



BEIT ECHAD
ONE HOUSE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026 – ISSUE #18

YEP, IT'S BEEN LIKE THAT



January started the year with generally mild, dry, and outright pleasant conditions.

We enjoyed our first 2026 Shabbat, another Shabbat and a Show featuring the music of Neil Diamond in *The Jazz Singer*, and we anticipated a “comfortable” winter.

Then (of course) things turned “wintery”. The 3rd week provided a sneak-peek, with bad weather forcing cancellation of services. OK, we can handle this. But that was only to be followed on the 4th weekend by even colder temperatures, a nation-wide polar vortex, our first significant snow of the season (and 2026), and traveling members further reducing our numbers.

But, we ended the month back on track. Now, as we roll into February, whether it is through acclimation, acceptance, or determination, we return to our regularly scheduled agenda of Friday Shabbat services.

So dress warmly, accept reality, and rejoin us as we resume services and activities at Beit Echad.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & DATES

February 6, 6 pm
Shabbat Service -
Brendan H

February 13, 6 pm
Shabbat & a Show
(Crossing Delancey) -
Janet E

February 14, 10 am
Shir L'Shabbat hosted by
Beth Shalom in Kansas
City

February 15, 11 am
Soup for Smiles
service project

February 18, 10 am
Open Door Food Kitchen

February 20, 6 pm
Shabbat Service -
(leader tbd)

February 27, 6 pm
Shabbat Service with
Rabbi Padorr followed by
dinner

February 28, 10 am
Adult Study
with Rabbi Padorr

March 6, 6 pm
Shabbat Service -
Hans P. & Bob

SHABBAT SERVICE LEADERS NEEDED: LEAD, SERMON, CANTOR
CONTACT JANET : janetelie@yahoo.com

THE SACRED GEOMETRY OF SNOWFLAKES: A DIVINE SIGNATURE IN WINTER



Have you ever actually looked at a snowflake under a microscope? It's pretty wild—almost every ice crystal has six sides, just like the Star of David. And that's not random.

It comes down to chemistry. When water freezes, the molecules lock together in this specific pattern that naturally creates six points spreading out from the center. The same shape as the Magen David.

But here's the really cool part: even though they all have that six-pointed structure, every single snowflake is different. Each one forms under slightly different conditions as it falls, so no two are ever the same. Kind of like people, right? We all share something fundamental, but everyone's journey makes them unique.

The Star of David has two triangles—one pointing up toward heaven, one pointing down toward earth. It represents how we're supposed to reach upward spiritually but also bring that goodness down into the real world through our actions. Both directions matter. And if you look closely, the opposite sides of the triangles are parallel to each other. They never meet but they're always the same distance apart. It's like a reminder that despite our differences, we're all equal before Gd.

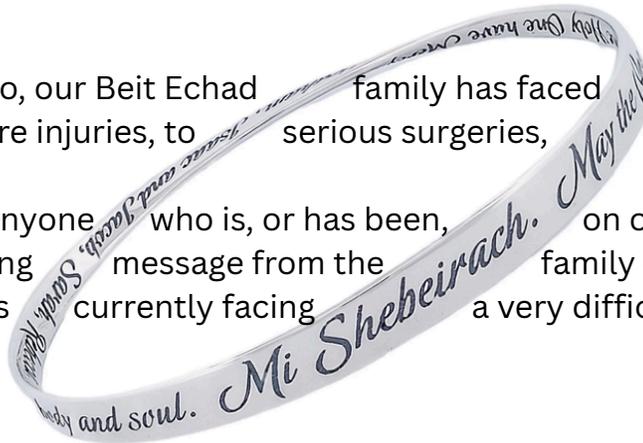
So next time it snows, remember: every flake falling from the sky carries the shape of the Star of David, each one unique but all equally part of something bigger, and like us, each carries the imprint of Gd's creation.

CARD SHOWER



Over the past year or two, our Beit Echad family has faced numerous tragedies ranging from severe injuries, to serious surgeries, and sadly, even deaths.

Not intending to overlook anyone who is, or has been, on our Mi Shebeirach list, we want to share the following message from the family of our dear friend and member, Sandy Smail, who is currently facing a very difficult time.

