



President's Message

We made it through the blizzard of 2016! For those of us who aren't fans of winter, hopefully that will be the only snow we have to worry about this season. Thanks to the blizzard we have moved our Tu B'Shevat Seder to February 5th, and we hope everyone will be able to make it.

In the past couple of messages I have spoken about the changes we will have in the next few months. One significant change will be the lack of music for our services, and though the board is looking for someone to provide music at our services, we haven't found someone yet. As all of you know, the board administers the temple. That being said, we are certainly not the end all and be all of ideas, so if any of you have ideas or suggestions of how to help or make our temple better WE WELCOME ALL SUGGESTIONS. You can email your suggestions to our congregation email at the top of the newsletter, or you can feel free to call me as well. This isn't to say that we'll be able to use every suggestion, but with such great minds in this community, I think we'd all be surprised at some things we'd be able to do and may never have thought of if it wasn't for the input!

I'd like to ask that all of you keep our Rabbi and her family in your prayers, as well as some of our congregants who have been brought to my attention; Marilyn, Sam, the Breese family, and Harriet. For anyone I may not be aware of I ask that we always keep all of our congregants in our prayers as we may never know some of the challenges any of us might be facing at any given time.

The board will be meeting again on February 25th at 7pm at my home. Since we do not have a permanent place to meet, please speak with me if you would like to attend.

L'Shalom,

Wendi Higgins

Leonard J. Geringer

Just a few days ago it seems, an email went out asking you to keep the Rabbi and her family in your prayers as her father had taken a turn for the worst. On Monday you received the sad news that Leonard J. Geringer, z''l, died peacefully at home with his family, at the age of 91. As a community we share many happy times, and as a community we also share sad times. I know it is a bit far to drive to the Rabbi's house for many of you. If you would like to go to the Rabbi's on Sunday, please reach out to one of the board members to see about getting a ride. Pat and I can fit two people and will be departing about 5:30pm on Sunday

Membership

Help us grow.....bring your friends, relatives and neighbors to a service....we never know what will inspire someone to join our congregation! Sometimes we need some spiritual friendship, or spiritual healing or just have the need to hang out with our Jewish community!! Think of where you'd be if we didn't have our community...and let's grow it together! You may always visit our website at www.shaareyhayam.org for more information.

Please *save the date* of March 19th to attend the **B'nai Mitzvah** of **Reece** and **Brianna Otto**. Our service will begin at 10AM...be sure to circle this date!!



Birthdays are always something to celebrate.....

FEBRUARY 2016

Robert Dunn	February 7
Philip Altland	February 9
Reece Otto	February 10
Wendi Higgins	February 11
Brianna Otto	February 12
Matthew Daley	February 24
Laura Miller	February 25
Michael Levine	February 25

MARCH 2016

Gary Daley	March 1
Jack Crespy	March 4
Marlene Feldhuhn	March 5
Emily Miller	March 5
Charles Flum	March 6
Joan Silverman	March 10
Stanley Jackson	March 17
Danielle Jonas	March 30

Yahrzeits



בראבא יתגדל

May the memories of our loved ones be a blessing.

First Year

02/08/2015	Florence Schaffer	Aunt of Patricia Barndt-Higgins
02/11/2015	Hugh Bleiweis	Brother of Ernie Bleiweis
03/17/2015	David Freschman	Nephew of Jack Crespy
05/07/2015	Christine Kaplan	Sister of Dolly Weiss
07/25/2015	Clark Webb	Brother-in-Law of Cyndy Friedland

