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## PURIM SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### Saturday, March 7 - Shabbat Zachor

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Reading of Zachor (approx.)  | 10:15 a.m. |
| 2nd Zachor reading (approx.) | 11:30 a.m. |
| 3rd Zachor reading           | 4:40 p.m.  |

### Monday, March 9 -Ta'anit Esther

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|---------------------|-----------|
| Fast Begins         | 6:10 a.m. |
| Selichot, Shacharit | 6:30 a.m. |
| Mincha              | 6:35 p.m. |

### We give the Half-Shekel at Minchah

### Note: Fast Ends after Megillah reading

|          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| Maariv   | 7:05 p.m. |
| Megillah | 7:15 p.m. |
| Carnival | 8:00 p.m. |

### Tuesday, March 10 - Purim Day

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|----------------------------|-----------|
| Shacharit                  | 6:30 a.m. |
| Megillah reading (approx.) | 6:55 a.m. |
| 2nd Megillah               | 2:00 p.m. |
| Mincha                     | 5:15 p.m. |
| Family Purim Seudah        | 5:30 p.m. |
| Maariv (approx.)           | 7:05 p.m. |

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## ABBI'S MESSAGE

### Rabbi's Benevolent Fund: Shareholders Report '08-'09

#### What is the Rabbi's Benevolent Fund?

For thousands of years, Jews have maintained communal funds meant to serve local people and wayfarers in times of need. The needs of the community have been served, and these funds have preserved the anonymity of both donor and recipient; only the collectors and distributors have known who was helping and who was being helped.

Today we continue that tradition with the Rabbi's Benevolent Fund. Donations to the Rabbi's Benevolent Fund do not go to Congregation Sons of Israel and its direct needs, although a small portion of Benevolent Fund money supports Sons programs (see *Program Services*).

#### Does a Tzedakah Fund need to issue a Shareholders Report?

As part of our mitzvah of tzedakah, we are obligated to make sure our tzedakah is used appropriately. The Rama wrote in the Code of Jewish Law (Yoreh Deah 257:2) that one is not allowed to give to a Tzedakah Fund that is not administered responsibly, and he said, "One should present a public accounting." Therefore, every tzedakah organization must provide its donors with the equivalent of a corporate earnings report, detailing how the tzedakah is spent. Of course, the anonymity of the recipients must be preserved, but general information should be disseminated. That is the purpose of this report.

#### Administration of the Fund

Our Fiscal Year runs from February 1 through January 31, to approximate the reading of Parshat Terumah on the calendar; Parshat Terumah records the first Jewish Tzedakah campaign, raising money for the Mishkan the Jews carried with them in the desert.

The anonymity of Fund beneficiaries creates a special problem: The Gemara comments that a Tzedakah fund should never be administered by just one person. If you are ever solicited for a fund which has only one person in charge, know that the Gemara tells you not to give!

To solve that problem, a person who is not related to anyone at Sons of Israel has access to the checkbook and is able to verify that I am using the money appropriately.

#### Income

Over the past fiscal year, the Fund collected \$26,770. This is down about \$7,000 from last year. I attribute the drop primarily to the economic downturn, and to the urgency this year for contributions to tzedakah causes in Israel.

This money came from donations in honor of special occasions, money put in the Tzedakah box in Shul, donations in honor of services I was able to render to families, and money solicited for specific needs.

#### Overhead

There were no overhead costs, administrative salary or fundraising costs this year.

#### Program Services

Program Service Expenditures: Over the past fiscal year the fund distributed \$24,992, or most of our in-take – and down from last year's distribution of \$32,554.

\$10,884, or about **43.5%** of the total distribution, went to Special Collections run by the Benevolent Fund and collections by people who came to us for specific institutions and families. This is the highest total in several years, largely due to growth in our fundraising efforts for IDF troops and Gush Katif.

Another \$9,435.75, or about **37.8%** of the total distribution, was disseminated locally in loans and gifts for basic needs, including food, utility bills, and tuition. *For comments on Local Aid, see the next section.*

Another \$3,907.25, or about **15.6%**, helped local organizations like Jewish Family Service and the Lehigh Valley Kashrut Commission to meet community needs. *For comments on Aid to Community Institutions, see the next section.*

\$565, or **2.3%**, was distributed to almost one hundred organizations that sent the shul envelopes, requesting assistance. These institutions are generally schools or social service organizations. Many more such

organizations are rejected, either because I am unable to verify their validity or for other reasons. This is the lowest total since I have been keeping records; I am cutting down on these contributions, in order to support local needs.

Finally, \$200, or **.8%**, sponsored Sons of Israel programs. This is in line with past years' support of the shul. We provided the normal \$100 for a Chafetz Chaim Heritage Foundation video, \$72 to a yeshiva in Baltimore for the calendar that we use to set the times for synagogue services, and \$28 for the Yad I' Achim calendar the shul receives.

#### Comments on Program Services

Aid to local families was dramatically down, from \$20,946.43 last year to \$9,435.75 this year. **However**, this is largely because the previous year's total included \$14,000 in loans, and there were no such loans this year – so that direct, non-loan aid was actually **up** more than 25%. These gifts to local families constituted almost 38% of our spending. Tuition aid (\$7785.75) was the greatest portion of this aid to local families.

Like last year, almost \$4,000 went to help local Jewish community institutions. This is almost double the spending in this category for the preceding two years. Unfortunately, I expect to need to maintain this level in the coming years.

#### Looking Ahead

The needs of our local community are growing, both in terms of private needs for non-loan aid and in terms of the needs of communal institutions which come to the Benevolent Fund for aid. Our donors have been generous, but we will be pressed to increase our giving in order to maintain our ability to serve the community's needs.