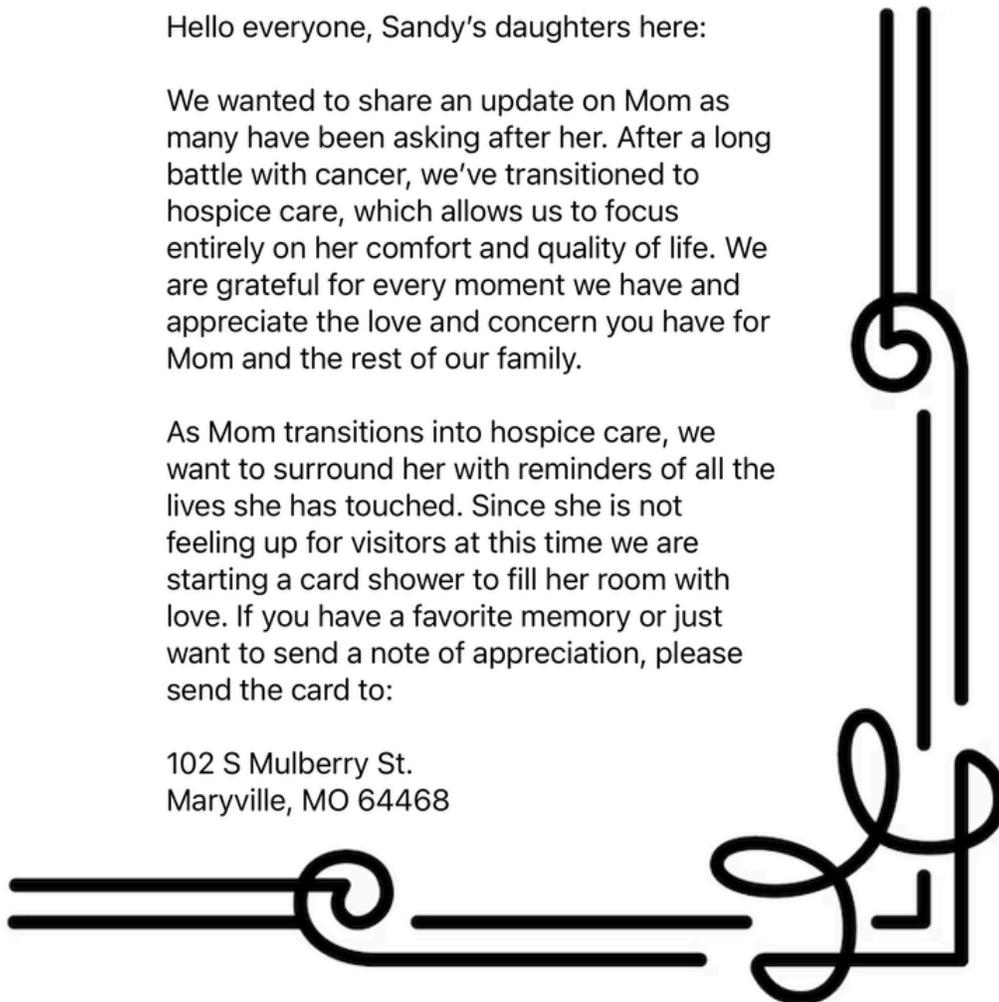


Hello everyone, Sandy's daughters here:

We wanted to share an update on Mom as many have been asking after her. After a long battle with cancer, we've transitioned to hospice care, which allows us to focus entirely on her comfort and quality of life. We are grateful for every moment we have and appreciate the love and concern you have for Mom and the rest of our family.

As Mom transitions into hospice care, we want to surround her with reminders of all the lives she has touched. Since she is not feeling up for visitors at this time we are starting a card shower to fill her room with love. If you have a favorite memory or just want to send a note of appreciation, please send the card to:

102 S Mulberry St.
Maryville, MO 64468



FINANCE UPDATE

BORING, BUT NEED TO KNOW

FEBRUARY 10 CONGREGATIONAL FINANCIAL MEETING CANCELED

THE FINANCIAL MEETING PLANNED FOR FEBRUARY 10TH HAS BEEN CANCELED BY THE BOARD.

THE ORIGINAL PURPOSE WAS TO SHARE BE'S FINANCIAL CONDITION, BUDGET, AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT (DUES) REQUIREMENTS.