Annual

02/1	Dr. Robert Taub	Cousin of Cyndy Friedland
02/03/1961 (Shevat 17)	Harold Sagman	Father of Dolly Weiss
02/09/2008	Eleanor Beckman	Grandmother of Wendi Higgins
02/12/1991	Morris Bleiweis	Father of Ernie Bleiweis
02/13/1986	Athur Levine	Father of Michael Levine
02/19/1991	Olive H Davenport	Grandmother of Laura Miller
02/12 (3rd of Adar)	Mortimer Krupnick	Father of Madelyn Dunn & Shelia Ehrlich
02/25/1977 (7th of Adar)	Leah Crespy	Mother of Jack Crespy
03/01	Ken Schwitz	Cousin of Hope Gardiner
03/10/1991	Nicole Ryanne Miller	Niece of Pat Barndt & Wendi Higgins
03/12/1991	William Myles	Father of Loretta Wallerstein
03/17/1992	Rose Rosenberg	Grandmother of Philip Miller
03/21/1982 (20th of Adar)	Irving Topper	Father in Law of Deanna Bovasso
03/27/1998 (29 Adar 5758)	Yetta Grossman	Mother of Fran Breese



Wendi Higgins and Patricia Barndt-Higgins

March 28 (18 years)

Tributes Cards

Tribute cards can be sent for weddings, engagements, promotions, bat and bar mitzvahs, in memory, births and any reason you may choose. The donation amount is \$5.00 and upwards in increments of \$5.00. It is a wonderful way to earn money for our temple. Just call Syble Bleiweis at [609-978-4240](tel:609-978-4240) or Joan Silverman at [609-698-0000](tel:609-698-0000) to send these cards.



Wishing you a complete & speedy recovery.....

To: Sam Lewis
From: Joan and Terry Silverman
Syble and Ernie Bleiweis
Madelyn and Robert Dunn
Cyndy Friedland

To: Joe Breese
From: Cyndy Friedland
Syble and Ernie Bleiweis

To: Harold Markowitz
From: The Congregation



May the memories of our loved ones be a blessing.....

To: Debbie Abrahamovic Kay

In memory for the loss of father and grandfather, Samuel Abrahamovic. Cherish the memories

From: Cyndy Friedland and membership of Congregation

Fundraisers... We need your support!!

DINE-A-ROUND – Serpico’s Restaurant, Bay Avenue, Barnegat, NJ –
Tuesday, February 23rd, 11:30 AM to Closing...Dining Room Only

Shabbat Dinner - Friday March 11...Pot Luck Shabbat dinner prior to
services on March 11. \$12.00 per person over 12, plus bring a dish. Contact
Madelyn for reservations 660-1614 justmemad@aol.com

Save-The-Date - Second Night Seder, Saturday, April 23, 5:00, Captain's Inn.

Save-The-Date – Art Auction, 9/24/16, Captain's Inn.

Amazon Smile - When shopping at www.SMILE.Amazon.com you can designate
REFORM JEWISH COMMUNITY of BARNEGAT (there are no additional fees,
the congregation makes a percentage).

ShopRite Cards - always sold at services, but can be purchased anytime by
contacting Dayna (609-709-9410) or Syble (609-978-4240).

Tribute Cards - can be sent to anyone for any reason with a *minimum* donation
of \$5. Contact Syble (609-978-4240).

2016 Shabbat Services Dates/Times

February 2016

Friday, February 5, 7:30 PM

Friday, February 19, 7:30 PM

March 2016

Friday, March 11, 7:30 PM

Friday, March 18, 7:30 PM

Saturday, March 19, 10:00 AM (B'nai Mitzvah for Reece & Brianna Otto)

April 2016

Friday, April 8, 7:30 PM

Saturday, April 23 (2nd Night Seder)

