

NEWSLETTER

CONGREGATION TIFERETH ISRAEL

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We invite you to join us!

Start the New Year with Torah! Our next exciting CTI Shabbat morning Torah study session with Rabbi Kosovske is on **Shabbat morning, January 16th, 10:00 AM to slightly after 11:00.**

Don't miss out! Rabbi Kosovske leads Torah sessions unlike anything you ever experienced in Hebrew School. And by far CTI's bagels, cream cheese, and coffee are the best in town!

Be a part. Don't be apart. Join with us !!!

A Rare Opportunity

Offered in conjunction with the Robert I. Lappin Foundation, there is an adult-level Judaism 101 course going on right now around the North Shore, and it's taught by a number of the more stimulating rabbis of our area. The February section, taught by our own rabbi (and you know how stimulating he is!), will take place right within our own downstairs social hall at CTI.

The February section subject is "Our Sacred Jewish Festivals," and if you join in the group, your attendance will, we promise you, make a lifetime impact on how you experience our holy times and seasons. All Judaism 101 sessions meet on **Tuesday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 PM.** The February dates at CTI are **February 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd.**

It will be worth your while to attend.

From the President

I hope everyone had a healthy and happy Hanukkah. I am happy to report that our Hanukkah party was a great success thanks to those who attended. There was plenty of tasty food, fun, gift exchanges and typical CTI camaraderie. Special thanks go out to those who made it possible by getting all the goodies, preparing the food, serving and cleaning up afterwards, and all the planning.

There will be more events planned for 2010 thanks to the efforts of the Entertainment Committee. However, as I've stated in prior Newsletters, we can't do it without everyone's help. Don't hesitate to volunteer

I urge you all to please attend our congregation meeting which will be held on January 31st at 9:30 am. We need your input and ideas. Bagels, cream cheese, coffee and tea will be served.

I would also like to send out a warm CTI welcome to our newest members Joshua and Cece Rowan and Eliot Wiseman.

Shalom, Elliot Hershoff, President

If you need a ride to attend any of our services, meetings, or social events, please contact Jay Polonsky 781-598-5263 or Elliot Hershoff 978-531-7309 to arrange for transportation.

THANK YOU

To Charlotte Savage for sponsoring our October Oneg Shabbat and to Phyllis Potash for sponsoring our November Oneg Shabbat.

GET WELL WISHES

To Fran Barth, Albie Cohen, Samantha Cohen, Nathan Gans, Sue Kunian, David Morse, Sophie Pernitchi, Edythe Sands, Jessica Sosnowski, Sarah Jean Whitcomb, and Lil Yonis.

WINTER MEETINGS:

There will be a Congregation meeting on Sunday, January 31, at 9:30 AM.

The next Executive Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 3, at 7:00 PM.

From the Rabbi's Study...

When I tell you that my favorite month in the year is January, you're probably going to ask, "Why would anyone choose a month so totally dark, dreary and cold for a favorite month?"

My answer is that January is the month of my birthdays. That's right. I did say birthdays. I have two of them. One, January 29th, is the birthday written on my driver's license. The other, Rosh Chodesh Shevat (The first day of the month of Shevat), is the birthday that was written on the Jewish calendar on my parents' kitchen wall the day I was born.

I know. You're saying that the second one isn't my *real* birthday. It is. And I do observe it (The first time I did, I was a kid, and I tried to convince my Mom and Dad to give me presents on both days [and two cakes as well]...it didn't work).

So why do I observe both birthdays? I do so because marking two dates reminds me that I live in two worlds. January 29th is a date about the world around us. It's the world in which we live and do business and interact with a whole host of people and situations. It's the world we see as we look out the window. Rosh Chodesh Shevat is a date about a Jewish, more spiritual world. It's the one that tells us that we Jews are responsible to work at fixing the problems of the planet we inhabit: to end wars and starvation and homelessness and intolerance and bigotry and...

January 29th is the date the world knows and is about the world I was born into. Rosh Chodesh Shevat is the date Judaism knows and is about the world, I pray, that we yet might in our lifetimes be privileged to see.

By the way, my two birthdays don't often coincide. Since the year I was born, only once, in 1979, did January 29th and Rosh Chodesh Shevat fall on the same day. And they won't fall on the same day again until 2028 (We should all live and be well!). But no matter. Even though world-changing opportunities of momentous magnitude don't come along often, my observing two birthdays keeps before me a reminder that we nonetheless still have to work with what we have to make the world better.

By the way, I'm not the only one around here who lives by Jewish dates. Congregation Tifereth Israel does too. That's why our Shabbat evening services jump around. We don't set our Shabbat service dates by the Gregorian calendar. We set them by the Hebrew calendar, trying always to schedule our service for the first Shabbat of the Hebrew month. While that can be a pain sometimes, I've come to see it as something positive. It reminds me *every* month to be on a constant lookout for Jewish opportunities to do what my marking my two birthdays reminds of: we have a world to fix. But, then again, isn't that what we as Jews are supposed to be thinking about and working at all the time?