THE INFORMATION WILL INSTEAD BE PRESENTED HERE AS WELL AS WITH INDIVIDUAL LETTERS

2025 Budget Facts

(figures are rounded)

Annual Expenses ~ \$ 43,000

> Facility operation ~ \$24,000

> All rabbi services ~ \$19,000

2025 Member Contributions ~ \$ 36,000

> Dues \$25/person ~ \$ 1,700

> Additional gifts ~ \$ 34,300

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2025 Income Gap ~ (\$ 7,000)

The above approximate figures are in line with the \$40,000 operating budget that was original projected

There were some very generous member contributions and end of year donations that closed the gap but will they be ongoing?

Lack of a suggested "dues" amount seemed to not only confuse, but also limit additional contributions

The BE Sisterhood account is independent, and therefore not included as part of BE operations.

Past, and future, donations from Temples Adath Joseph and B'nai Sholem will cover shortfalls, but to prevent liquidation of any reserves we need to cover annual expenses

DUES DILIGENCE

YOUR 2026 DUES

HOW WE GOT HERE...

1. Originally, until we could determine a “fair” structure for dues, and wanting to prevent dues from being a stumbling block to membership, we set a minimal membership fee, shared our projected expenses, and invited members to make any additional donation(s) their budget and conscience allowed.
2. A significant number of people, previously used to having a set dues amount, did not understand the concept of paying the minimum \$25 fee and being expected to pay an additional amount of their choosing
3. Despite this confusion, we still managed to receive a significant amount of member donations that nearly covered our budget.
4. The BE board has studied options for establishing dues and has come up with what we consider to be a fair, structured - and yet still voluntary - dues level that provides members with a suggested donation.

SO, HERE'S THE DEAL -

DETERMINE YOUR 2026 DUES LEVEL

IDENTIFY YOUR PLACE IN THE FOLLOWING 4 TIERS

BASED ON FINANCIAL ABILITY, SELECT YOUR 2026 COMMITMENT

No one is asked to show financial condition; dues are per individual - not family.

Tier 1 - Supporting member \$1,200 (\$100/mo)

- Strong financial capacity (high income, substantial assets, investments, or comfortable retirement resources)
- Homeowner with significant equity; retiree with healthy portfolio
- Could afford unexpected \$5,000 expense without hardship

These are suggested annual dues amounts per person, based on the criteria indicated.

If you can do more - whether as dues or occasionally during the year - your support is appreciated.

Tier 2- Standard member \$900 (\$75/mo)

- Moderate financial capacity (middle income, or modest savings)
- Secure but not abundant resources
- Could handle unexpected \$2,000 expense with planning

If even the Tier 4 is a challenge, we invite you to do the best you can.

Tier 3- Basic member \$600 (\$50/mo)

- Limited financial capacity (lower income, minimal savings, tight retirement budget)
- Month-to-month financial management
- Unexpected \$500 expense would be challenging

B.E. IS COMMITTED THAT DUES WILL NOT BE A LIMIT TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Tier 4- Reduced member \$300 (\$25/mo)

- Constrained financial capacity (student, very limited fixed income, economic hardship)
- Financial stress is a regular reality

THE BEIT ECHAD SISTERHOOD SCOOP



“We are family, I got all my sisters with me”

Fun Day of Strudel Postponed (again)

Due to the typical January germs that tend to make the rounds, our January 18 Fun Day of Strudel Baking was rescheduled to January 25.

Unfortunately, Mother Nature then had other plans and turned our town into a frigid winter wonderland, forcing us to cancel once again.

While we haven't set a new date yet, be assured we will find another time soon—stay tuned!

NOW MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SOUP FOR SMILES

Date: February 15, 2026 Time: 11:00 am

Place: Beit Echad.

Bivracha, Sandy

SOUP FOR SMILES

February 15, 2026 11:00 am Beit Echad

Our Sisterhood will once again be hosting our annual Soup for Smiles Mitzvah Project. This meaningful project brings our community together to assemble bags of beans and spices that will be distributed to patrons at the InterServ Food Pantry.

Lunch will be provided by the Sisterhood.

At the heart of Sisterhood is the belief that small acts, done together, can make a real difference. Projects like Soup for Smiles allow us to show up for our wider community in a hands-on way and bring our Sisterhood's vision and mission to life. This year, we're assembling 300 bags, so we encourage everyone to attend and bring family and friends.



FOOD: THE HEART OF JEWISH LIFE

Most of our religion revolves around the principle: they tried to kill us, we won, let's eat. But on a more serious note, food is entwined with ritual and celebration—kiddush, challah, matzah, sufganiyot, latkes, hamentashen. Many mitzvot are connected to food: honoring Shabbos with fish and meat, Yom Tov meals, Pesach seders, and the meal of condolence.