We managed to balance earnings and distributions this year. The Fund keeps a moderate cushion of two to five thousand dollars to allow for sudden needs, and we will have to be careful in coming years to maintain that cushion.

#### Thank You!

On behalf of all those who were assisted this past year, and who will be assisted in the future, thank you for being so generous toward the Benevolent Fund.

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Mike Notis

## Hamantaschen

Hamantaschen are the staple of Purim. Reigning supreme on the festive Purim seudah table is the Hamantasch, the three cornered pastry traditionally stuffed with poppy seed filling. What the Hamantasch denotes is open to conjecture. In Yiddish-German, it translates as Haman's Pocket, but other traditions call it Haman's Hat, which legend says was three-cornered. Still others soften the contour of the pastry into Haman's Ear.

German Jewish lore indicates that the use of poppy seed stuffing for the Hamantasch is due to the word for poppy seed, mohn, which sounds awfully much like ha...man.

A few years ago, the Brandeis Academic Debate and Speech Society and Hillel came together on Chanukah with the aim of answering that age old question: Which is the quintessential Jewish food, latkes or hamantaschen?

Professors Jonathan Sarna and Reuven Kimelman sought to answer this question at the first annual Brandeis Latke vs. Hamantaschen Debate. Professor Sarna advocated hamantaschen, with Kimelman speaking on behalf of latkes, fried potato pancakes.

Each professor made a ten-minute speech, followed by one-minute rebuttals from audience members. Then each professor approached the podium to give his closing remarks.

Professor Sarna argued in favor of hamantaschen on five counts:

numerical value, history, language, semiotics, and public policy. He argued that based on the numerical value given to every Hebrew letter, the numerical value of "Latke" is 270, the same value as "ra," which is associated with evil. Thus, proving the superiority of the hamantaschen.

According to Professor Sarna, history also leans in favor of the hamantaschen. Purim, a holiday during which hamantaschen is usually eaten, is older and more important than Chanukah. To support this, Professor Sarna pointed to the belief that when the Messiah comes, all holidays will be abolished, except Purim. Whereas potatoes are a "New World vegetable," which were first discovered in the 16th century. "Jews should be suspicious of this new innovation," he said.

Professor Sarna also drew on semiotics, the study of signs and symbols and the anthropological theory that food is a symbolic system. He emphasized the triangular shape of the hamantaschen as symbolic of the Jewish people.

As the corners of every triangle always add up to 180 degrees, the Jewish people always add up to one people, no matter how they are distributed around the world. **(Comment: This does not make sense unless you eat two hamantaschen and get 360 degrees).** The different fillings of the hamantaschen represent the pluralism of the Jewish people.

"The hamantaschen represents the great principle of diversity in overarching unity," Professor Sarna said.

He ended his speech by arguing that

choosing hamantaschen over latkes was a matter of good public policy. With the rising price of oil, he argued that eating hamantaschen instead of latkes would conserve oil and that the "Jewish people as a community should go green."

Professor Kimelman began his speech with a refutation of Professor Sarna's numerical argument against the latke. He said that this argument was irrelevant, because no one eats just one latke. "While one latke gives you a "ra," two gives you a "ra-ra," Professor Kimelman said. Among his other points, he employed the laxative quality of prunes, a popular hamantaschen filling, to argue against the pastry. "The quicker you go through a hamantaschen, the quicker it goes through you," Professor Kimelman said, adding, "The prune-based hamantaschen is quicker than an enema."

After Professor Kimelman concluded his speech, students spoke up in favor of the food they favored. One student argued on behalf of hamantaschen since they can be eaten without any condiments, while latkes are usually topped with applesauce or sour cream. Another student argued that the age of the hamantaschen was actually a negative thing, asking "Who wants to eat a 800-year old hamantaschen?"

A vote of audience members declared Professor Sarna the winner, and hamantaschen was deemed the better Jewish food.

Although in its first year at Brandeis, the Latke vs. Hamantaschen Debate originated at the University of Chicago in 1946 and has since spread to other campuses, including MIT and Harvard.



# SISTERHOOD PURIM MESSAGE

By Miriam Kiss

## Signs of the Times

We now return to our discussion of the Babylonian names for the months of the Jewish calendar, which we adopted after 70 years of exile.

Shevat, the Babylonian name of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, is cognate with Hebrew shevet, and can mean “birch tree.” It is an appropriate name for the month in which we celebrate the New Year of the Trees. Adar, meaning “strength,” is the name of the 12<sup>th</sup> month, in which we celebrate Purim, commemorating the strength and courage of Esther, who risked her life to go before the king unsummoned and intercede for the life of her people.

This brings us around to Nisan (Abib), the first month, whose names we dealt with previously. It is now followed by Iyyar (Ziv), whose Babylonian name means “natural healing,” suggesting that medicinal plants and herbs began to appear in the same month as Spring flowers.

Sivan, the Babylonian name for the third month, means “bright” or “their covering.” It is applicable to the fire, smoke and clouds of glory which covered Mount Sinai at this time, when Gd graciously gave us the Torah.

The Babylonians called the fourth month Tammuz, in honor of the pagan deity to whom they attributed the gift of the grapevine. It means “hidden,” because Tammuz, like the vegetation he symbolized, was obliged to spend some part of each year underground. He re-emerged during the same month that paganism reared its ugly head in the camp of the Israelites, and a small percentage worshipped the Golden Calf. Perhaps our ancestors retained

the Babylonian name as a warning that idol worship was not yet dead, but only dormant, like Tammuz, and we needed to remain on our guard against it.

