics, and those pesky fragments of salacious storytelling and pornography. What thrills me about all of this, is an enduring image of vitality. The Jews of Europe had a name for Vilna. It was the **Jerusalem of Lithuania**, a city on a hill that became an object of reverence in its time and afterwards. But it was a **real** community, exploding with energy, and it marked out a spectrum of possibility for its members.

If it weren't for the war, it would be there still. churning out alternatives, options, and pathways. One small idea will never satisfy the Jewish people. I am not the first to say and neither will I be the last: give us time and space to stretch our spirits and our intellects. We need a banquet of choices to survive and flourish.

■ FREE MAUS

Tennessee got it wrong.

When the McMinn County School Board tossed **Maus** out of its language arts curriculum for eighth- graders, it forgot that suppressing a masterpiece is always a bad idea. Created by Art Spiegelman, **Maus** is a graphic novel that tells the story of his father's experience in the Holocaust. It won countless awards including a Pulitzer in 1992, and will remain one of the classic representations of human suffering and industrial genocide.

The essential difference between **Maus** and other treatments of the Sho'ah is a change in register. Jews are depicted as mice, and Nazis as jackbooted, merciless cats. It allows the reader to look beyond the distractions of time-bound appearances to confront what is real, essential, and true: an ancient hatred raised to a new level of ferocity.

McMinn County saw none of this, complaining about bad language, copyright issues, and, of all things, pornography—namely the image of naked mice. If you are scrambling for a definition of offensively absurd, McMinn County is ready to help. That's why the civilized world is quickly organizing to protest its error.

The Synagogue has now joined its dear friends at Magic City Books to fund the purchase of as many copies of **Maus** as we can acquire. It's slow going, because so many people want them. As soon as he can, Jeff Martin and his staff will put dozens on the counter in the store for free distribution. That means free as in **free**. We'll do the same at the Synagogue. We want to speak in clear terms about the importance of literature, the stimulating exchange of ideas, and the rightness of educating children and all other living things about injustice, cruelty, and grotesque indifference.

It's the least we can do. It's a very short distance between book banning and book burning. Our campaign to "Free **Maus**" is a way of saying no to the closing of minds, politically motivated decision- making, and self-defeating acts of philistinism. Tell everyone you know to pick up a copy, especially eighth graders in your orbit. They need **Maus**—and we need to help.

If you'd like to contribute to the project of purchasing copies of **Maus**, please send your check to the Synagogue or make an online gift at www.tulsagogue.com.



SISTERS—JANET DUNDEE

■ BABIES!

Joan Neidell has an enviable position with Sisterhood. Joan gets to greet new parents in the congregation and gift them a Baby Book for their newborn children.

Joan reports that her recent visits to families included a chorus of dogs barking as she approached each home. Surely, she mused, each of these families have at least two dogs. What fun! Joan thought.

Mazel Tov to Laura Bellis and Stewart Habig on the November birth of daughter Shoshana. Zak and Jessica Rose-Reneau welcomed Winter Ruthie Rose-Reneau, also born in November. Kate and Ethan Basch balanced out the girls with their son, Theodore (Teddy) born in January.

Sisterhood celebrates the excitement of having new children in the congregation.

■ NEW BOOK CLUB SELECTION

Hillary Roubein and Jan Finer have announced the next selection for the Sisterhood Book Club, which will meet at the Synagogue on Sunday, March 6 at 11:00 a.m.

The book for this session is **Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love** by Dani Shapiro. Inheritance is a beautifully written memoir about long-held secrets regarding Shapiro's biological identity. After 50 years, the author discovers she is not the biological daughter of her father, a fact which sends her on a journey to discover the truth about herself.

What Shapiro tells the reader is that we live in a world in which science and technology have outpaced not only medical ethics but the capacity of the human heart to contend with the consequences of what we discover. Inheritance is the **New York Times** Editors' Choice and in 2019 was cited as the Most Anticipated Book of the year by **BitHub**, the **Washington Post**, and other sources.

Inheritance can be found at the Tulsa Public Library or purchased through Barnes & Noble or Amazon.