Food is linked to family, tradition, and heritage. It's integral to Judaism through Shabbat, holidays, and even fast days, when we obsess over what to eat before and after.

On a deeper level, we're focused on deriving pleasure from our relationship with God. The most obvious way God shows His love is by feeding His creation. When we eat properly and enjoy our food thoroughly, it gives God pleasure—and on some level, everyone knows this.

The dining table brings family together. We sit as a family, eat together, unplug, and engage each other. It's part of every holiday and celebration, so it's in our blood and culture to unite with food.

Join us for a (free - but we accept donations) meal when Rabbi Padorr visits or for a special festival when we come together in One House as family.

SPONSOR A MEAL

In Honor or Memory

Until now, the sisterhood has hosted a luncheon after Rabbi Padorr's adult study class, but has decided to enable our members to now host it in memory or honor of someone.

Once a month, when Rabbi Padorr visits, the BE Sisterhood hosts a free dinner. A revolving circle of sisterhood members host the meal without cost, only suggesting free-will donations. Our Shabbat and a Show evening also offers a light meal (hosted by the BE Men, but wink-wink). And, of course, in months with festivals or other special events or guests, the sisterhood often offers a meal - usually without cost - so we can eat and visit as a community and family.

That's a lot of meals and hosting!

Consider hosting a luncheon or meal: contact Sandy or email office@beit-echad.net. As always, the sisterhood and congregation come together to help, but we want this to be an opportunity for you, our members, to express and share something that is important to you. 6

FROM THE OPEN DOOR FOOD KITCHEN

BY MARSHA ROSENTHAL

It may be cold and gray outside. But when our patrons enter the door of the Open Door Food Kitchen, hopefully the smells of a nourishing lunch and interaction with fellow patrons changes at least part of their day to warmth and sunshine.

On Wednesday, January 21, 2026, our Jewish Community and friends cooked and served 178 meals. Our number of hungry men, women and children continues to grow. Presently, committed volunteers and staff prepare and serve over 72,000 meals a year regardless of what Mother Nature sends our way. With the dedication of faithful donors, volunteers and staff, the ODFK will be welcoming our less fortunate for as long as we are needed.

Blessings, Marsha Rosenthal

In December, we lost a good friend and patron of our ODFK.

Leslie Finch, Sr. has eaten lunch with us every day for many years.

He was our patron representative on our board of directors and was dedicated to our mission of feeding our hungry.



Les was the father of four grown grown children. He was everyone's friend and will be missed. Les was a calming presence and cared deeply for all who entered the Open Door.

May Les's memory forever be a blessing.

Marsha Rosenthal

SHIR L'SHABBAT



JOYFUL MUSICAL
SHABBAT SERVICE

Saturday, February 14th
10 AM - Noon

Venue:
Asbury Methodist Church
5400 W 75th St
Prairie Village, KS 66208



IS A SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICE MISSING IN YOUR LIFE?

If you would like to experience a fun, musical version of a Saturday Torah service, join Rabbi Rudnick & Anna Jaffe as they lead a special monthly service just an hour away in Prairie Village. A light luncheon follows with community time - you'd be surprised how many St. Joe connections there are!

So far, BE has only been able to offer a Torah service (the core of a Saturday morning service) on a few occasions: the High Holy Days, Shabbat Shuvah between Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah (our own mini Shir L'Shabbat), and when Simchat Torah has lined up with our Friday Shabbat service.

Limited resources and (thus far) limited demand have hindered the offering of such a valuable ritual. Rabbi Padorr has offered to do a Torah reading occasionally in a Friday night service. Let us know your thoughts.

But meanwhile, try this road trip!

Building a Jewish Community at Fort Leavenworth And Exploring Shared Paths with Beit Echad

by Jonathan Freiden, Ft. Leavenworth DRGL (Designated Religious Group Leader)

Over the past year, a formal Jewish community has been established on Fort Leavenworth, led by Jonathan Freiden in his role as DRGL (Designated Religious Group Leader). This growing community serves Jewish service members, families, civilians, and retirees connected to the post. Many of them arrive from across the country and around the world seeking connection and continuity in Jewish life.