Av, the name of the fifth month, means “father” in both the Babylonian and Hebrew languages, and reminds us that, however grievously we sin Gd punishes us like a father, with the intent not to destroy, but to correct us. According to tradition, it was the ninth of Av on which our people wept over the bad report of the spies, and upon which both the first and second Temples were destroyed. In none of these instances did He kill anyone on the spot. In the first, He kept us in the wilderness for 40 years, until the entire generation that suffered from slave mentality and was unfit to live as free men could die a natural death at the end of a normal life span. In the second, He took out His anger against the sins of idolatry, immorality and murder, and in the third against the sins of causeless hatred and loshon hora, by demolishing bricks and mortar instead of flesh and blood. In His great benevolence, He also promised to restore the Temple at such time as our actions might merit the coming of the Messiah.

“Elul,” now the name of the sixth month, means “nothingness” in the Babylonian tongue. It corresponds to the terms *tohu v’vohu* (“emptiness” and “void”) which the Torah uses to describe the state of the world before HaShem created heaven and earth. We Jews also see it as an anagram for *Ani L’Dodi v’Dodi Li*, “I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine,” a verse from the Song of Songs describing the mystic loving relationship between Gd and the Jewish people. We recite this beautiful allegory in Nisan, rather than Elul, because Gd is said to have taken the Jewish people as His bride on Pesach, when He took us out of Egypt, and to have given us the Torah as our marriage contract in Sivan. In Elul, we read the Book of Psalms, in order to make spiritual preparation for atonement

(becoming one?) with Gd in Tishri.

We have seen that the Babylonian names for the twelve months, whether by coincidence or Divine Design, have turned out to be applicable to the festivals and seasons of the Jewish year. There are some scholars who argue that the division of the Jewish nation into 12 tribes also reflects the division of the year into 12 months, and the 12 astrological constellations that illuminate them.

According to John Michell and Christine Rhone, in their book *Twelve Tribe Nations* (Rochester, Vt., 1991), many ancient cultures – in Greece, Asia Minor, Gaul, Etruria, Scandinavia, the British Isles and the Americas – were organized on the same 12-tribe model, as a way of achieving harmony with nature. They also cite the work of a Jesuit scholar named Athanasius Kircher, who assigned various constellations to the Jewish tribes on the basis of Jacob’s comments in Bereishit 49. To these I have added the names of the months associated with these constellations, as given by Kabbalist Phillip Berg in his *Kabbalistic Astrology* (Los Angeles, 2000):

Reuben, Aquarius (Shevat); Simeon and Levi, both Pisces (Adar); Judah, Leo (Av); Dan, Scorpio (Cheshvan); Naphtali, Virgo (Nissan); Asher, Libra (Tishri); Issachar, Cancer (Tammuz); Zebulon, Capricorn (Tevet); Joseph, Taurus (Iyar), and Benjamin, Sagittarius (Kislev). Although Ephraim and Manasseh are not mentioned in Bereishit 49, Kircher assigns both of them to the remaining mazal, Gemini (Sivan).

Could this be one of the ways Gd fulfills his promise that Abraham’s descendants would become as the stars of the heavens?

## OUTLOOKS ON YOUTH

Dear Members,

Here are some of the exciting events for our youth over the next several months.

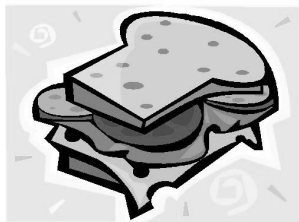
### April:



Join us at Coca-Cola Park to watch the Iron Pigs begin their 2<sup>nd</sup> season.



Get your car clean for Pesach and support the SOI Youth Department in the process. Buy car wash vouchers for the Kuhnsville Car Wash.



Keep your kitchens Pesach ready and enjoy a great meal! Watch for details about our Pre-Pesach sandwich sale.



Join Rabbi Torczyner and Judy Slyper for pre-holiday story time and craft projects.

March 1<sup>st</sup>

April 5<sup>th</sup>



Weekly Shabbos groups with Snif Binei Akivah

*Listen for times and locations each week in shul.*



*More exciting NCSY programs are being planned for the upcoming months!*

Join us every Shabbos morning for Youth Groups and Junior Congregation.

Keep your eyes and ears open for other events and programs to be announced soon!

Have a happy and safe Purim!

Moshe Markowitz  
VP Youth Programming

## COOKING CORNER

with Regina Brenner

Purim is a wonderful, festive holiday. We celebrate life having been saved from destruction as a people. Food, as in all our holidays, plays an important part. I hope you will enjoy the following recipe taken from "The Kosher Palette: Kushner Academy Cookbook".

Chag Sameach!

### Vegetarian Chopped Liver

- 2 tsp. olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 (15 oz) can green peas, drained
- 1 (14 1/2 oz) can green beans, drained
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- Dash of pepper
- 1 tsp. browning & seasoning sauce (optional)
- 2 hard cooked eggs

Heat oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium heat until hot. Add onion and sauté until very golden brown. Set aside (can be done ahead).

Place peas and green beans in the container of a food processor fitted with a knife blade; process until very smooth. Spoon mixture into a large bowl.

Place walnuts in processor bowl and pulse until very smooth. Spoon 90% of vegetable mixture into processor bowl with walnuts; pulse until blended. Stir walnut mixture into remaining vegetable mixture. Season to taste with salt & pepper. Stir in browning sauce if using. Mash eggs with a fork and stir into vegetable mixture. Cover & refrigerate until serving. Recipe may be doubled.

Serves 6 to 8 as is.

