



Chadashot Ha'am

May 2014

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A Message from Rabbi Saks

There's a lesser-known holiday that falls during the middle of May this year, beginning at sundown on Saturday, May 17. Two-thirds of the way from Passover to Shavuot on the symbolic journey between our redemption from Egypt and our receiving *Torah* at Sinai, we mark a holiday called *Lag b'Omer*. *Lag b'Omer* gets its name from the counting of days that begins on the second night of Passover and lasts until the eve of Shavuot. This period of counting is known as the *Omer*, which in our agricultural history was the preparation for the barley harvest celebrated at Shavuot. (*Omer* means sheaf and refers to a sheaf of barley.) The word *lag* is an indication of the number of days counted up until this point. It is comprised of the Hebrew letters *lamed* (which represents the number 30) and *gimel* (which represents the number 3). *Lag b'Omer* is the 33rd day in the counting of the *Omer* from Passover to Shavuot.

Generally, the period of the *Omer* is a mournful period, marked by some of the traditional practices of mourning, prohibition of haircuts and shaving, listening to certain types of music and holding or attending weddings. Legend tells us that during the counting of the *Omer* in the second century, a plague killed 24,000 students of Rabbi Akiva. We are also told that the plague finally lifted on *Lag b'Omer*, which is why this day became a holiday.

It is also understood that our ancestors who left Egypt were not ready to receive the *Torah*. We

regret that even though our ancestors had their freedom, their mental states were not such that they were prepared to receive the *Torah* just yet. If we remember the story from the book of Exodus, we recall that the Israelites were not content with their freedom during their wandering. In the wilderness with Moses, they asked to go back to Egypt, where they thought the food was better. They lacked gratitude for the *manna* provided for them and begged for meat instead. They fought with Moses and they fought with one another.

The rabbis express great concern when the Jewish community faces internal conflict. We remember as we count the *Omer* that fighting within the Jewish community would be enough to prevent us from receiving *Torah*. They tell us that it was infighting in our communities that led to the destruction of the first and second Temples in Jerusalem. They also tell us that this was either a result of Divine punishment or not being able to get organized to defend ourselves because we were so consumed with our conflicts with one another.

I recently encountered this poem by Merle Feld that reminds us of the power we possess and how our words and actions can hurt or heal, to paraphrase Rabbi Joseph Telushkin. The result all depends in how we use them.

*Last week in the supermarket
at an unlikely hour
I saw a woman I know.
She tried to avoid me
pretended not to remember me*

*but I had unwittingly trapped her
blocked her escape in the tuna
fish aisle.*

*I just wanted to say hello
my cruelty was inadvertent
but up close I saw
her hair was in disarray
and dirty, her face
without its careful mask
of lipstick, blusher, shadow.
She was wearing a ratty old jacket
the discard of her husband
or perhaps her teenaged son.*

*Nine thirty, on a Tuesday morning,
dressed like that –
suddenly I knew she was out of
work
and ashamed. And coming
undone
there in the tuna fish aisle.*

*I tried as best I could
to help her cover her nakedness
but all that day and the next
she haunted me.
How strange, I thought,
how strange and how sad
that she should feel threatened,
judged,
shamed by me.*

*The rabbis say
when you bring color to
someone's face
it's as if you shed their blood.
Forgive me.
May you be restored to your full
self
Soon, speedily, in our day.
And let us say amen.*

As we count our way from Passover to Shavuot and recall the journey of our ancestors in the wilderness, may we learn from their trials and tribulations and create a more peaceful journey towards *Torah* together.

President's Message - Lisa Munderback

Last month I shared that the past few Board meetings had focused on finances and, in particular, the costs of Religious School. The Board believes that it is within our mission and values to support religious education of the children of Bet Ha'am. Providing opportunities for worship, lifelong learning, social action and other activities to strengthen the Jewish community are also parts of our mission. Because school fees have only covered one-third of the school cost, the Board approved a fee increase and a change in the fees that teachers pay for their own children. The congregation as a whole will still be absorbing about half of the cost of Religious School.