Since its founding, this Fort Leavenworth Jewish community has already hosted several meaningful programs, including a Hanukkah celebration, a Judaism 101 educational series, and community Shabbat dinners. These gatherings have helped create a welcoming space for people of varied backgrounds and levels of observance, offering both spiritual grounding and a sense of belonging within the unique rhythms of military life.

The goal at Fort Leavenworth has been deeply rooted in Jewish values: to build a warm, inclusive community where Jewish life is accessible, supportive, and centered on relationships. In a setting defined by frequent transitions and demanding schedules, Jewish community can serve as an important anchor.

As the Ft. Leavenworth community continues to take shape, there is great excitement about working closely with Beit Echad. Beit Echad's inclusive spirit and commitment to meaningful, relationship-centered Jewish life make it a natural partner.

Looking ahead, there are many ways our communities might begin to connect. These could include joint Zoom Shabbat or holiday services, allowing participation across distance; shared learning programs, spiritual care support, holiday experiences; and reciprocal visits, with Fort Leavenworth community members joining Beit Echad in St. Joseph and Beit Echad members visiting the post for special services or celebrations. Collaboration could also extend to shared social-action initiatives, reflecting our shared commitment to tikkun olam.

Jewish tradition teaches that community is built through presence, partnership, and care for one another. We look forward to deepening relationships with the Beit Echad community and exploring how, together, we can strengthen Jewish life for all those we serve.

Warmly, Jonathan.

Psalm 127:1

שִׁיר הַמַּעֲלוֹת לְשִׁלְמֵה אֶם־יְהוָה | לֹא־יִבְנֶה בַּיִת שׁוֹא עֲמָלוֹ בּוֹנֵיו בּוֹ אֶם־יְהוָה
לֹא־יִשְׁמַר־עִיר שׁוֹא | שֶׁקֵּד שׁוֹמֵר:

Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it;
Unless the LORD guards the city, The watchman keeps awake in vain.

High School Project on St. Joseph Jewish Community

On Friday, January 23rd, the following email was sent to our Jewish community about a Lafayette High School sociology project to educate the community about St. Joseph Jews and Jewish history:

*Hello everyone,
My name is Brooke Rich and I am married to Jeff Rich's eldest grandson, Alex Rich. I have met some of you a few times at Beit Echad. I am a history teacher at Lafayette High School here in St. Joseph and in the month of April my Sociology students are going to create a project on the Jewish history and life in St. Joseph. I have been able to partner with the St. Joseph Museums and they have agreed to give us an actual physical space to create an exhibit that will be housed there. They currently do not have any displays on Jewish life or Jewish people in St. Joseph.*

Unless you are Jewish or know someone who is Jewish, you would not know any Jewish people lived/live here. I want to change that and I hope that you will help me.

I want my students to be able to talk to you about your life as Jewish member of the St. Joseph community. This would be on your schedule and it could be face to face at LHS, over the phone, or even via Zoom. I am not looking for you to explain every detail of Judaism, but simply tell us about your memories and family members. If there are pictures that you would be willing to show my students of your family or friends celebrating Jewish holidays or weddings that would be amazing too. If it is easier to communicate with me via phone my number is 816-617-1097 (email brookeward6317 @ gmail.com). I am free all day today and all weekend. I can even come to Beit Echad for a Shabbat service one night and share more about the project face to face.

I am excited to hear from you all and hopefully partner in this important and exciting project.

Brooke Rich

Brooke attended our January 30, Shabbat service to further explain the project, its goals, and how we can participate and support her students. Her 15-student class is being freshly introduced to Judaism. Like her (before marrying into a Jewish family, visiting Auschwitz, and researching the history of her in-laws – the Rich, Friedman and Feldman families) she had no knowledge of the existence of Jews in St. Joseph, let alone Jewish practices, locations, or 'who we are'.

Do you have an expertise/knowledge about Jewish practice? Perhaps Judaica that can be shared and explained (even explaining a yarmulke/kippah, menorah/hanukkah, torah, prayerbook. How about family history, Jewish settling and synagogue history in St. Joseph?

She is looking for any stories, memorabilia, show-and-tell, or history that you can share with her or her class. She will be collecting data and our input over the months of February and March in preparation for setting up a permanent display at the St. Joseph Museum on Frederick, with hopes of continuing to expand it over the coming years.