May 2016

Friday, May 6, 7:30 PM

Friday, May 20, 7:30 PM

June 2016

Friday, June 3, 7:30 PM

Friday, June 10, 7:30 PM

Shabbat Candle Lighting Times and Holiday Calendar

February 2016

	Monday 02/01/16 22 Sh'vat	Tuesday 02/02/16 23 Sh'vat Groundhog Day	Wednesday 02/03/16 24 Sh'vat	Thursday 02/04/16 25 Sh'vat	Friday 02/05/16 26 Sh'vat Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:03 PM	Saturday 02/06/16 27 Sh'vat
Sunday 02/07/16 28 Sh'vat	Monday 02/08/16 29 Sh'vat	Tuesday 02/09/16 30 Sh'vat Rosh Chodesh Adar I	Wednesday 02/10/16 1 Adar I Rosh Chodesh Adar I	Thursday 02/11/16 2 Adar I	Friday 02/12/16 3 Adar I Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:11 PM	Saturday 02/13/16 4 Adar I
Sunday 02/14/16 5 Adar I Valentine's Day	Monday 02/15/16 6 Adar I President's Day	Tuesday 02/16/16 7 Adar I	Wednesday 02/17/16 8 Adar I	Thursday 02/18/16 9 Adar I	Friday 02/19/16 10 Adar I Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:19 PM	Saturday 02/20/16 11 Adar I
Sunday 02/21/16 12 Adar I	Monday 02/22/16 13 Adar I	Tuesday 02/23/16 14 Adar I Purim Katan	Wednesday 02/24/16 15 Adar I	Thursday 02/25/16 16 Adar I	Friday 02/26/16 17 Adar I Shabbat Candle Lighting 5:27 PM	Saturday 02/27/16 18 Adar I
Sunday 02/28/16 19 Adar I	Monday 02/29/1620 20 Adar I					

Kibbitz Corner

Jewish National Fund

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Discover the ultimate adventure with Israelis on the free trip of a lifetime on Birthright Israel: Shorashim - Ultimate Adventure with Israelis & JNF!

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Already taken advantage of this opportunity or no longer eligible? Don't worry! You can refer your friends and family for this summer for your chance to win a free trip back to Israel! For every person who signs up with Shorashim using your name, you will be entered to win a free trip back for you and two friends with included airfare and five-star hotel stay on the beach in Tel Aviv for five days! Get started @ shorashimpayitforward.com

Don't delay - apply today at israelwithisraelis.com/go.

This trip is a gift from Birthright Israel.

For more information, trip dates and options, or to sign up, visit israelwithisraelis.com. For questions, please email registration@shorashim.org or reach out to Shorashim at (312) 267-0677.

Ocean County Jewish Federation

A different Purim for Ocean County

The Ariel Rivka Dance Company will be performing an original ballet entitled, "Book of Esther: The Journey of Queen Vashti and Queen Esther" on Sunday, March 6, 2016 at noon. The event will be hosted by Congregation B'nai Israel, however this will be a Community-Wide Event, with 100% of the proceeds supporting Jewish Summer Camping and sponsored by Ocean County Jewish Federation. Federation would like to offer a scholarship or 2 or 3 to children from the Ocean County Community (guidelines to be established) so that they may attend a Jewish Summer Camp Program during the summer of 2016 and maybe we can start a new tradition in Ocean County.



Sunday, March 6, 2016
12:30pm - Lunch • 1:00pm - Ballet

Congregation B'nai Israel
1488 Old Freehold Road Toms River, New Jersey



Jewish Federation
OF OCEAN COUNTY

This program is made possible in part
by a grant from the
Jewish Federation of Ocean County.

**The Ocean County Jewish Cultural Consortium
presents**

Ariel Rivka Dance

Book of Esther: The Journey of Queen Vashti and Queen Esther

Enjoy an interactive discussion with Artistic Director Ariel Grossman, Composer David Homan, and dancers - and delight in a 25-minute dynamic dance performance that tells the story of two fearless, powerful women.

Ticket Prices: \$10/Adult, \$5/Child Ages 5-16 and \$30/Family

To purchase tickets and for more information go to
www.jewishoceancounty.org or call the Federation office at 732-363-0530.

Be a Ballet Sponsor!
\$200 Sponsorship includes 2 Adult Tickets and Event Recognition.

