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# MILESTONES

## ■ IN MEMORIAM

Morris 'Mo' Bernstein  
Husband of Ruth Slocum  
Father of Hannah Blankenship

Estelle Fabes  
Wife of the late Norman Fabes

Ardis Jacobson  
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If there is a note you'd like us to list in the Milestone section of the Messenger, please let us know by writing us at [info@bnaiemunah.com](mailto:info@bnaiemunah.com). We'll take it from there!

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PLEASE CONSIDER A CHARITABLE TRIBUTE  
TO HONOR THE MEMORY OR ACHIEVEMENTS  
OF A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND.

*We would be happy to list your contribution  
in the next issue of the Messenger and  
honor your generosity to the Synagogue.*

## ON THE COVER

Purim in Binyamina, Israel, is a major blowout. As evidenced by this picture, it celebrates the setting aside of convention and the elevation of the unusual and the non-conformist. It all seems to begin with Vashti, who said **no** to her authoritarian husband and refused to display herself for the titillation of his entourage. Our Binyamina reveler twirling his gragger says no to restraint, caution, and the demands of normalcy, revelling in the **muchness** of the holiday. This image also reveals a society where a defining Jewish culture determines the rhythm and tone of public life.

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# COMMUNITY

## ■ TULSA TOMORROW WEEKEND PLANNED

**Tulsa Tomorrow** is an effort to create curated experiences and opportunities for people looking at Tulsa as a place to move, grow, and connect with a Jewish community. While there are many ways to engage with their efforts, a signature piece of their programming is recruitment weekends like the one scheduled for March 31-April 2. If you know of someone considering a move to Tulsa, this is a wonderful way to explore that reality. To make a referral or learn more about the program, contact Rebekah Kantor, Director of Tulsa Tomorrow. Her address is [tulsatomorrow@gmail.com](mailto:tulsatomorrow@gmail.com).

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# MARCH CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

## 6-7 PURIM

The entire community is invited to join in celebrating Purim at The Synagogue on March 6-7, which corresponds to the fifteenth day of Adar on the Hebrew calendar. As tradition demands, we'll enjoy a festive meal, listen to the story of Purim, give gifts to one another, and give gifts to those in need. Special thanks to Shahnaz Khalil for baking beautiful hamantashen for all our Purim festivities. Of course, everything is better when you come in costume!

## 6 PURIM DINNER

Events begin at 5:30 p.m. with an optional delicious, festive dinner. Our gratitude to Alin Avitan and her team of volunteers who will prepare our Purim Feast. While the meal is complimentary, we ask that you make reservations in advance by visiting our website or by calling the Office.

## 6 CREATIVE MEGILLAH + CARNIVALE

The Scroll (Megillah) of Esther tells a story of palace intrigue and hidden identities. Ultimately good prevails over evil, and we celebrate the essential messages of this holiday. Our creative megillah reading will feature costumed readers and delightful musical accompaniment. Most importantly, we need **you** to bring your noisemakers and help us drown out the name of evil. The reading begins at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, March 6, and will flow directly into a carnival party featuring inflatables, games, treats, and more! You can register in advance on our website. As always, all are welcome, and these events are without cost or fees.

## 7 TRAD. MEGILLAH + MORNING SERVICE

At 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 7, all are invited to participate in a traditional chanting of the Story of Esther in observance of Purim. The morning service and reading will begin at 8:00 a.m. and last approximately one hour. Bring your noisemakers and fulfill the commitments of the holiday with the community. Please note, both Megillah readings will be broadcast on Zoom. Connection information is always the same: **918 583 7121**. To join by phone, dial **(346) 248-7799** and enter our Meeting ID.

## 12-16 MIDRASHA TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.

It's great to be a teen at the Synagogue. Every year during spring break, students in our Midrasha: Combined Jewish High School program travel to a rotating set of cities to vis-

it new places, learn about fellow Jewish communities, and deepen relationships. This year, our teens are visiting Washington, D.C. Highlights of their itinerary include, Smithsonian Museums, college campus visits, and learning about political advocacy. Safe travels to Morah Sara and our Tulsa teens.