## *Yasher Koach — Thank You for Your Thoughtfulness!*

### **GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND**

In honor of Miriam Livny's engagement to Howard Nuer  
*Arthur & Susan Hochhauser*

In honor of the birth of Neil & Linda Dicker's grandson, Ethan Matthew  
*Arthur & Susan Hochhauser*

In memory of Jay Scherline's beloved father  
*Arthur & Susan Hochhauser*  
*Carol & Lloyd Berrin*

In memory of Carole Aflalo  
*Arthur & Susan Hochhauser*  
*Carol & Lloyd Berrin*

In memory of Bernice Firestone  
*Arthur & Susan Hochhauser*

A speedy recovery to Ralph Weiner  
*Debbie Ovitz*  
*Arthur & Susan Hochhauser*

In memory of Jeannie Miller's beloved brother  
*Arthur & Susan Hochhauser*

In memory of Ira Robbins' beloved mother  
*Arthur & Susan Hochhauser*

In memory of Bonnie Hammel's beloved mother  
*Arthur & Susan Hochhauser*

### **ADULT EDUCATION FUND**

In memory of Bernice Firestone  
*Neil & Linda Dicker*

In memory of Jay Scherline's beloved father  
*Steve Weiner*

In memory of Carole Aflalo  
*Steve Weiner*

In memory of Jeannie Miller's beloved brother  
*Steve Weiner*

In memory of Ira Robbins' beloved mother  
*Steve Weiner*

In memory of Ilene Levin-Dando's beloved mother  
*Steve Weiner*

### **GENERAL FUND**

In memory of Helen Krawitz  
*Barry & Carol Halper*  
*Lisa & Howard Rosenberg*

To Josh Krawitz in memory of his beloved grandmother  
*Lauren Halper*

In honor of Mark Stein for attaining tenure and his promotion to Associate Professor at Muhlenberg College  
*Barry & Carol Halper*

To Debbie Meissner and Roger Crane in memory of their beloved mother  
*Sharon & Marcel Guindine*

In honor of Ida Gold's 100th birthday  
*Judy Lasker*

A speedy recovery to Joe Aflalo  
*Judy Lasker*

In memory of Ida Gold's beloved sister  
*Cooky & Mike Notis*

In honor of Miriam Livny's engagement to Howard Nuer  
*Clive & Jeannette Byala*  
*Cooky & Mike Notis*

In memory of Bernard Newfield  
*Glenn Newfield*  
*Murray Novick*  
*Ruth Levine*  
*Michelle & David Rothstein*

In honor of the birth of their granddaughter, Juliet Rothstein  
*Phillip & Margie Vigneri*

In honor of Jake Vigneri's engagement to Alla Kligman  
*Cooky & Mike Notis*  
*Clive & Jeannette Byala*

In honor of the birth of Neil & Linda Dicker's grandson, Ethan Matthew  
*Barry & Carol Halper*  
*Clive & Jeannette Byala*

In honor of Jordan & Susan Goldman's 30th wedding anniversary  
*Barry & Carol Halper*

In memory of Jay Scherline's beloved father  
*Barry & Carol Halper*  
*Clive & Jeannette Byala*  
*Jeff & Jill Blinder*  
*Sharon & Marcel Guindine*  
*Barbara & Arthur Weinrach*

In memory of David Diamondstein  
*Clive & Jeannette Byala*

In memory of Marlene Finkelstein's beloved mother  
*Clive & Jeannette Byala*

In memory of Carole Aflalo  
*Sharon & Marcel Guindine*  
*Jeff & Jill Blinder*  
*Barbara & Arthur Weinrach*  
*Clive & Jeannette Byala*  
*Lorrie Scherline's sisters—Margo, Anne, Norma and their families*

In memory of Joseph Leskin  
*Alma Perlis*  
*Cooky & Mike Notis*  
*Marilyn & Nate Braunstein*  
*Dr. & Mrs. Henry Lehrich*

In memory of Bernice Firestone  
*Clive & Jeannette Byala*  
*Cooky & Mike Notis*  
*Regina Brenner*  
*Barry & Carol Halper*  
*Jay & Evelyn Lipschutz*  
*Marc & Aliette Abo*

A speedy recovery to Ralph Weiner  
*Cooky & Mike Notis*  
*Barbara & Arthur Weinrach*  
*Joan Lichtenstein*

In memory of Jeannie Miller's beloved brother  
*Clive & Jeannette Byala*  
*Cooky & Mike Notis*  
*Barbara & Arthur Weinrach*  
*Barry & Carol Halper*  
*Sharon & Marcel Guindine*  
*Regina Brenner*  
*The Kimmel Family*

In honor of the birth of Alan & Abby Wiener's granddaughter, Tiferet Bina  
*Barry & Carol Halper*  
*Phillip & Margie Vigneri*

In honor of the engagement of our son, Yaakov, to Alla Kligman  
*Phillip & Margie Vigneri*

In memory of Ira Robbins' beloved mother  
*Joan Lichtenstein*  
*Cooky & Mike Notis*  
*Mark & Alice Notis*  
*Regina Brenner*  
*Barbara & Arthur Weinrach*  
*The Kimmel Family*  
*Ruth & Jerry Chariton & Family*  
*Barry & Carol Halper*

A speedy recovery to Marcia Schechter  
*Barbara & Arthur Weinrach*

A speedy recovery to Neil Schwab  
*Cooky & Mike Notis*

## Yasher Koach — Thank You for Your Thoughtfulness!

In memory of Ilene Levin-Dando's beloved mother

*Cooky & Mike Notis*  
*Mark & Alice Notis*  
*Regina Brenner*  
*Barbara & Arthur Weinrach*  
*The Kimmel Family*  
*Barry & Carol Halper*  
*Marc Bernstein & Sara Vigneri*  
*Sharon & Marcel Guindine*

