Tu B’Shevat, the 15th day of the Jewish month of Shevat, is a holiday also known as the New Year for Trees, which falls this year on January 28. One custom is to eat fruits of the land of Israel. It is also a time to appreciate the environment and often trees are planted to commemorate this day.

Purim is observed on Friday, February 26 (Adar 14) (beginning on Thursday, February 25) with the Fast of Esther and the reading of the Megillah, which recounts the story of Queen Esther and how she saved our ancestors. To celebrate the failure of Haman to annihilate all the Jewish people of ancient Persia, we feast on hamantaschen and wine. It is also customary to give gifts of food (mishloach manot) and to donate to the poor.

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES FOR SHABBAT:

January 1 4:04  February 5 4:45
January 8 4:11  February 12 4:55
January 15 4:19  February 19 5:03
January 22 4:27  February 26 5:12
January 29 4:36

WELCOME
We wish to extend a warm Sephardic welcome to our newest Congregation Tifereth Israel members, Paula and Craig Podradchik.

From the President...

Now that Chanukah has come and gone and 2020 is at an end, we still have many obstacles to climb. With the help of G-D the coming year will see an end to this devastating pandemic. It will be great having services at CTI once again. Thanks to Joanne and Jerry Pressman, we are able to conduct services on Zoom. I appreciate all of you who have joined us and helped with our readings, but wish we had more participation.

The rehab of CTI is coming along with great success. Thank you to those that have contributed to this project. Your help is always needed and appreciated.

As I have mentioned in previous messages, your input to the Newsletter is always appreciated, with interesting stories, humor, etc. I also would like to thank all of you for your get-well wishes.

May G-D bless us all and keep us free from covid and all other illnesses. Shalom.

Elliot Hershoff,
President

THANK YOU!
I wish to thank the Congregation and the Ladies Auxiliary for their donations to the Synagogue Council of Massachusetts in recognition for my being named a "Synagogue Hero". I also appreciated all of you who sent emails to congratulate me on this honor. Special thanks belong to Charlotte Savage who took the time to nominate me and write a very beautiful tribute to my efforts on behalf of CTI. My work for our synagogue is a labor of love, inspired by the traditions of my grandparents and parents. I hope to have the strength to continue for as long as I am needed.

Joanne Pressman
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:

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**GET WELL WISHES**

To Jerry Becker, Francine Black, Dayle Chibnik, Samantha Cohen, Bob Duerr, Barbara Forbes, Joel Havian, Elliot Hershoff, Amy Macomber, Paula Podradchik, Ryan Podradchik, Phyllis Potash, Jack Romo, Sheila Romo, Sidney Sands, Lucille Sherman, Gloria Sontz, and Harvey Tanzer.

**DEATHS**

Our congregational family extends its deepest sympathy to Adele Shackelford on the passing of her long-time companion, Donald Deveau, on October 29, and her son-in-law, James Forbes, on November 12.

May G-d comfort you in your moment of sorrow.
FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE DATES
Shevat - January 15   Adar - February 12   Nisan - March 19
Iyar - April 16   Sivan - May 14   Tammuz - June 11
Av - July 9   Elul - August 13

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

YAHREITZ - MELDATOS

JANUARY SHEVAT
Service Friday, January 15, 7:30 PM
14 Lloyd Silverman  
14 Rose Hasday  
14 Nelson Gediman  
15 Joseph Havian  
15 Ruth Parkin-Goodman  
16 Alice Stein  
16 Joseph Perntich  
17 Samuel Stein  
21 Victoria Eskenas  
22 Ralph (Skippy) Yonis  
23 Joshua Eskenazi  
24 Tillie Polonsky  
24 Donald Deveau  
28 Millicent Lautt  
29 Robert Furtado  
29 Lillian Aronson  
30 Albert Gibeley  
30 Sadie Behar  
30 Stanley Simon  

FEBRUARY
Service Friday, February 12, 7:30 PM
13 Donna Behar  
13 Idale Elefson  
13 Rose Melamed Kagan  
15 Samuel Gitter  
16 Reva Pomerantz  
17 Harold Jagher  
21 Ralph (Skippy) Yonis  
22 Matilda Barber  
22 Shirley Shaprio  
22 Sara Yonis  
23 Evelyn Menovich  
23 Donald Deveau  
24 Theodore Linsky  
25 Saul Priger  
27 Sadie Solkoff  
28 Lillian Aronson  
29 Lillian Aronson  
30 Mr. & Mrs. Joel Shenker  

MARCH
1 Stanley Simon  
2 Alice Gibeley  
2 Mary Sumberg  
2 Regina Louriero  
3 Florence Silverman  
5 Simon Levin  
5 Charles Segal  
7 Sarah Gibely  
7 Asa Polonsky  
8 Eileen Morse  
9 Leonard Elefson  
9 Sumner Pomerantz  
9 James Forbes  
11 Izzy Havian  
13 Heidi Sue Gitter  
13 Rose Romo  

BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY
1 Joel Havian  
3 Jerry Pressman  
4 Erin Arsenault  
4 Stephanie Fain  
4 Jonathan Jagher  
4 Mae Simone Jagher  
4 Ralph Yonis  
7 Francine Black  
8 Harvey Goldberg  
9 Elizabeth Thibault  
12 Gary Arsenault  
13 Steven Linsky  
15 Terri Barron Simon  
16 Rebecca Havian  
17 Christine Jagher  
17 Sandra Jagger  
17 Gloria Sontz  
20 Derek Cohen  
20 Adam Grossman  
21 Eric Black  
21 Gary Simon  
23 Rebecca Sands  
24 Stephanie Linsky  
25 Howard Kosovsky  
30 Maya Arsenault  
31 Doris Hershoff  

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

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JANUARY
13 Mr. & Mrs. Joel Shenker  

FEBRUARY
4 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Pressman