Reproductive Freedom
a special edition of *Two Rabbis And...*
with Kathryn Kolbert
Friday Evening, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. Zoom Access r: 918 583 7121

SPECIAL EVENTS

■ BLATT+BLUE: THE FLAT ON MARCH 10

In the great avalanche of films on Jewish concerns, **The Flat** is a standout documentary on one of our signature pre-occupations. Winner of multiple awards (Tribeca, Toronto Film Festival, Jerusalem Film Festival), the feature follows the journey of filmmaker Arnon Goldfinger as he investigates long-buried family secrets and unravels his grandparents' painful past. The result is a moving family portrait and an insightful look at the ways different generations deal with the challenges of the Jewish history.

Israeli critic Yehuda Stav gave it a rapturous review: "Arnon Goldfinger's spellbinding work **The Flat** is one of the most intriguing and important documentary films made in Israel in the last decade. This is not only because of its unbelievable subject matter, but because of its meticulous weaving, its artistry of filmmaking and above all because of the complexity of issues that are addressed and the deep emotional impact they have on the viewer."

Blatt + Blue is one of the longest-running projects at the Synagogue during the period of the pandemic. Born in March 2020, it has run consistently for two full years, spotlighting a diverse and provocative roster of films. The series expresses the Synagogue's own commitments to an inclusive and pluralistic vision of the Jewish world. No single film can capture the whole of the Jewish experience. Film and television enthusiasts David Blatt and Alice Blue begin each session with a summary of the featured material. It means that you'll be able to follow the conversation even if you have to delay your viewing of the film itself. After that, it's questions and comments from the Zoom Room audience.

The Flat is easily available on Amazon Prime for a modest rental fee. Join the Zoom discussion on Thursday evening, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom meeting ID is 918-583-7121 and the session will conclude at 8:00 p.m. Please note that security protocols are always in place during Synagogue events.. If there is a film you'd like to see in these sessions in the future, please reach out to Natalie Shaver at nshaver@bnaiemunah.com.



FROM MORAH SARA LEVITT

BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER

I often hear from folks who are new to Tulsa or just interacting with the Synagogue for the first-time. They remark about the number of things going on for the size of our community. While there is always room for growth and improvement, we work hard to perform at a very high level—beyond congregations with even larger rosters.

Aside from the regular sorts of offerings you'd expect at a synagogue (ritual, life cycle events, Shabbat morning services), our efforts often push the boundaries of what's expected. I am indeed proud to be a part of a Synagogue that thinks outside the box, sees itself as a part of the larger Tulsa community, and constantly asks itself what more there is to do.

Many factors contribute to the ethos of our work at the Synagogue. We have a dedicated staff, a supportive board of directors, resources unlike many other communities of our size, and we live in a city with a **can do** attitude that offers partnership and inspiration.

But the one ingredient in this recipe that should not and can not be overlooked is the dedicated team of volunteers who make so much of the Synagogue's work happen. In particular, I want to highlight our crew of Bikkur Cholim volunteers who cook, bake, package, deliver, and shop for our members in their greatest time of need. This work takes time and energy, care, patience, and passion. In the past several years, Bikkur Cholim has grown to include Challah for Shabbat, cookie trays for shiva, Covid Care packages, and the occasional flower delivery when food didn't seem like the right fit. It's a project that makes people feel cared for and loved by their community, and it's all powered by their fellow congregants and members. We've pivoted throughout the pandemic to figure out the safest and best way to get people what they need.

My deepest thanks to each of our Bikkur Cholim volunteers who bring joy to our members and friends and add to the richness of our larger Synagogue community. Interested in joining the team? Know someone who could use something from their Synagogue? Please be in touch with me at slevitt@bnaiemunah.com or call us at (918) 583-7121.

Coming Soon

Second Seder at the Synagogue

April 16 at 6:00 p.m.

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REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM ON MARCH 11

For half a century, American women have had the freedom to choose the legal termination of an unwanted pregnancy. Every progressive Jewish organization in North America has supported that right and valorized the Supreme Court case that established it.

Roe v. Wade is now imperiled. The conservative majority on the Supreme Court is almost certain to strike it down in a pending decision this spring. That is the result of a nationwide mobilization to create bullet-proof state laws that will make abortion nearly impossible for poor women. The increasing divide between rich and poor will be part of the collateral damage of this expected ruling.

The Synagogue has asked lawyer and activist Kathryn Kolbert to discuss this issue with the entire community. In 1992, Ms. Kolbert argued Planned Parenthood v. Casey before the US Supreme Court. It was only her second appearance, but one that has been widely credited with saving Roe v. Wade and protecting a pregnant woman's right to have an abortion.