In memory of Bonnie Hammel's beloved mother

*Cooky & Mike Notis*  
*The Kimmel Family*  
*Barry & Carol Halper*

In memory of Victoria Howitz  
*The Kimmel Family*

### KIDDUSH FUND

In honor of Elie Schochet for passing his oral surgical boards  
*Moshe & Lisa Markowitz*

In honor of Nate Wiener on his induction into The Polar Bear Club  
*Moshe & Lisa Markowitz*

In honor of the Kiddush Committee for all the hard work they do to provide a lovely kiddush every single Shabbat.  
*The Kimmel Family*

A speedy recovery to Ralph Weiner  
*Alex & Robin Rosenau*  
*Randi & Gershon Spiegelman & Family*  
*Murray Milkman*

In memory of Carole Aflalo  
*Phillip & Margie Vigneri*  
*Raizy & Gregory Kaplun*

In memory of Jeannie Miller's beloved brother  
*Raizy & Gregory Kaplun*

In memory of Ilene Levin-Dando's beloved mother  
*Marcia & Murray Schechter*

In memory of Ira Robbins' beloved mother  
*Marcia & Murray Schechter*

The Scherline family expresses their deepest gratitude to everyone for their many expressions of sympathy on the passing of Jay's father.

### LIBRARY FUND

In honor of the birth of Laya Ora Pomerantz  
*Jay & Lorrie Scherline*

In honor of Miriam Livny's engagement to Howard Nuer  
*Jay & Lorrie Scherline*

In honor of the birth of Linda & Neil Dicker's grandson, Ethan Matthew  
*Jay & Lorrie Scherline*

In honor of Jordan & Susan Goldman's 30th wedding anniversary  
*Jay & Lorrie Scherline*

In memory of Jay Scherline's beloved father  
*Alan & Donna Black*

*Kerrie Vogel & Family*  
*Michelle Whitman, George Sosa & Family*

*Sue & Chuck Griffaton*  
*Joel & Lynn Goldstein*  
*Maur & Doe Levan*  
*Randi & Gershon Spiegelman & Family*  
*Cindy & Norman Sussman & Family*  
*Mariana & Izzy Bruch*  
*Judith Saranga*  
*Ellen Gutman-Cogan, Bill Cogan & Cole Gruber*

*Rosalyn & Irving Weingrod*  
*Cooky & Mike Notis*  
*Roberta & Jeff Epstein*  
*Sam & Sylvia Bub*  
*Ralph Weiner and Naomi Segel*  
*Joe Aflalo & Family*  
*Elk Aflalo*

*Howard & Gladys Morgenstein*  
*Abe & Ronit Pinchuck*  
*Regina Brenner*  
*Joan Lichtenstein*  
*Angelique & Philippe Knafo & Family*  
*Reliable Auto Body*

*Cyndi Kocher*  
*Debbie Ovitz*  
*Elaine Atlas*  
*Shawn & Dana Masel*  
*Lisa & Scott Gracely*  
*Baron & Marjorie Jasper*  
*Yair & Ilana Levy*  
*Jay & Marjery Strauss*  
*Norman & Roberta Marcus & Family*  
*Gregory & Raizy Kaplan*  
*Leslie & Victor Bunick*  
*Ed Komito*  
*Steve Brown*

*The Simons*

*Eric & Rima Wilby*  
*Howard R. Paul*  
*Moshe & Lisa Markowitz*  
*Sandra Sekpton-Dror & Family*  
*Stan & Vicki Wax*  
*Debbie, Josh & Giselle Zimmerman*  
*Lois & Mike Weinberg*  
*Libby Golumb*  
*Alan & Abby Wiener*  
*Ken & Micki Sinclair*  
*The Spanitz Family*  
*Jay & Evelyn Lipschutz*  
*Eugene & Inna Vishnevetsky*  
*Marc & Aliette Abo*  
*Marcy, Danielle & Madison Staiman*

In memory of Carole Aflalo  
*Jay & Lorrie Scherline*

In honor of the birth of Alan & Abby Wiener's granddaughter, Tiferet Bina  
*Jay & Lorrie Scherline*

In memory of Bernice Firestone  
*Jay & Lorrie Scherline*  
*Joe Aflalo*  
*Ken & Micki Sinclair*  
*Stuart Scherline*

In honor of Jake Vigneri's engagement to Alla Kligman  
*Jay & Lorrie Scherline*

In honor of Mike Notis for being a mensch  
*Jay Scherline*

In memory of Jeannie Miller's beloved brother  
*Jay & Lorrie Scherline*

To Atty. Thomas Kline in honor of his daughter's marriage  
*Jay & Lorrie Scherline*

In memory of Jay Lipschutz's beloved mother  
*Jay & Lorrie Scherline*

A speedy recovery to Ralph Weiner  
*Jay & Lorrie Scherline*

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*Jay & Lorrie Scherline*

## *Yasher Koach — Thank You for Your Thoughtfulness!*

Happy birthday to Howard Morgenstein  
*The Queen Mary 2*

In honor of Matthew Stein's engagement  
to Kimberly Boehler  
*Jay & Lorrie Scherline*

### **MOTY HORNSTEIN ENDOWMENT FUND**

In honor of the birth of Merry Landis'  
granddaughter  
*Judith Saranga*

In honor of Alex & Vera Hornstein's 40th  
wedding anniversary  
*Judith & Jason Saranga*

A speedy recovery to Henry Grossbard  
*Ira & Erica Robbins*

In memory of Carole Aflalo  
*Ira & Erica Robbins*  
*Alex & Vera Hornstein*

In honor of Jordan & Susan Goldman's 30th  
wedding anniversary  
*Ira & Erica Robbins*