—Howard A. Kosovske

THANK YOU

To the following members who have made donations to CTI in memory of their family members whose Meldathos were observed during recent Shabbat services:

<u>Member</u>	<u>In Memory Of</u>
Sally & Donald Bengar	Sarah Bengar
Kathy & Barry Blair	Max Blair
Phyllis Blumsack	Tessie Shuman
Doris & Elliot Hershoff	Mark Kasarjian
Sylvia Loman	Melvin Loman
Betty & Jay Polonsky	Joseph Polonsky
	Ralph Polonsky
Joanne & Jerry Pressman	Emili & Joseph Pernitchi
	Joseph Havian
Patty & Harry Stewart	Max Blair

CONGRATULATIONS

To Nancy Duerr the new President of our Ladies Auxiliary. Nancy was unanimously elected at our November 1 meeting and will take over from Joanne Pressman who has been President since September, 1995.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE DATES

January 22	February 19
March 19	April 16
May 14	June 18
July 16	August 13

All services begin at 7:30 P. M. and include the reading of the Meldathos/Yahrzeit memorial names for that Hebrew month. An Oneg Shabbat follows each service. Please make every effort to attend.

MELDATHOS/YAHRZEITS

JANUARY	SHEVAT	FEBRUARY	ADAR
Services January 22, 7:30 P. M.		Services February 19, 7:30 P. M.	
16 Lloyd Silverman	1	15 Donna Behar	1
16 Rose Hasday	1	15 Jack Molay	1
17 Joseph Havian	2	16 Nathan Cohen	2
17 Ruth Parkin-Goodman	2	18 Reva Pomerantz	4
18 Alice Stein	3	19 Harold Jagher	5
18 Joseph Pernitchi	3	24 Matilda Barber	10
19 Samuel Stein	4	24 Shirley Shapiro	10
23 Victoria Eskenas	8	24 Sara Yonis	10
24 Sara Yonis	9	26 Theodore Linsky	12
26 Joshua Eskenazi	11	MARCH	
26 Tillie Polonsky	11	1 Sadie Solkoff	15
FEBRUARY		4 Alice Gibeley	18
1 Albert Gibeley	17	4 Regina Louriero	18
1 Sadie Behar	17	5 Florence Silverman	19
2 Albert Burtman	18	6 Charles Ranen	20
3 Solomon Levy	19	7 Simon Levin	21
4 Charles Ranen	20	9 Sarah Gibely	23
6 Joseph Fermon	22	9 Mildred Grossman	23
7 Mildred Grossman	23	9 Asa Polonsky	23
8 Trudy Shear	24	11 Sumner Pomerantz	25
9 Charlotte Harsfield	25	13 Izzy Havian	27
9 Jack Gibely	25		
11 Albert Silverman	27		
14 Joshua Yonis	30		

Hamakom Y'nachem, May the Holy One Grant Comfort...

Reaching out in sympathy, we sadly announce the passing of Mildred Grossman, mother of CTI member, Jay Grossman, on December 10th. In the words of our hallowed tradition, "The memory of the righteous is a blessing."

BIRTHDAYS

January

1	Joel Havian
1	Marcia Molay
2	Fran Molay
3	Jerry Pressman
4	Erin Arsenault
4	Stephanie Fain
4	Jonathan Jagher
4	Joseph Stavis
4	Ralph Yonis
8	Harvey Goldberg
9	Elizabeth Thibault
12	Gary Arsenault
13	Steven Linsky
16	Rebecca Havian
17	Estelle Carpenter
17	Christine Jagher
17	Sandra Jagher
18	Maria Becerra
20	Adam Grossman
23	Rebecca Sands
24	Barbara Fermon
24	Stephanie Linsky
25	Seth Molay
27	Sally Bengar

January

27	Howard Olsher
28	Edward Garber
29	Howard Kosovske
30	Maya Arsenault
31	Doris Hershoff

February

1	Ian Freedman
2	Sarah Gibely
5	Vanessa Becerra
5	Danica Jane Guidice
5	Robert Sager
6	Craig Podradchik
7	Janet Kramer
7	Mark Linsky
8	Jay Polonsky
10	Ross Grifkin
10	Jonathan Stewart
11	Tiffany Polonsky
18	David Podradchik
19	Gerald Becker
19	Michael Becker
24	Jayden Polonsky
27	Joanne Pressman

ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY

6	Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Gans
19	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Yonis

FEBRUARY

4	Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Pressman
21	Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Harsfield