## 15 LIFELONG LEARNERS

A monthly study session for seniors from across the community, Lifelong Learners is an opportunity to explore firsthand the complexities and beauties of Rabbinic Literature. Each month, Rabbi Kaiman guides our discussion through close text study and open conversation. The session begins at 11:30 a.m., and a bus leaves from Zarrow Pointe at 11:00 a.m. each time. No charge for transportation (you may, of course, come in your vehicle), and lunch from Queenie's will be provided. It's our pleasure to provide this service in cooperation with our fellow Jewish institution. Let us know if you are coming by visiting our website or calling the Synagogue. That way we can be sure to have enough lunch on hand.

## 16 BLATT + BLUE: YOU PEOPLE

Jonah Hill's new film, **You People**, accomplishes a full-on look at the messes we make when we try too hard, appropriate the language and culture of other people, and allow ourselves to be blinded by grievance and bias. Participants can see the film on Netflix, Call the Synagogue at **(918) 583-7121** if you have difficulty locating the program at home. Blatt + Blue begins at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom at **918 583 7121**.

## 22 ADAM GOPNIK

In partnership with Magic City Books, the Synagogue is proud to welcome Adam Gopnik, three-time winner of the National Magazine Award for essays and criticism, for an in-person event to celebrate his new book, **The Real Work: On the Mystery of Mastery**. A staff writer at the New Yorker, Gopnik has written a book that explores the question of how people he was writing about learned their skill, whether

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## BBYO Alumni Reunion

March 31 to April 2 in Tulsa

# FROM RABBI DANIEL S. KAIMAN

## ■ RESPONDING TO CRISIS

*A version of this article was shared via email and social media in the immediate aftermath of last month's earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.*

Last month's devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria have prompted concerns about a new humanitarian crisis in a location already struggling to navigate desperate conditions. Latest reports count a death toll of 35,000 people, and it has been challenging to get essential aid to those most in need.

Amidst the headlines and news items, I want to highlight the work of Dr. Mohammad Abo-Hilal, founder of Syria Bright Futures, a colleague whose work and efforts I greatly admire. A psychiatrist by training, Dr. Abo-Hilal fled Syria in 2011 for refuge in Jordan to continue training doctors and social workers to support young people affected by war. He now lives in Turkey, where he continues to help Syrian refugees and displaced persons. He lives and works in the heart of this week's earthquakes.

Dr. Hilal and I are connected through our work with refugees. For several days this past summer, we sat together in a working group seeking to better coordinate services to refugee populations, from the experience of those entering the resettlement system to those receiving services from agencies like the one we house at the Synagogue. As I've come to know him personally, alongside other practitioners of refugee services, the global scale of crisis fades in favor of real people doing real work in response to real problems.

I sent Dr. Hilal a note in the days following the earthquakes expressing concern and care. I wanted him to know that a community in Tulsa, Oklahoma cared in real ways about his staff and clients, home, family, and neighbors. The complexities of navigating these layered humanitarian crises are daunting. But the work must begin somewhere and be done by those rooted in a real sense of need and immediacy. In responding to the headlines and news items, it is always worth connecting ourselves to the avenues best prepared to address these changes.

As a Synagogue, we're proud to be official partners with HIAS, which is mobilizing support for trusted partners such as Islamic Relief, NATAN, and CADENA. These organizations have been working on the ground in Turkey and Syria and are best positioned to support direct efforts.

If you'd like to participate in an effort of group giving from The Synagogue to support these efforts, visit [tulsagogue.com/donate](https://tulsagogue.com/donate) and select "Earthquake Relief – Turkey and Syria." We'll transfer these funds directly to those doing direct work. Finally, your ongoing support of our Refugee Resettlement work impacts families just like the ones that Dr. Hilal supports.

These families and individuals now live in Tulsa and turn to our Synagogue as an essential resource in navigating their new realities.

