

# NEWSLETTER



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Tu B'Shvat is a Jewish holiday occurring on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat, Thursday, January 25th. It is also called "Rosh HaShanah La'llanot", literally "New Year of the Trees." In contemporary Israel, the day is celebrated as an ecological awareness day, and trees are planted in celebration. It is often celebrated by planting trees, eating fruits, and honoring our connection to and dependence on the world around us.

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

In April, we will be holding elections for officers and board members to lead Congregation Tifereth Israel for the next two years. Jay Polonsky and Joanne Pressman are co-chairs of the nominating committee and would like your input. If you would like to be a part of the executive board, please submit your name to: [info@ctipeabody.org](mailto:info@ctipeabody.org), no later than January 10, 2024.

## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES FOR SHABBAT:

January 5	4:06	February 2	4:40
January 12	4:13	February 9	4:49
January 19	4:22	February 16	4:58
January 26	4:30	February 23	5:07

## From the Presidents...

It is that time again when we all make and break New Year's resolutions. It doesn't matter what our intent was when we made them. We just can't seem to keep them very long or at all. This year we should try harder to make them last longer than the Rose Parade.

A great resolution, if you need an idea, would be to attend the Congregation Tifereth Israel monthly Shabbat service. It only takes about an hour, and at least for the winter months, you can stay home in comfort by joining us on zoom. We usually stay on after the service so that we can chat with each other and keep the spirit of community alive. I look forward to seeing you all on zoom.

*Shalom,*  
*Jerry Pressman, President*

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy, new year. Let's all pray for WORLD PEACE in 2024!

A reminder for those of you who have signed up for the upcoming brunch with Temple Emmanuel's Sisterhood on Sunday, January 14th, we will be meeting at our synagogue that morning at 9:20 and we will be carpooling from there. Thank you to Diane Elefson, Lorna Goldberg, and Joanne Pressman who made the Sephardic dishes we prepared to take with us to the brunch. It was a fun cooking experience, which reminded Joanne and me of the times our mothers would get together when trying out new Sephardic recipes.

Spring meeting details will be announced in the next Newsletter. Anyone interested in joining the Ladies Auxiliary can contact us by email at [ladies-auxiliary@ctipeabody.org](mailto:ladies-auxiliary@ctipeabody.org).

*Fran Arsenault-Shaheen,*  
*President Ladies Auxiliary*

Thank you to the following members and friends who have made donations to CTI in memory of their loved ones whose Meldathos were observed during recent Shabbat services and those members who have recently passed on:

<u>Donated by</u>	<u>In Memory Of</u>
Heidi August	Lloyd Nimacoff - Step Father
Barry Blair	Max Blair - Father
Diane Elefson	Barbara Adams - Sister
David Gibeley	Harvey Goldberg & Stan Bebchick
Judith Gitter	Edward Baum - Father
Lorna Goldberg	Robert Hasday - Grandfather
Doris Hershoff	Jack Yonis - Brother
Lily & David Podradchik	Ralph Polonsky - Grandfather
Betty & Jay Polonsky	Ralph Polonsky - Father
Betty & Jay Polonsky	Joseph Polonsky - Grandfather
Joanne Pressman	Emile Pernitchi - Grandmother
Jacob Romo	Joseph N. Romo - Father
Joseph Savy	Victor Savy - Father
Ann Segal	Ada Millstein - Mother
Adele Shackelford	William Barber - Grandfather
Adele Shackelford	Michael Lanes - Grandfather
Adele Shackelford	Lynn Shackelford - Husband
Fran & John Shaheen	Robert M. Hasday - Brother
Marcia Smokler	Marshall Yudin - Brother
Marcia Smokler	Mathew Smokler - Husband

Thank you to the following members who have made donations to the **Happy Day Fund**:

<u>To - Occasion</u>	<u>Donated by</u>
Elliot Hershoff - Get Well	Joanne and Jerry Pressman
Harriet Ronkin - In Memory of her Husband, Gerald Ronkin	Millie and Jerry Becker Joanne and Jerry Pressman

### GET WELL WISHES

Jerry Becker, Millie Becker, Donna Bean Berman, Andrew Elefson, Harvey Elefson, Barbara Forbes, Robert Furtado, Cynthia Garber, Judy Gitter, Carole Hanak, Ron Hanak, Doris Hershoff, Elliot Hershoff, Mike Menovich, Mary Jo Petrone, Paula Podradchik, Ryan Podradchik, Jay Polonsky, Jerry Pressman, Jack Romo, Sheila Romo, Steven Rosenberg, Charlotte Savage, Ann Segal, Sandy Simon, Gloria Sontz, Justin Sterling, and Harvey Tanzer.

### CONGRATULATIONS & MAZEL TOV

To Millie Becker, whose donation of a quilt made in 2003 by her and her daughter, Sheryl, was recently accepted into the permanent collection of the "Storybook Quilts" at the Wenham Museum. The collection previously traveled to schools throughout the North Shore. It was inspired by the children's book "*Quilt Counting*" by Lesa Cline-Ransome. Irregularly sized blocks feature farm scenes, plants and animals. What made this quilt so unique is that Sheryl's idea was to include all the items needed to make a quilt, sewn in to the quilt top in the various baskets. Included are scissors, tape measure, several spools of thread on a ribbon, a pin cushion and scraps of fabric.