A co-founder of the Center for Reproductive Rights, Kolbert has spent her career working to ensure that all people, wherever they live, whatever their life circumstances, whatever their age or race or LGBTQIA+ status, have the ability to choose whether to be a parent and obtain safe, legal abortions. Perhaps more than anyone, she understands how we got here, what's at stake -- and how the reproductive freedom movement can move forward. As a corollary to her other work, Ms. Kolbert also created NPR's Justice Talking.

The Synagogue's invitation to Ms. Kolbert reflects its decades-long commitment to reproductive freedom. We are currently working to ease the burden at the Peoria Health Center site of Planned Parenthood Great Plains. Because of bounty-hunter legislation passed by the Texas Legislature, there is a constant stream of patients traveling north to get medical service in Tulsa. Once a month, The Synagogue provides a respite meal for the two-dozen staffers working at the site under the direction of Felicia Martinez.

"Two Rabbis And..." now takes place monthly at the Synagogue | Congregation B'nai Emunah. After your Friday evening dinner at home, please relax and tune in on Friday night, March 11, at 7:00 p.m. The Synagogue Zoom Room can easily be accessed at 918 583 7121. We look forward to seeing you.

FROM RABBI KAIMAN

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

Every two years, I write an article for the *Messenger* sharing a message I've shared before. I'm ready to learn with you. Study is perhaps one of the essential expressions of Jewish life. When a group sits together to pour over our tradition's texts, we connect not only to the generations who came before us. But we also feel connected through shared discourse.

We are the **People of the Book**. I take that to mean we are a people of an ongoing exploration of the ideas and conversations that have shaped our community generation after generation. Study at the Synagogue takes many forms, but one expression of this value is through the ongoing study groups that meet with Rabbi Fitzerman or me, usually weekly. There are many such groups, and each has a unique tenor and character. Over the past two years, some of these groups have pivoted to online formats, and others have struggled to maintain momentum. This is the natural course of such things.

That being said, I write now in hopes of extending interest in the study life of our congregation. If there's a piece of text you've always wanted to explore; if there's a group of people you'd like to be more deeply connected with; if you're just interested in feeling closer to Jewish life and the Synagogue, then perhaps a study group is something for you. Send me a note about your interest, and we'll do our best to plug you in. Already have a group of friends organized and ready to commit to an experience? Then let's schedule a session and get started. We must start somewhere, so why not now?

Finally, I'm grateful to share a regular public learning format for lifelong learners that will now take place the first Wednesday of every month at 11:30 a.m. at the Synagogue. We're calling these sessions **Lifelong Learners**, and we'll explore a survey of Jewish texts in our time together. These sessions will occur **in person** at the Synagogue, and Zarrow Pointe will provide transportation. Every session will begin at 11:30 a.m., and we'll have sandwiches from Queenies ready for lunch. All you have to do is call the office or visit our website to register in advance, and we'll be prepared to learn together.

The Synagogue

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just down the street from
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SPECIAL EVENTS [CONCLUDED]

PURIM IN THE STREETS!

It's the Jewish carnival season at Congregation B'nai Emunah. Costumes, dancing, confetti, treats! It's a gigantic celebration that you will not want to miss. The holiday of Purim is the time of year we recall the story of Queen Esther and the triumphant victory over the evil Haman, who plotted to destroy the Jews. On this day we celebrate the distinction between good and evil, and the ability for the righteous to prevail even in the most perilous circumstances.

On Sunday, March 20 at 10:30 a.m. we'll kick things off with an interactive, musical Megillah reading to remind ourselves of this important story. The street in front of the Synagogue will then be transformed into a carnival space to bring our joy into the world at large. There will be new games and toys. Balloon artists, face painting, and entertainers will delight and engage people of all ages. And don't forget all the delicious treats. This multi-generational event is fun for the entire congregational family.

Tradition dictates that we include the neediest among us as we dance and sing and play. There will be a special opportunity to take part in a service project connected to our Refugee Resettlement efforts as we recognize the need to blot out the evil and unfair circumstances that exist in our broader community. This time of year is not just about celebration. It is about cultivating a greater sense of our society and ourselves. As we recognize the difficulty in distinguishing between good and evil, we dress in costume. So come in your most creative outfits. While there is no need to RSVP, please contact Natalie Shaver if you'd like to volunteer for the carnival itself. We do Purim right at Congregation B'nai Emunah!