To our knowledge, outside of past Rabbi's reaching out thru MO Western, or occasional visits by church groups, and our mere existence, there has been no structured, permanent exhibition of Judaism in St. Joseph. **THIS IS TRULY AN AMAZING THING that Brooke is doing and A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO BE A PART OF IT!**

Before you forget – or as you recall something – write it down and share your thoughts or stories with Brooke. Or perhaps you would like to make a presentation to her class. Give her a call or text at 816-617-1097, or send an email to brookeward6317 @ gmail.com.



We've selected a wonderful film for this month's Shabbat & a Show movie in keeping with it being Valentines Day weekend. We hope you'll join us Friday, February 13th for a short service, community mingling, and a great Rom-Com.

Our last 2 events offered the humor of Gene Wilder (Frisco Kid), the music of Neil Diamond (Jazz Singer), and now adds romance with this matchmaker themed comedy.

If you haven't yet attended one of these special Shabbat services combining the Day of Rest with a light meal and an evening of entertainment, bring your significant other or a guest as we enjoy a warm up to Valentines Day.

It's A Valentines Day Themed Shabbat & A Show on February 13th

6:00 Shabbat service

6:30 Meal starts

6:45 Movie

HAPPY
Valentine's
Day

Charming story, charming stars

Izzy (Amy Irving) is a talented bookstore employee in New York City. Although it is a low paying position, she rubs elbows with some of the finest writers in the country, by setting up book talks. Despite her success, she is in her thirties and is not married. Izzy is fine with this but her Jewish grandmother is appalled that her sweet relative does not have a husband. Therefore, grandmother arranges for a matchmaker to search out some candidates for Izzy. The first one is a pickle vendor! What was grandma thinking?

This film, set partly in an old, traditional Jewish neighborhood in Manhattan, is a movie fan's delight. Irving, charming and pretty, sails right through her role with absolute believability. The rest of the cast is just perfect, including an early role for David Hyde Pierce. What a wonder, also, to get a glimpse of a preserved neighborhood, where time moves slowly. Those who adore romantic comedies must not put a viewing of this movie off any longer. Try catching it at the library or video store today. *[review courtesy of IMDB.com]*

Torah Portions For February

from hebc.com

7 February 2026 / 20 Sh'vat 5786

Parashat Yitro 5786 / פְּרַשְׁת יִתְרוֹ

Exodus 18:1-20:23

Yitro ("Jethro") begins as Moses reunites with his father-in-law Yitro and accepts his advice to appoint judges who will help govern the Israelites. The Israelites prepare to encounter God at Mount Sinai. God descends amidst fire, smoke, thunder, and the blast of a shofar and gives the Ten Commandments.



14 February 2026 / 27 Sh'vat 5786

Parashat Mishpatim 5786 / פְּרַשְׁת מִשְׁפָּטִים

Exodus 21:1-24:18, 30:11-16

Mishpatim ("Laws") recounts a series of God's laws that Moses gives to the Israelites. These include laws about treatment of slaves, damages, loans, returning lost property, the Sabbath, the sabbatical year, holidays, and destroying idolatry. The portion ends as Moses ascends Mount Sinai for 40 days.



21 February 2026 / 4 Adar 5786

Parashat Terumah 5786 / פְּרַשְׁת תְּרוּמָה

Exodus 25:1-27:19

Terumah ("Donation") opens as God tells Moses to collect donated materials in order to build a dwelling place for God called the Mishkan (Tabernacle). God describes how to build the vessels that will fill the Mishkan - including the ark, table, menorah, and sacrificial altar - as well as the Mishkan's walls and curtains.



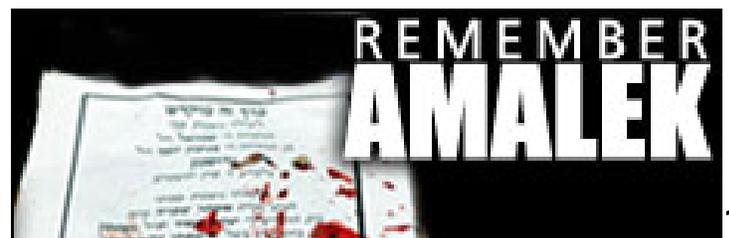
28 February 2026 / 11 Adar 5786

Shabbat Zachor 2026 / 5786 שַׁבַּת זְכוֹר

Shabbat of Remembrance & Parashat Tetzaveh

Exodus 27:20-30:10; Deuteronomy 25:17-19

Shabbat Zachor ("Sabbath [of] remembrance שַׁבַּת זְכוֹר) is the Shabbat immediately preceding Purim. Deuteronomy 25:17-19, describing the attack by Amalek, is recounted. There is a tradition from the Talmud that Haman, the antagonist of the Purim story, was descended from Amalek. The portion that is read includes a commandment to remember the attack by Amalek, and therefore at this public reading both men and women make a special effort to hear the reading.