Several times in the Book of Exodus, the Torah reminds us that Moses and Tziporah named their son "Gershom." The Hebrew is plain. "Ger" means stranger. "Sham" means there. They called him such because they wanted their progeny to be reminded of an essential narrative of our people. We know what it means to be a stranger. We know the struggle of navigating tragedy and crisis. And that also means we must always do our part to respond when others are in need.

## BLATT AND BLUE

### ■ YOU PEOPLE | THURSDAY, MARCH 16

Jonah Hill's new film, *You People*, is not the first movie to mine the comedy in romantic relationships that cross some ethnic or religious border. But it may be the first to accomplish a full-on look at the messes we make when we try too hard, appropriate the language and culture of other people, and allow ourselves to be blinded by grievance, bias, and theories of guilt that go beyond the pale. It's quite a load for a rom-com to carry, and the film has elicited plenty of admiration and criticism for its successes and failures. At the very least, it boasts an interesting performance by Eddie Murphy as you may never have seen him before.

Join us as we look at *You People* on Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. Our conversation will reckon with plots that are a little too predictable and whether we are comfortable with the way the film portrays the contemporary Jewish community. If you need a good reason to tune in, come for Eddie Murphy and stay for Julia Louis-Dreyfus! Potential participants can see the film on Netflix, where it is available without difficulty. Call the Synagogue at (918) 583-7121 if you have any difficulty locating the program at home. The Zoom meeting ID is 918 583 7121, and the session will conclude at 8:00 p.m.



# FROM RABBI MARC FITZGERMAN

## ■ WANDERING JEW

My office at the Synagogue has always been a trouble spot. That had nothing to do with the space itself, a gorgeous rectangle flooded with light, situated at the meeting point of two main hallways. There was plenty of room for the work of a rabbi and it should have been a source of comfort and pleasure.

The trouble is that I turned it into a kind of factory, strewn with the tools of my peculiar trade: Purim costumes, computer equipment, and a fantastic sparkly skull that reminded a dear friend of....me. I never got a chance to clear things out, and paperwork accumulated over decades like a bizarre, dry-land coral reef. So many treasures! So little time! I was acutely conscious of the shame of it all. When people came by, I would beg them to close their eyes and forgive me for turning my office space into a traffic accident.

Those peculiar days are now behind me. I worked feverishly during December to keep my promise to myself, that I would turn that space over to Rabbi Kaiman as a marker of his ascent to Principal Rabbi. It took everything I had: midnights at the Synagogue sorting thousands of books, and scraping myself out of my strange rabbinic man cave. There were plenty of pleasures along the way. I reacquainted myself with profit-and-loss statements from the eighties and found the original copy of my haftorah booklet from 1967. But I don't mind saying it knocked me out. The only thing that kept me alive was the certainty that I would be done by January 8.

Now begins Life 2.0 at the Synagogue. By the end of this month, I'll be done with the public version of my rabbinic tenure at the Synagogue in a definitive way. From the inside out, it feels like a process of decommissioning, as others come forward to handle the daily flow of Synagogue work and direct the traffic of the institution. I'm still at work on the back-office tasks I described over the High Holidays: fundraising, organizing, materials management, and renovation. I've also begun a range of new projects in sustainability, political engagement, baking...you name it. My heart is lighter and my back is slowly straightening.

And eventually, I'll find a good place to work. So far, I've tried the old Museum entrance (South Foyer) and the little niche under the chandelier in Memorial Hall. Neither was a good fit, mostly because of the light. It turns out that giant windows make for a boatload of squinting. At this point, I'm deep in the bowels of the Synagogue. Israeli soldiers used to write postcards describing their locations as **ay sham ba-**

**aretz**—somewhere in the land. That's a pretty good description of my current whereabouts.

In the meantime, I'm grateful to my colleagues and co-workers. They have been loving, supportive, and patient with my wanderings. Eventually I'll find the right combination of square footage and ethernet outlets. **Wish me luck.**

## MAZAL TOV

To Nancy and Harvey Cohen on the recent engagement of their son, Kenny to Jessica Lansing. The couple resides in Chicago and an August wedding is being planned.