In memory of Bernice Firestone  
*Judith Saranga*

In memory of Jeannie Miller's beloved  
brother  
*Judith Saranga*

A speedy recovery to Ralph Weiner  
*Judith Saranga*

In memory of Jay Scherline's beloved father  
*Alex & Vera Hornstein*

In memory of Ira Robbins' beloved mother  
*The Ackerman Family*

In memory of Ilene Levin-Dando's beloved  
mother  
*Judith Saranga*  
*Ira & Erica Robbins*

In memory of Bonnie Hammel's beloved  
mother  
*Judith Saranga*

### **RABBI'S BENEVOLENT FUND**

In honor of the birth of Talya Chasiba  
Yablonski  
*Bonnie Abrams*

A speedy recovery to Joe Aflalo  
*Pearl & Melvin Schmier*

In honor of the birth of Neil & Linda  
Dicker's grandson, Ethan Matthew

*Pearl & Melvin Schmier*  
*Holmes & Jeannie Miller*

In memory of Jay Scherline's beloved father  
*Pearl & Melvin Schmier*  
*Nina Jackson*  
*The Kimmel Family & Sari Netsky*

*Murray Milkman*  
*Israel & Ruth Buck*  
*Ralph & Anna Mae Grossman*  
*Robert & Abigail Gross*  
*The Smootha Family*  
*Zev Elias*

In honor of Jordan & Susan Goldman's 30th  
wedding anniversary  
*Israel & Ruth Buck*

In honor of Stacy Kopyt's engagement  
*Israel & Ruth Buck*

In honor of Alla Kligman's engagement to  
Jake Vigneri  
*The Schmier Family*

In memory of Dr. Mark Shampain's beloved  
mother  
*Israel & Ruth Buck*

In honor of Arthur & Susan Hochhauser for  
being honored at this year's Purim Gala  
*Anita & Mark Lester*

In memory of Carole Aflalo  
*Baron & Marjorie Jasper & Family*  
*Norman & Cindy Sussman & Family*  
*Joan Lichtenstein*

*Ralph & Anna Mae Grossman*  
*Pearl & Melvin Schmier*  
*Mariana & Izzy Bruch*  
*Yair & Ilana Levy*  
*Judith Saranga*

*Jay & Marjery Strauss*  
*Alex & Robin Rosenau*  
*Roberta & Jeff Epstein*  
*Israel & Ruth Buck*  
*Gary & Diane Miller*  
*Elaine Atlas*

*Ralph Weiner and Naomi Segel*  
*Robert & Abigail Gross*  
*Robert & Lota Post*  
*Sam & Sylvia Bub*  
*Randi & Gershon Spiegelman & Family*  
*Debbie Ovitz*

*Murray Milkman*  
*Joel & Lynn Goldstein*  
*Maur & Doe Levan*  
*Cooky & Mike Notis*  
*Howard & Gladys Morgenstein*  
*Regina Brenner*  
*Moshe & Lisa Markowitz*  
*Victor & Leslie Bunick*

*Joan & Richard Bass*  
*Linda Piesner*  
*Abraham Miller*  
*Sandra Sekpton-Dror & Family*  
*William & Tamar Earnest*  
*Susan & Larry Berman*  
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*Sue & Henry Lehrich*  
*Anita & Mark Lester*  
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*Debbie, Josh & Giselle Zimmerman*  
*Dr. & Mrs. Harold Kreithen*  
*Rita & Mike Bloom*  
*The Kimmel Family*  
*Mike & Lois Weinberg*  
*Jonathan & Dr. Melissa Weinberg & Spencer*  
*Carin & Jeff Koepfel, Sam, Ryan & Sydney*

*Alan & Abby Wiener*  
*Arlene & Richard Stein*  
*Don & Lois Lipson*  
*Leon & Elaine Papir*  
*Peggy & Bill Berger*  
*The Smootha Family*  
*Judy Lasker*  
*Marty & Marilyn Reiss*  
*Jeannie & Holmes Miller*  
*Zev Elias*  
*Marc & Aliette Abo*

In memory of David Diamondstein  
*Andrew & Debbie Kimmel*

In memory of Bernice Firestone  
*Holmes & Jeannie Miller*  
*Sam & Sylvia Bub*  
*Alan & Abby Wiener*

In honor of Ida Gold's 100th birthday  
*Murray Milkman*

In honor of the birth of Alan & Abby  
Wiener's granddaughter, Tiferet Bina  
*Yair & Ilana Levy*  
*Israel & Ruth Buck*  
*Holmes & Jeannie Miller*  
*Robert & Abigail Gross*

*To all my friends,*

*My sincerest thanks and  
heartfelt appreciation for your  
outpouring of kindness and love  
to me and my family on Carole's  
passing.*

*~Joe Aflalo*

## Yasher Koach — Thank You for Your Thoughtfulness!

In honor of Miriam Livny's engagement to  
Howard Nuer  
*Holmes & Jeannie Miller*

A speedy recovery to Ralph Weiner  
*Israel & Ruth Buck*  
*Pearl & Melvin Schmier*

In memory of Jeannie Miller's beloved  
brother  
*Nina Jackson*  
*Yair & Ilana Levy*  
*Joe Aflalo*  
*Sam & Sylvia Bub*  
*Alan & Abby Wiener*  
*The Smootha Family*  
*Marjery & Jay Strauss*