To Adam Podradchik, who became a Bar Mitzvah at Temple Judea in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, in November 2023. Adam is the son of CTI members Stacey and Scott Podradchik, and grandson of Tobie Podradchik and the late Bill Podradchik.

To Joseph Thibault, grandson of Nancy and Bob Duerr, who was awarded the Harrington Scholar & Athlete Award at the P.H.S. Football banquet.

### THANK YOU

To Diane and Harvey Elefson who sponsored our November Oneg Shabbat.

To Lewis Freedman who generously donated an additional speaker to enhance the sound system in the social hall when the holiday services are being held in the sanctuary.

To all the CTI members who contributed to the successful Thanksgiving food drive, enabling us to make a significant donation to the Haven from Hunger in Peabody.

To Jan Menovich who created the new letterhead for the Ladies Auxiliary of CTI and to Jerry Pressman who has provided the Ladies Auxiliary with an email address of their own to enable us to send out messages directly to Auxiliary members.

To everyone who participated in the lively discussion during our November Shabbat service when we were visited by members of Temple Emanuel of Marblehead. Our guests were extremely gracious and brought a very delicious challah bread.

## FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE DATES

Shevat - January 12                      Adar I - February 16  
 Adar II - March 15                      Nisan - April 12  
 Iyar - May 10                              Sivan - June 7  
 Tamuz - July 12                      Av - August 9  
     Elul - September 6

All services begin at 7:30 P. M. and include the reading of the Yahrzeit memorial names for that Hebrew month. **Until March, we will not be in person, only on Zoom, returning to the synagogue in April.**

## Yahrzeit - Meldathos

JANUARY	SHEVAT	FEBRUARY	ADAR I
<b>Services Friday, Jan. 12, 7:30 PM</b>		<b>Services Friday, Feb. 16, 7:30 PM</b>	
11 Lloyd Silverman	1	10 Donna Behar	1
11 Rose Hasday	1	10 Ida Elefson	1
11 Nelson Gediman	1	10 Rose Melamed Kagan	1
11 Harvey Goldberg	1	10 Harvey Goldberg	1
12 Joseph Havian	2	11 Sidney Sands	2
12 Ruth Parkin-Goodman	2	13 Reva Pomerantz	4
13 Alice Stein	3	14 Harold Jagher	5
13 Joseph Pernitchi	3	14 Nathan Kropp	5
14 Samuel Stein	4	15 Bernice Edelstein	6
18 Victoria Eskenas	8	18 Thelma Kropp	9
21 Joshua Eskenazi	11	19 Matilda Barber	10
21 Tillie Polonsky	11	19 Shirley Shapiro	10
26 Robert Furtado	16	19 Sara Yonis	10
27 Albert Gibeley	17	20 Evelyn Menovich	11
27 Sadie Behar	17	21 Theodore Linsky	12
29 Solomon Levy	19	22 Saul Prager	13
29 Morris Barnett	19	23 Rita Datz	14
30 Robert Weaver	20	25 Dwayne Emack	16
		27 Alice Gibeley	18
		27 Mary Sumberg	18
		28 Florence Silverman	19
		<b>MARCH</b>	
		1 Charles Segal	21
		3 Sarah Gibely	23
		3 Asa Polonsky	23
		5 Leonard Elefson	25
		5 Sumner Pomerantz	25
		7 Izzy Havian	27
		9 Heidi Sue Gitter	29
		9 Rose Romo	29

## BIRTHDAYS

### JANUARY

1 Joel Havian  
 3 Jerry Pressman  
 4 Erin Arsenault  
 4 Stephanie Fain  
 4 Jonathan Jagher  
 4 Mae Simone Jagher  
 7 Francine Black  
 9 Elizabeth Thibault  
 12 Gary Arsenault  
 13 Steven Linsky  
 15 Terri Barron Simon  
 16 Rebecca Havian  
 17 Christine Jagher  
 17 Sandra Jagher  
 17 Gloria Sontz  
 20 Derek Cohen  
 21 Eric Black  
 21 Gary Simon  
 23 Rebecca Sands  
 24 Stephanie Linsky  
 27 Scarlet Rose Ellis  
 28 Edward Garber  
 29 Howard Kosovske  
 30 Maya Arsenault  
 31 Doris Hershoff

### FEBRUARY

1 Ian Freedman  
 1 Arnold Gitter  
 5 Danica Jane Guidice  
 6 Craig Podradchik  
 7 Max Feldman  
 7 Mark Linsky  
 7 Janet Kramer  
 8 Jay Polonsky  
 9 Leo Feldman  
 10 Jonathan Stewart  
 12 Michael Gitter  
 12 Ayla Goldberg  
 13 Emerson Frasch  
 13 Oliver Frasch  
 18 David Podradchik  
 19 Jerry Becker  
 19 Michael Becker  
 24 Jayden Polonsky  
 26 Ian Paul Gleich  
 26 Jill Pressman  
 27 Joanne Pressman  
 27 Cecile Rowen  
 27 Idina Podradchik

## ANNIVERSARIES

### JANUARY

13 Mr. & Mrs. Joel Shenker

### FEBRUARY

4 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Pressman