To David and Randee Charney on the recent engagement of their son Evan to Naomi Bareket. Evan proposed on the banks of the Jordan River, not far from Naomi's childhood home. The couple resides in Washington, D.C.

To Lynn Schusterman who was honored by the Tulsa Day Center with the Heart of Henry Award 2023. The event chair was Andy Wolov with the award evening taking place on February 23, 2023.

To Josh Fadem for being tapped to lead an online public conversation about Mel Brooks' **History of the World Part II**. The event will take place on Thursday, March 7 at noon, PST. Those who would like to participate can find the registration module at [maven.aju.edu/events](https://maven.aju.edu/events).

### SAM PLOST MATZA FUND

PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TODAY.

## Welcome New Members

Scott and Robyn Winograd

Hunter and Anna Gambill

We're so happy to have you  
as members of the congregational family

# BAT MITZVAH

## ■ NOA VIOLET VERDUZCO

Noa Violet Verduzco, daughter of Bethanie and Bhadri Verduzco, sister of Asher, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Saturday, March 4, at Congregation B'nai Emunah.

Noa is a seventh-grade student at Carver Middle School, where she plays flute and participates in Student Council. Noa is very creative and has a keen eye for fashion, art, and music. She is an avid reader, animal lover, and enjoys watching cringey 90's movies with her friends. Noa has attended B'nai Emunah ShulSchool since pre-school. For the past year, she has been preparing for her Bat Mitzvah under the direction of Morah Sara Levitt.

The community is invited to join the Verduzco family for services at 9:30 a.m. in person at Congregation B'nai Emunah or in the Synagogue Zoom Room. The meeting ID is **918 583 7121**.



**Second Seder at the Synagogue**  
Thursday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Call the Office at (918) 583-7121  
for reservations.

# THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

## ■ THE MARCH HONOR ROLL

Thanks to our volunteers, the Synagogue was able to accomplish deeds of lovingkindness all month long. Kudos to:

Alice Blue  
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Kristi Tarabolous

We are very grateful for your generosity of spirit and the effectiveness of your efforts.



SAVE THE DATE  
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**5-7**  
EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS:  
**Celebrating**  
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# MORAH SARA LEVITT

## ■ QUESTIONS AND MORE QUESTIONS

After the seeds are in the ground for Tu Be-Shevat, we quickly move to Purim prep at ShulSchool and Hebrew Language Lab. I often hear from students that Purim ranks high on their list of holiday favorites. The costumes, the treats, the graggers, the festivity; they are all in.

This year, however, during a lesson at Hebrew Language Lab, something new happened. In our remembering of the Purim story, our students began questioning and even criticizing the story that accompanies their beloved holiday.

Our lesson involved writing out the Hebrew words connected to the story, words like **oznei Haman** and **Hadassah**. In retelling Vashti's punishment for not attending the King's party, the students asked what we've all been thinking for years as if they'd heard this story for the first time.

Was Vashti really banished because she didn't want to show herself to the King? Why did he arrange a beauty contest to pick the next queen? Why do we always think of Vashti as bad when she just stepped up for herself? Why couldn't Esther tell the King, her husband, who she was?

I was so proud of our students in that moment. Perhaps for the first time, they heard the Purim story through the lens of the Jewish and justice values that we work so hard to teach them.

Each Wednesday, our students come together for our **Textploration** portion of the afternoon, where we push our students to approach Jewish text with a curious stance. We teach them to think more deeply than the words of the prayer they've known their whole lives and ask questions.

In this practice, we've talked more about God, family, relationships, peace, evil, and history, than ever before, and our students are the curators of their own experiences. What they see in the text leads us, and their questions inspire the student next to them. In their questions, our students took in hand the practice of our ancestors to ask questions, to not take things at face value, and to view the world through the lens of fairness and justice.