Our sincerest thanks to Rabbi Torczyner,  
Cooky & Mike Notis, Andy & Debbie  
Kimmel, Doug Nathanson, Rabbi Seth  
Goren, Dr. Jonathan Munves and Les &  
Maureen Dias for all their help with Alan's  
mother  
*Alan & Patti Mittleman*

In memory of Ilene Levin-Dando's beloved  
mother  
*Joe Aflalo*  
*Robert & Abigail Gross*  
*Pearl & Melvin Schmier*  
*Joel & Lynn Goldstein*  
*Alan & Abby Wiener*

In memory of Ira Robbins' beloved mother  
*Joe Aflalo*  
*Nina Jackson*  
*Murray Milkman*  
*Joel & Lynn Goldstein*  
*Alan & Abby Wiener*  
*Michele & Eugene Klechnevsky, Jonah &*  
*Hailey*

In memory of Bonnie Hammel's beloved  
mother  
*Alan & Abby Wiener*  
*Alan & Patti Mittleman*

In honor of Matthew Stein's engagement to  
*Kimberly Boehler*  
*Joe Aflalo*

### YOUTH FUND

In honor of Benjamin Brenner's Bar  
Mitzvah  
*Todd & Laura Garber*  
*Angelique & Philippe Knafo & Family*

A speedy recovery to Max Mellner  
*The Simons*

In memory of Stanley Glazier  
*Sondra B. Kline*

In memory of Helen Krawitz  
*Mariana & Izzy Bruch*

In honor of the birth of Chet & Phyllis  
Ringel's granddaughters, Jacklyn & Chloe  
*Mariana & Izzy Bruch*

In honor of the birth of Phillip & Margie  
Vigneri's granddaughter, Yael Chana  
*Moshe & Lisa Markowitz*

In honor of the birth of Talya Chasiba  
Yablonski  
*Moshe & Lisa Markowitz*

In memory of Jay Scherline's beloved father  
*Alex & Robin Rosenau*  
*Ron & Melissa Stein*

In memory of Carole Aflalo  
*Ron & Melissa Stein*  
*The Simons*

In memory of Bernice Firestone  
*Ron & Melissa Stein*  
*Alex & Robin Rosenau*  
*The Simons*

In memory of Esriel Rosenfeld  
*Scott & Cheryl Brenner*

In memory of Ira Robbins' beloved mother  
*The Simons*  
*Alex & Robin Rosenau*  
*Jeff & Jill Blinder*  
*Moshe & Lisa Markowitz*

In memory of Ilene Levin-Dando's beloved  
mother  
*The Simons*  
*Alex & Robin Rosenau*  
*Jeff & Jill Blinder*  
*Ron & Melissa Stein*  
*Moshe & Lisa Markowitz*

In memory of Jeannie Miller's beloved  
brother  
*The Simons*  
*Mariana & Izzy Bruch*  
*Ron & Melissa Stein*

A speedy recovery to Ralph Weiner  
*Jeff & Jill Blinder*  
*The Simons*

In honor of the birth of Alan & Abby  
Wiener's granddaughter, Tiferet Bina  
*Joel & Lynn Goldstein*  
*Ron & Melissa Stein*  
*Moshe & Lisa Markowitz*

A speedy recovery to Neil Schwab  
*The Simons*

In memory of Bonnie Hammel's beloved  
mother  
*Ron & Melissa Stein*

In honor of Jordan Kemp's Bar Mitzvah  
*Ron & Melissa Stein*  
*Moshe & Lisa Markowitz*

### MEL BESEN ENDOWMENT FUND

In honor of the birth of Talya Chasiba  
Yablonski  
*Elaine Atlas*

In honor of the birth of Laya Ora  
Pomerantz  
*Elaine Atlas*

In memory of Jay Scherline's beloved  
father  
*Helen Besen*  
*Sandra & Seymour Preis*

In memory of Carole Aflalo  
*Helen Besen*  
*Sandra & Seymour Preis*

In memory of Elizabeth Schoenfeld  
*Murray Milkman*

In memory of Jeannie Miller's beloved  
brother  
*Howard & Gladys Morgenstein*

A speedy recovery to Ralph Weiner  
*Howard & Gladys Morgenstein*  
*Sandra & Seymour Preis*

In memory of Bernice Firestone  
*Sandra & Seymour Preis*

In honor of the birth of Alan & Abby  
Wiener's granddaughter, Tiferet Bina  
*Elaine Atlas*

In memory of Ira Robbins' beloved mother  
*Howard & Gladys Morgenstein*  
*Helen Besen*  
*Sandra & Seymour Preis*

Thank you all for your cards,  
donations and kindness  
shown to me on the passing  
of my beloved mother.

—Ira Robbins

*Yasher Koach — Thank You for Your Thoughtfulness!*

In memory of Ilene Levin-Dando's beloved mother  
*Howard & Gladys Morgenstein  
Sandra & Seymour Preis*

**MARGE GOLDBERG TORAH COVER FUND**

In memory of Jay Scherline's beloved father  
*Sheryl & Rance Block & Family*

In memory of Carole Aflalo  
*Sheryl & Rance Block & Family*

**CLAYTON HYMAN MEMORIAL FUND**

In memory of Helen Krawitz  
*Dr. & Mrs. Herbert Hyman*

In memory of Jay Scherline's beloved father  
*Dr. & Mrs. Herbert Hyman*

In memory of Carole Aflalo  
*Dr. & Mrs. Herbert Hyman*

**PRAYER BOOK FUND**

In memory of Helen Krawitz  
*Baron & Marjorie Jasper & Family  
Angela Ondush*

In memory of Jay Scherline's beloved father  
*Lisa & Steve Shedroff  
Ken, Norma, Jake & Diana Freedman  
Herman Lipschitz  
Margo, Dave, Ruth & Josh Meininger  
David, Anne, Louis & Ella Valdes*