זִיכְרוֹנָה לְבִרְכָה

"may their memory be a blessing"

February Yahrzeits (Sh'vat-Adar)



Feb 1-7, 2026/14-20 Sh'vat 5786

Bess Donsker Braun
- Feb 7, 1980*
Barney Burnett
- Feb 3rd 16 Sh'vat/Feb 14, 1987*[^]
Phil Eveloff
- Feb 2nd 15 Sh'vat/Jan. 21, 2019[^]
Ruby Fine
- Feb 5th 18 Shevat/Jan 19, 1995[^]
Samuel Gellens
- Feb 6, 1954*
Clarice Hirsch
- Feb 6, 1938*
Margaret Hoffman
- Feb 7th ...20 Shevat[^]
Rose Kligman
- Feb 6th 19 Shevat/Jan 31, 1975[^]
Louis Kranitz
- Feb 3rd 16 Sh'vat 5739/Feb 13, 1979[^]
Leo Lewis
- Feb 5th 18 Shevat/Feb 1, 1983[^]*
Rachel Block Mayer
- Feb 7, 1935*
Rachel Most
- Feb 1st /14 Sh'vat[^]
Nadene Naken Pitluck
- Feb 5, 2009/11 Sh'vat 5769*[^]
Rebecca Himan Reicher
- Feb 1, 1946*
Edith Rothman
- Feb 3rd 16 Shevat/Feb 7, 1985[^]
Rabbi Isaac Schwab
- Feb 4,*
Tom Schwarz
- Feb 1, 2025 Y
Lou Silverglat
- Feb 5th 18 Shevat/Feb 10, 2004[^]
Bernice Steinberg
- Feb 5th 18 Shevat/Feb 11, 2012[^]
Beatrice Weiner
- Feb 1st 14 Shevat[^]
Allan Winn
- Feb 2nd 15 Shevat[^]

Feb 8-14, 2026/21-27 Sh'vat 5786

Mildred Adler
- Feb 9th 22 Shevat 5760/Jan 29, 2000[^]
Sam Bell
- Feb 14th 27 Shevat/Feb 10, 1983[^]
Lou Blonar
- Feb 8th 21 Shevat 5758/Feb 17, 1998[^]
Mollye Rosenthal Burnett
- Feb 10, 1991*
Rose Daynovsky
- Feb 8th 21 Shevat[^]
Yale Dolginoff
- Feb 10th 23 Shevat [^]
Rae R. Feltenstein
- Feb 14, 1973*
Joseph Friedman, D.P.M.
- Feb 12, 2016/3 Adar*[^]
Adm. Herschel Goldberg
- Feb 14, 2002*
Haima Hochman
- Feb 9th 22 Shevat/Jan 25, 1965[^]
Pearl Apple Juda
- Feb 9, 1949*
Herman Kaplan
- Feb 10th 23 Shevat[^]
Donald Kaufman
- Feb 14, 1975/3 Adar[^]*
Betty Kohn
- Feb 11^o
Margaret Kulowski
- Feb 14th Feb 23, 2017/27 Sh'vat[^]Y
Sadie Soren Lund
- Feb 14th 27 Shevat/Feb 23, 2017*[^]
Rose Rosenberg
- Feb 14, 1959*
Wendy Rae Rosenfeld
- Feb 10th Feb 23, 1974/23 Shevat*[^]
Martha Euphan Rosenthal
- Feb 8th Feb 8, 1988/21 Sh'vat 5748*[^]
Raymond Weinberg - WWII Germany
- Feb 12th 25 Shevat/Feb 8, 1945[^]*
Beatrice Weiner
- Jan 12^o
Louise Saferstein Winn
- Feb 13th 26 Shevat [^]

זִיכְרוֹנָה לְבִרְכָה

"may their memory be a blessing"