They were not wrong about the Purim story, I told them. I followed their questions in the most Jewish way possible, with more questions. I don't think they'll be boycotting Purim this year because of their revelations, but they'll feel more deeply during the reading of the Megillah than they ever have before, and this is Jewish education at its best.

# SERVICE SCHEDULE

## ■ AFTERNOON AND EVENING SERVICES

On Wednesday and Fridays at 5:30p.m., we gather to experience traditional daily prayer and establish a quiet space for those mourning a loved one or observing the anniversary of a loss (**yahrtzeit**). Wednesday gatherings take place in the Synagogue Sanctuary, with full participation available through the Synagogue Zoom Room: **918 583 7121**. Friday services take place on Zoom.

## ■ SHABBAT MORNING

Each week, we convene on Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. to sing the liturgy of the tradition, study the weekly Torah portion, and spend time amongst family and friends. All are welcome. Members and friends can access the Synagogue Zoom Room at **918 583 7121** or come in person.

QUESTIONS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP?

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WRITE RABBI K. AT [rdk@bnaiemunah.com](mailto:rdk@bnaiemunah.com)  
OR STEVE ABERSON AT [saberson@gmail.com](mailto:saberson@gmail.com)

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU AS  
A MEMBER OF THE SYNAGOGUE FAMILY



*Sisterhood flashback photo from Fall 2022. Pictured are Molly Berger, Rebecca Stallings, and Tobie Bresloff.*

# BAT MITZVAH

## EMILY ELIZABETH MUDD

Emily Elizabeth Mudd, daughter of MaElena and Michael Mudd, will become a bat mitzvah on Saturday, March 25, at Congregation B'nai Emunah.

Emily is an eighth-grade student at Bixby Middle School, where she plays clarinet. Emily is also very athletic and enjoys running, biking, and swimming. Emily also enjoys fashion, getting her nails done with her mother, and shopping with friends.

When Emily is not doing those activities, she also enjoys playing scary computer games with her friends. Emily has attended B'nai Emunah Sunday School since second grade and now that she is older she really enjoys helping with the little ones in Garinim. For the past year, she has been preparing for her bat mitzvah under the tutoring of Jackie Lasky and the guidance of Morah Sara.

As she leads the Shabbat service, Emily will be surrounded by her family and friends, including a special visit by out of town family from Mexico. Emily is the granddaughter of Vernon and the late Shiela Mudd of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and José and Tomasa Jaramillo Belmares of Torreón, Mexico.

The community is invited to join the Mudd Family for services at 9:30 a.m. in person at Congregation B'nai Emunah or join us on Zoom with the meeting ID: **918 583 7121**.



# SISTERHOOD—J. DUNDEE

## BOOK CLUB ON SUNDAY, MARCH 26

You don't have to be a literature major to enjoy Sisterhood's Book Club! On Sunday morning, March 26, at 10:00 a.m., join the Book Club gathering at the Synagogue to talk about the 2021 publication of *Ophelia*, by Canadian entertainment attorney, Norman Bacal.

Hosted by book lover Karen Kiely, this session will allow you to delve into a fascinating murder mystery—a fast-paced international thriller that will take you through the twist and turns of a modern-day *Hamlet* set in Manhattan.

Sixty years after a righteous gentile fisherman rescues a Jewish family in 1943 during the Danish boat lift, the fisherman's grandson, Tal Neilson, discovers his father's death was no accident. Central to the story is a Manhattan drug empire, Tal's lover Ophelia, and her secret obsessions, and a murder that must be solved.

For the literature major, you can think of the ghost of Hamlet's father urging Hamlet to avenge his death. Think of Ophelia, losing herself to madness. For readers of Norman Bacal's book, think of the genuine excitement of discussing a new praise-worthy murder mystery by a noted Jewish author.

## BABY REGISTRY

One of the most rewarding Sisterhood projects is the delivery to new parents of a wonderful baby book, *Oh, The Places You Will Go*. Adapted by Tish Rabe from the works of Dr. Seuss, this book of rhymed verse is meant to be read to babies. With colorful drawings of Dr. Seuss's characters and a re-wording of his stories to introduce babies to Dr. Seuss, the book will be in every child's library for a lifetime.