In memory of our beloved grandfather  
*Justin and Lyell Scherline*

In memory of Bernice Firestone  
*Lisa & Steve Shedroff*

In memory of Carole Aflalo  
*Barry & Carol Halper*

**TORAH REPAIR FUND**

In memory of Barbara Berry  
*Cantor Joseph Bach*

In memory of Jay Scherline's beloved father  
*Cantor Joseph Bach*

In memory of Carole Aflalo  
*Cantor Joseph Bach*

We are planning a  
**Shabbat Aliyah**  
**Shabbat May 1-2**  
in honor of

**Allentonians who have made Aliyah**

Please send us names of anyone you know from Allentown who has moved to Israel  
Email [torczyner@gmail.com](mailto:torczyner@gmail.com) or Call 610-433-6089

**MATZAH ORDER FORM**

Pesach is now around the corner! Here is an order form for hand-made Shmura Matza. It is Jewish tradition to use Shmura Matza at least for the Seder on the first two nights of Pesach; many authorities state it as a legal obligation.

This year, we will once again acquire Matzah from the famous Shatzer Bakery in Brooklyn. The matza is of the highest quality and kashruth standards, and will come in cushioned corrugated boxes. Choose from either **regular** or **whole wheat**. Cost: \$18 per pound (\$1.75 below retail) Orders will be available for pickup on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> during office hours.

Regular Shmura Matza @ \$18.00/lb. \_\_\_\_\_ lb. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Whole Wheat Shmura Matza @ \$18.00/lb. \_\_\_\_\_ lb. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** (check or cash) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check out to the Rabbi's Benevolent Fund, and earmark it for Shmura Matza. Return to the synagogue office **no later than Friday, March 27th.**

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**MARCH**

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| *Emanuel Brenner        | 1  |
| *Charlotte Roth         | 1  |
| *Mildred Hirsch         | 1  |
| Sara Twersky            | 1  |
| Harriet Glazier         | 1  |
| Yudel Gittleman         | 1  |
| *Jacob Wrubel           | 2  |
| *Edith Mellner          | 2  |
| *Joseph Rosenberg       | 2  |
| Shiyoh Yudah Koton      | 2  |
| *Sidney Twersky         | 3  |
| *Bertha Levine          | 3  |
| *Feige Henie Kalkin     | 3  |
| *William Chercass       | 3  |
| *Rose Moskowitz         | 3  |
| Lazar Golynsky          | 4  |
| Judy Eichel             | 4  |
| *Lillian Roth           | 4  |
| *Sadie Denitz           | 4  |
| *Jonas Rudner           | 4  |
| Fannie Polsky           | 4  |
| Morris Dicker           | 5  |
| Jennie Landau           | 5  |
| Rose Kaplan             | 6  |
| *Sadie M. Cohen         | 6  |
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| *Rosi Brenner           | 7  |
| *Harry Mellner          | 7  |
| *Charles Friedman       | 7  |
| Havkim Yitzak ben Chaim | 8  |
| Isak Gusinsky           | 8  |
| *Silvan Hoffman         | 8  |
| *Louis Glass            | 8  |
| *Abraham Katz           | 9  |
| *Alexander Gevirtz      | 9  |
| *Laura Rapoport         | 9  |
| *Jacob Helman           | 9  |
| Yitzchak Chavkin        | 9  |
| *Esther Cohen           | 9  |
| *Leni Roth              | 10 |
| Batya (Bertha) Suprun   | 10 |
| Sophie Cane             | 10 |
| *Jeanette Glickman      | 10 |
| Feige Putter            | 11 |
| Edward Eisen            | 12 |
| Pearl Hochhauser        | 12 |
| Irving Pitchnick        | 12 |
| *Nathan Frank           | 12 |
| *Jacob Lesavoy          | 13 |
| Emmanuel Robbins        | 13 |
| Jacob Lesavoy           | 13 |

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| Tankhem Berger                                    | 13 |
| Herbert Ringel                                    | 13 |
| *Rose Senderowitz                                 | 14 |
| *Morris Goldstein                                 | 14 |
| *Mary Capin                                       | 14 |
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| *Dr. Harry Miller                                 | 15 |
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| Sol Davidson                                      | 17 |
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| *Fred Kuhn  | 18 |
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| Rose Staiman                                      | 20 |
| *Beatrice Weiner                                  | 20 |
| *Bertha Lichtenstein                              | 20 |
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| *Fannie Tewelow                                   | 21 |
| *Jack Dash  | 22 |
| Frances Rosenthal                                 | 22 |
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| *Honored with a memorial plaque in our synagogue. |    |

**NOTE:** If you recently lost a loved one and would like to receive yearzeit notifications, please contact the synagogue office.

To all who sent me get well and happy birthday wishes, my heartfelt thanks for your kindness and thoughtfulness.
   
 With much appreciation,
   
 ~Ralph Weiner

**GIFTS FOR THE POOR**  
(MATANOT  
LA'EVYONIM)

Fulfill one of the four integral mitzvot of Purim by having your donations distributed on Purim day to the needy of Jerusalem.\* Sons of Israel is utilizing the services of Od Yosef Chai to distribute the charity, and we will also be giving a percentage to Jewish Family Service to distribute to some of the needy locally.

**Every penny of your donation goes to the poor on Purim day.**

You may make your check to the Rabbi's Benevolent Fund (earmarked for Gifts for the Poor). Drop off your check to the office any time before Purim day.

\*If you know of needy people in Allentown who could benefit from our distribution, please notify the Rabbi discreetly.

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