Feb 15-21, 2026/28 Sh'vat-4 Adar 5786

Helen Becker
– Feb 19th 2 Adar/Feb 28, 1998[^]
Sarah Blanar
– Feb 15th 28 Shevat[^]
Olivia Block
– Feb 18, 1913*
David C. Brady
– Feb 17, 1959*
Stanley Brahinsky
– Feb 18th 1 Adar
Victor Braun
– Feb 19, 1954*
Rachel C. Feltenstein
– Feb 21, 1971*
Catherine Figueras
– Feb 21, 1999*
Dr. Joe Friedman
– Feb 20th 3 Adar/Feb 12, 2016^{^*}
Mary Garelich
– Feb 20th 3 Adar[^]
Nathan B. Green
– Feb 16^o
Charlotte Hochman
– Feb 15, 2016/6 Adar ^{^Y}
Cecelia Frankel Isaacs
– Feb 18, 1930*
Donald E. Kaufman
– Feb 20th 3 Adar 5735/Feb 14, 1975*[^]
Rose Elsberg Kohn
– Feb 17, 1999*
Frank Langman
– Feb 19th 2 Adar[^]
Ben Magoon
– Feb 19th 2 Adar/Feb 23, 1993[^]
Lillian (Lilly) Rosenthal Optican
– Feb 20th 3 Adar/Feb 28, 1971*
Marsha Powell
– Feb 20th 3 Adar/Feb 12, 2016[^]
Harry Rosen
– Feb 21, 1991*
Jake Rosenthal
– Feb 15, 1989/10 Adar 5749^{^o}
Minnie Rositzky
– Feb 20, 1972*
Sam Shapiro
– Feb 19, 2020^Y
Nadine Tovsky
– Feb 20th 3 Adar/Feb 14, 1994[^]
Harry Vegder – WWII –
– Feb 15, 1945*
Eugene F. Westheimer
– Feb 21, 1957*

Feb 22-28, 2026/5-11 Adar 5786

Sima Blanar
– Feb 27th 10 Adar[^]
Charles Brady
– Feb 26th 9 Adar[^]
Anna Lazriowich Herman
– Feb 27, 1986*
Frieda M. Herman
– Feb 23, 1990*
Charlotte Hochman
– Feb 23rd 6 Adar/Feb 15, 2016^{^Y}
Ira S. Kalis
– Feb 22, 1990*
Anna Kaplan
– Feb 23rd 6 Adar/Mar 5, 1914*[^]
Margaret Kulowski
– Feb 23, 2017/27 Sh'vat^{^Y}
Nathan Lewis
– Feb 24th 7 Adar[^]
Nanette H. Lowenberg
– Feb 23, 1977*
Sadie Sorin Lund
-- Feb 23, 2017/27 Sh'vat
Nathan Magoon
-- Feb 28th 11 Adar[^]
Hermine Gellens McClung
-- Feb 23, 1978*
James Potlitzer
-- Feb 28, 1978*
Wendy Rae Rosenfeld
-- Feb 23, 1974*
Jake Rosenthal
– Feb 27th 10 Adar 5749/Feb 15, 1989[^]
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IF YOU MADE IT THIS FAR

some thoughts from the President, who is this month's editor (& as Karen B says: rabbicantor)

As I put together (and now reflect upon) this month's newsletter, several themes seem to resonate:

community service
care and concern for others
tradition, community, and fellowship
unity in purpose and action
heritage and growth
worship

all of which can all probably be summed up with one word: activity
- - LOTS of activity.

For such a small congregation, we really do offer a lot of "Jewish" opportunity. We hope that you, our members, take advantage of these activities and take a moment thank those who (all too often) work so hard behind the scenes - over and over again. Join in on the prep side, or better yet, find something in Jewish life that 'speaks to you' and offer it up for the benefit of others.

the Lrd ... has filled him with the Spirit of Gd, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills—to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood and to engage in all kinds of artistic crafts. And He has given ... the ability to teach others.

- Exodus 35:30-34

I believe these words ring true in some aspect for all of us. As we fight for the survival and growth of Judaism in St. Joseph and our area outside of Kansas City, it takes a combined effort: individual commitments to participate and support, our willingness to share our talents and interests, and a willingness to provide the financial support needed to make it all possible: the facility, our rabbis, event planning, and even the basic framework that makes all of it happen.

And one last thing

Did you find the errors in this month's newsletter?

I have found that there are always a select few who look for "something wrong". For their benefit, those "mistakes" were put there on purpose in the interest of their efforts not being in vane.