Expectant parents: let Joan Neidell ([jretired@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jretired@sbcglobal.net)) know that a baby is on the way so Joan can be certain that she reserves a book for your child (or children). Any twins on the way?

## UPCOMING DATES

Great new spring programs are on the way to you from Sisterhood.

**Wednesday evening, March 29.** Sisterhood will join Temple Israel Sisterhood and the Jewish Federation in having a delicious dinner and then attending a film from the Jewish Film Festival at Circle Cinema. More details in the Synagogue eblast.

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# CALENDAR [CONT.]

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it was drawing a nude or baking a sourdough loaf? Exuberant and profound, *The Real Work* is ultimately about why we relentlessly seek to better ourselves in the first place. Gopnik will be interviewed by Rabbi Marc Fitzerman. This is a ticketed event, with each ticket including one copy of the book and a seat at the event. Tickets are available at [magic-citybooks.com](http://magic-citybooks.com). As always, if tickets are prohibitive to your participation, please contact [info@bnaiemunah.com](mailto:info@bnaiemunah.com) so we can ensure all are included in Synagogue programming. The program begins at 7:00 p.m.

## 24 SHABBAT FOR EVERYONE

Like the name suggests, it's an accessible, kid-friendly, musical Shabbat experience for everyone! Newcomers and experienced community members come together to sing, dance, and welcome Shabbat alongside one another. A catered dinner precedes the musical celebration. No reservation is necessary for the celebration, which begins at 7:00 p.m. But please call the Synagogue Offices or visit our website to make reservations for the 6:15 p.m. dinner. The service will be broadcast live on Zoom at [918 583 7121](tel:9185837121).

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ney Norman Bacal. Hosted by booklover Karen Kiely, you can delve into a fascinating murder mystery. Please see the article on the previous page.

## 31 BBYO ALUMNI REUNION

After many months of outreach and engagement efforts, an **in-person** BBYO Alumni reunion will take place the weekend of March 31-April 2. With the anticipated participation of individuals from near and far, this weekend will be an exciting time to connect with the many generations whose lives have been shaped by the Synagogue. We're excited to welcome visitors to our Shabbat morning services and to facilitate a tour of Jewish Tulsa for the visiting group. For more information on this programming, contact Janet Dundee at [jdarcy55@aol.com](mailto:jdarcy55@aol.com).

# SISTERHOOD [CONT.]

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**May Book Club.** The hot new book *Tomorrow, Tomorrow, Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin. is a New York Times Best Seller and a fantastic read. Two college friends, Sam and Sadie, become partners in a game of life, developing a successful video game design. Spanning thirty years, this novel provides the reader with so many possibilities, but ultimately explores the human need to connect. Buy your copy now and start reading.

**Sisterhood's Annual Meeting.** Watch this space.

# OPASSCO

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Our website for the 2023 Passover sale will go live on March 20.

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David Biespiel, *on his birthday*  
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Writing Workshop*

## Earthquake Relief - Syria and Turkey

Our thanks to those who offered support to relief efforts in Syria and Turkey following the recent devastating earthquakes through the Synagogue.

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NATAN  
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CADENA

HIAS

Welcome the stranger.  
Protect the refugee.