Kathryn Kolbert, champion of reproductive rights. See page 7 for details.

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and remember to contribute to the Plost Matza Fund!



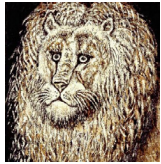
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Monday, April 4 - 3 Nisan

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Tuesday, April 5 - 4 Nisan

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Wednesday, April 6 - 5 Nisan

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Morris J. Krawitz
Marjorie Lubin
Ruben Leib Paru
Katie Pollock

Saturday, April 9 - 8 Nisan

Goldie Cash
Naomi Isaacs
George Ludman
Harry L. Miller
Harry L. Miller
Etta G. Milsten
Lottie Minsky
Sylvia Oberstein
Leonard Seigel
William Stein

Sunday, April 10 - 9 Nisan

Berel Dundee
Joe Katz
Philip Rubinstein
Tillie Welcher

Monday, April 11 - 10 Nisan

Charles Brouse
Bahram Delrahim
Abraham Finkelstein
Aaron Moran
Marvin Phillip Shalon

Tuesday, April 12 - 11 Nisan

Frances Klein
Eva Wiseman

Wednesday, April 13 - 12 Nisan

Harry Beinhorn
Louis Berlowitz
Frances Brodsky
A. Jeb Lewis
Samuel David Miller
George Robison

Thursday, April 14 - 13 Nisan

Saul Baum
Dorothea Dundee
Paul M. Jankowsky
Helen Langer
Ben Stoyen
Jerry Wittels

Friday, April 15 - 14 Nisan

Harry Fadem
Abe Fedman
Barbara Goldberg
Mina Lapidus
Alicia Urban

Ben Watt
Lillian Sanditen Weinstein

Saturday, April 16 - 15 Nisan

Irwin Oleinick
Dorothy Zarrow Renberg

Sunday, April 17 - 16 Nisan

Bernard Clay Hawkins
Shulamith Massil
Ethel Salle

Monday, April 18 - 17 Nisan

Solly Appel
Aaron Nisson Levin
Chaya Leya Levin
Nathan Price
William Nathan Raskin
Al Solow
Chasya Zarrow

Tuesday, April 19 - 18 Nisan

Earnest Appel
Irving M. Blum
Abraham Markovitz
John Griffin Moody
Grace Solomon
Dr. Ronald L. Solow
Fannie Tenner
Harry Zoblotsky

Wednesday, April 20 - 19 Nisan

Paula Ethel Bergman

Thursday, April 21 - 20 Nisan

David C. Goldberg
Alena Horska
Jacob Marks
Judah Zeldich

Friday, April 22 - 21 Nisan

Harry Borg
Edward Isadore Cohen
Sam Goldstein
Herbert Kramer
Samuel Lenske
Randall H. Levin
Regina J. Milsten
Abraham Isaac Schwartz
Abraham Siegal

Saturday, April 23 - 22 Nisan

Esther Ginsberg
Morris Milsten
Abraham Minsky
Fred Preston
Shirley Rabinovitz

Monday, April 25 - 24 Nisan

Falik Kravetz
Jacqueline Payne
Michael Myer Roberts
S. Laurence "Larry" Sobel
Hyman Soclof
Robert Delos West

Tuesday, April 26 - 25 Nisan

Janie Glasser
Doris Lantz
Dr. J. B. Raffkind
Maurice Sanditen
Ethyle G. Travis
Sarah Wolfson

Wednesday, April 27 - 26 Nisan

Abraham Gilenson
Norma Marcum
Richard Replogel
Dan H. Schusterman
Charles Trynin
Dorothy Turk
Anne Zechman Goltz
Bernice Zeldich

Thursday, April 28 - 27 Nisan

Hal Fein
Mamie "May" Singer
Lillian Smith
Mayer Taxon

Friday, April 29 - 28 Nisan

Esther Fell
Gordon Lantz
Louis Rich
Guss Zeldich

Saturday, April 30 - 29 Nisan

Rae Aaronson
Joe Degen
Rose Mizel
Jay Newman
Albert Stein
Gladys Weinberg

May their souls be bound up in the bond of life everlasting. Please note that each yahrtzeit begins at sunset on the day before the date listed.