All proceeds benefit scholarships for
Ocean County youth attending Jewish summer camp.



*The Ocean County Jewish Cultural Consortium is comprised of the Jewish Federation of Ocean County, Congregation B'nai Israel, Beth Am Shalom, Congregation Ahavat Olam, Congregation Sha'arey Ha-Yam, Jewish Community Center of Long Beach Island and Temple Beth Or.

New Orleans Jews Celebrate Mardi Gras with a Twist

By Melissa Garber: reformjudaism.org

At [Touro Synagogue](#) in New Orleans, the open tent imagery from the biblical narrative of Abraham strongly influences our approach to sacred community. We have created a culture of permeability – constantly embracing efforts to remove the walls between our observance and our surroundings. The sustaining value of *hachnasat orchim* (welcoming guests) is part of our daily, weekly, and yearly rhythm.

This story is one of our favorites.

Floats roll down St. Charles Avenue, their occupants draping multicolored strands of beads on the branches of our live oaks. The air is filled with the noise of drum rolls, cymbal crashes, and trumpet blasts from high school marching bands blended with cheers from the crowd. “Throw me something, mister!”

This is Mardi Gras in New Orleans. At Touro Synagogue, we interlace our own observances with the Mardi Gras season, celebrating Shabbati Gras (Fat Shabbos!) followed by parade watching revelry together as a congregation. Indeed, the steps of our sanctuary give us front row seats for the show.

Mardi Gras lasts for weeks, with parades during the weekends leading up to the big day, and more than a million people filling our streets each year. All this activity can create a logistical nightmare for visitors, especially for families, whose central concerns -- besides participating in the festivities -- often revolve around finding clean bathrooms, places to rest, water and food. And if your family includes a member with special needs – perhaps a child in a wheelchair – how do you maneuver through the crowds?

Five years ago, congregant Dr. Juan Gershanik came to Touro with a proposition. What if we took the space we’re so lucky to have on the parade route, and offered it to children with disabilities and their families? Our Mardi Gras stands would serve as a safe place for kids with special needs, sheltering them from the crowds that can make navigating parades a dangerous proposition. Members of our congregation rallied around the idea, reaching out to schools that cater to kids with disabilities, building a wheelchair accessible platform on our sanctuary’s steps and providing the logistical support needed to make this important mitzvah a reality.

Every year since, we’ve opened our synagogue to children with disabilities and their families within our local community. Known as the Krewe of VIPs, they come from all religious faiths and backgrounds. “Believe it or not, this is the first Mardi Gras a lot of these families can enjoy.” Gershanik said. “There are so many priceless moments. I choke up when I think about the families hugging me and the smiles of the kids.”

In fact, the entire community gets behind the Krewe of VIPs. Touro Infirmary, a nearby hospital that shares the same benefactor as our synagogue, opens the hospital’s parking garage for the families to use. Food and king cakes, along with blankets and books all are donated. Local entertainers, including musician and magicians, pitch in, too, providing amusement during breaks in bead-catching.

“It gives me butterflies thinking about it and to know there are so many people behind it,” Gershanik said about the outpouring of community support the Krewe of VIPs receives. “It makes me proud to be a member of Touro.”

Melissa Garber is the Programming and Education Coordinator for [Touro Synagogue](#).

February is Jewish Disability Awareness Month (JDAM), a unified initiative to raise disability awareness and support efforts to foster inclusion in Jewish communities worldwide. The [Union for Reform Judaism](#) is proud to partner with the [Ruderman Family Foundation](#) to ensure full inclusion and participation of people with disabilities and their families in every aspect of Reform Jewish life. Visit the [Disabilities Inclusion Learning Center](#) to learn more.

Board of Trustees

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Thursday February 25, 2016 at 7 PM. The February Board meeting will be held at the home of Wendi Higgins. If you are interested in attending, please contact Wendi for directions (732-232-1861 or cbreezego@gmail.com).

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