# MARCH | ADAR-NISAN

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 4:00 PM Hebrew Lab 5:30 PM Weekday Service 7:00 PM Midrasha at TI	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:30 PM Friday Service 6:02 PM Candles	<b>4</b> 9:30 AM Shabbat Morning   Bat Mitzvah of Noa Verduzco 7:00 PM Havdalah  Torah: Tetzaveh
<b>5</b> 9:00 AM ShulSchool 10:00 AM Intro to Judaism 1:00 PM Unveiling for Jasmine Moran	<b>6</b> 5:30 PM Purim Dinner 6:15 PM Creative Megillah + Carnival  Erev Purim	<b>7</b> 8:00 AM Traditional Megillah  Purim	<b>8</b> 4:00 PM Hebrew Lab 5:30 PM Weekday Service 7:00 PM Midrasha at TI	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 5:30 PM Friday Service 6:08 PM Candles	<b>11</b> 9:30 AM Shabbat Morning 7:06 PM Havdalah  Torah: Ki Tisa
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 11:30 AM Lifelong Learners 5:30 PM Weekday Service	<b>16</b> 7:00 PM Blatt and Blue	<b>17</b> 5:30 PM Friday Service 7:14 PM Candles	<b>18</b> 9:30 AM Shabbat Morning 8:12 PM Havdalah  Torah: Vaykhel-Pekuday
Midrasha Spring Break Trip to Washington, D.C.						
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00 PM Board of Directors	<b>22</b> 4:00 PM Hebrew Lab 5:30 PM Weekday Service 7:00 PM Booksmart: Adam Gopnik 7:00 PM Midrasha at TI	<b>23</b>  Rosh Chodesh Nisan	<b>24</b> 5:30 PM Friday Service 6:15 PM Shabbat Dinner 7:00 PM Shabbat for Everyone 7:20 PM Candles	<b>25</b> 9:30 AM Shabbat Morning   Bat Mitzvah of Emily Mudd 8:18 PM Havdalah  Torah: Vayikra
<b>26</b> 9:00 AM ShulSchool 10:00 AM Intro to Judaism 10:00 AM Sisterhood Book Club	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 4:00 PM Hebrew Lab 5:30 PM Weekday Service 7:00 PM Midrasha at TI Sisterhood Dinner and Film	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 5:30 PM Friday Service 7:26 PM Candles Beginning of BBYO Alumni Weekend Beginning of Tulsa Tomorrow Weekend	

# THE SYNAGOGUE

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### YAHRTZEIT CALENDAR — 8 ADAR THROUGH 9 NISAN

**Wednesday, March 1 - 8 Adar**

Benjamin Albert  
Verlea Bercutt  
Mary Kallmeyer  
Bella Kopp  
Harry Kravetz  
Ethel Markus  
Elliott Mason  
Dean Sanditen  
Sheldon Tilkin  
Bessie Zeff

**Thursday, March 2 - 9 Adar**

Paul Friedman  
Freda Kornfeld  
Bessie Rips

**Friday, March 3 - 10 Adar**

Ida Finkelstein Abramson  
Harry S. Blufston  
H.Z. Fell  
Edwin Marcum  
Minnie Moran  
Lee Roodman  
Beatrice A. Rotman  
Bessie Zeldich Ungerman

**Saturday, March 4 - 11 Adar**

Isadore C. Alamar  
Julius Bookman  
Eva Brouse  
Elayne Cohen  
Bess Heyman  
Morris Kessler  
Nathan Magoon  
Bess Hass Robinson

**Sunday, March 5 - 12 Adar**

George Fischbein  
Irvin Frank  
Isidore Gelfand  
Samuel H. Getz  
Sam Rothman  
Louis S. Rubin  
Scott Sanditen  
Yom Tov Sobel

**Monday, March 6 - 13 Adar**

Arnold Schreier  
Leonard A. Springer  
Leona Taylor  
Jerome R. Watt  
Jack J. Weisberg  
Elijah Zacharin

**Tuesday, March 7 - 14 Adar**

Helen Abrahamson  
Larry Jacobs  
George Kahn  
Sam Katz  
Donald Peckner

Kasriel Sarokin  
Harry J. Warshaw  
Irving Zeff  
Sam Zeligson

**Wednesday, March 8 - 15 Adar**

Michael Andelman  
Max Bengels  
Mia Sarah Cyter  
Rose Freidberg  
Mollie Kessler  
Mary Sterba

**Thursday, March 9 - 16 Adar**

Goldie Avery  
Raichel L. Bernstein  
Hilda Cyter  
Rose Fischbein  
Leona Glazer  
Michael Guterman  
Philip N. Landa

**Friday, March 10 - 17 Adar**

Jean Zelda Eichenberg  
Mildred T. Sanditen  
Phillip Sokol  
Max R. Travis  
Ann Freed Weisman

**Saturday, March 11 - 18 Adar**

Stan Burnstein  
Morris Butkin  
Martin R. Kopelman  
Stanley Silberg  
Jacob Starr

**Sunday, March 12 - 19 Adar**

Aaron Appelsies  
Donald N. Irwin  
Elma Frances Jankowsky  
Nathan Martin  
Paula H. Miller  
Jennie Rozen  
Frank Sitrin  
Rose Smith  
Dr. Joseph Stovin

**Monday, March 13 - 20 Adar**

Estelle H. Berger  
Betty Kaplan  
Florence Klein  
Max Ruby  
Morris Schuman  
Herbert Unterman

**Tuesday, March 14 - 21 Adar**

Marla Brody  
Joyce Epperson  
Lorraine Klein Juby  
Celia Klein

**Wednesday, March 15 - 22 Adar**

Evelyn S. Alster  
Irving Borg  
Ariella Buckmaster  
Marian Darmstadter  
Abe Salle

**Thursday, March 16 - 23 Adar**

Annie Martin  
Bill (Wm.) E. Meyer  
Seymour Price  
Steven Sanditen  
Sy Sweet

**Friday, March 17 - 24 Adar**

Alfred E. Aaronson  
Myron W. Glichouse  
Amelia Josey  
Joan Kutner  
Isaac Lebow  
Miles Schuman  
Asher Zeldich

**Saturday, March 18 - 25 Adar**

Chasye Dundee  
Neta H. (Blumenfeld) Dundee  
Gary Morris Mandell  
Ronnie Singer  
Larry Sitrin

**Sunday, March 19 - 26 Adar**

Sam R. Dritch  
Bernard Jacobs  
Helen Katz  
Alexander Urban

**Monday, March 20 - 27 Adar**

Morrey Frey  
Rose R. Friedman  
John Payne Hammond  
Henry Levy  
Elsie Moran  
Jack S. Price  
George Joseph Renberg  
Jack Winer

**Tuesday, March 21 - 28 Adar**

Bessie Contente  
Norman Lewis Frey  
Anna Glenn  
Diane G. Kaiser  
J. Morris Mayer  
Sheine Mehl  
Sarah Schusterman  
Ida Sucherman  
Jerry Wolens

**Wednesday, March 22 - 29 Adar**

Anna Apt  
George Fein  
Joe Levit

**Thursday, March 23 - 1 Nisan**

Joseph S. Kantor  
Morris Mizel  
Shimon Sam Mizel  
Morris Myers

**Friday, March 24 - 2 Nisan**

Charles Borochoff  
Nadine Lola Wise  
Ilse Schwarz  
Mark Seigel  
Sol Spector

Benjamin Franklin Stockfish

**Saturday, March 25 - 3 Nisan**

Celia Davis  
Neil Markman  
Barbara Rambach  
Eva Rashbaum

**Sunday, March 26 - 4 Nisan**

Henry "Hank" Alcouloumre  
Monroe "Jim" Friedman  
Max Wolens

**Monday, March 27 - 5 Nisan**

Joe Bobrow  
H.C. Bortel  
Maxine Jeffy  
Etta Price

**Tuesday, March 28 - 6 Nisan**

Mark Finston  
Bella Jankofsky  
Mike May  
Odie McReynolds  
Nathan Mizel  
Milford S. Ungerman

**Wednesday, March 29 - 7 Nisan**

Jacob Greenberg  
Norma Lee Hipfner  
Ruben Kern  
Morris J. Krawitz  
Marjorie Lubin  
Ruben Leib Paru

**Thursday, March 30 - 8 Nisan**

Goldie Cash  
Naomi Isaacs  
Harry L. Miller  
Sylvia Oberstein  
Leonard Seigel  
William Stein

**Friday, March 31 - 9 Nisan**

Berel Dundee  
Joe Katz  
Philip Rubinstein  
Tillie Welcher

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.