This month I'd like to share information about the congregational budget as a whole. As is true for most non-profits, our biggest expense (61% of our budget) is for salaries and benefits. The cost of utilities and maintenance is another 15%. Telephone, internet, copying, supplies and other office expenses account for 4%. Programming costs are 8% and our dues to the URJ are 7% of our budget. This year we had some significant technology purchases that were 3% of our total expenses. The remaining 2% of our expenditures are for professional services and other miscellaneous expenses.

On the revenue side, our membership dues account for 66% of our income. School fees provide an additional 8%. About 7% of our revenue this year came from donations restricted for particular purposes, e.g., technology, Bernstein Scholar-in-Residence, and an additional 7% came from unrestricted donations and fundraising. JCA's generous grant to support our Religious School provided 3% of our revenue, and gifts from foundations were much higher this year and accounted for another 7%. Income generated from rental of our facilities brought in almost 1% of revenue, and proceeds from the Judaica shop provided much of the final 1%.



Our reliance on dues for two-thirds of our revenue is not surprising given our relatively short tenure as a congregation. Many older synagogues have significant endowment income. Because of our reliance on dues, it is important that we have a system that is comfortable for our members. We have had a "fair share" system for many years and ask each member family to give 1.75% of income. We don't ask for verification of income and we make allowances for those whose circumstances don't allow for the full amount. We rely on those who can give more to make up the difference.

The current issue of Reform Judaism magazine includes an interesting article that focuses on the decisions that congregations make about dues. Many congregations use the "flat fee" model. Others, like us, use the "fair share" model. There are a few Reform congregations experimenting with a "free will" dues system. The article emphasizes that dues systems only succeed if members feel engaged and want to financially support the synagogue. There are so many other organizations vying for our time and money.

Our Board, staff, teachers and many volunteers all work hard to create a welcoming, vibrant Reform Jewish community here in Southern Maine. From worship and lifelong learning to gardening and socializing, Bet Ha'am strives to engage all our members and welcome those who are not members. Please let me know how we can better support your involvement in our Reform Jewish community and what you would be interested in learning about and reading in this column. We want you to feel that Bet Ha'am is your go-to place. Hopefully Bet Ha'am will be at the top of your priority list for dues, donations and time.

I invite you to email me at lisamunderback@yahoo.com with your thoughts and I hope you will join me at the Annual Meeting on May 27.

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From the Executive Director

Kris Dorer



A congregant recently brought me a copy of a Bet Ha'am Membership Directory from between sixteen and twenty years ago. We've had such fun poring through the photographs of former and current staff members and congregants!

A young, bright-eyed family with a couple of toddlers now has two college students. Sure, the adults in the photos have changed and aged a bit, as we all do, but the most striking evolution is that of the children, who are now the young adults in our congregation.

Trends across the country indicate that congregations continue to see a drop in membership among young adults. There often is a gap of engagement after their *b'nai mitzvah* until those young adults are in their late twenties or thirties. We continue to look for strategies to retain interest among our youth and young adults. In fact, one focus of our Strategic Plan is to find more engaging ways for current and new congregants of all ages and lifestyles to explore their connections to Judaism, their peers, and the overall Bet Ha'am community.

We continue to thoughtfully plan lifelong learning and engagement opportunities that include programs and social events for young adults who may not have had religious school experiences; exciting concerts, speaker series, and other programs open to the greater community; volunteer opportunities and social action initiatives; and events that bring together different generations and foster a deeper sense of community.

Bet Ha'am realizes that successful programming only occurs when people actually participate, so we are paying attention to how we use communication geared toward different generations. For young adults this includes social media such as Facebook, Twitter, blogging and online videos. We will be rolling out some new initiatives along with our new website in the months to come.

I was so pleased to have met the two young college students, the former toddlers in the photograph, when they were home on break. They continue to be active members of our congregation - volunteering, engaging their peers and representing Bet Ha'am well as they begin their adult lives. Let's think about how we can keep the Bet Ha'am spirit alive in all of our young members as they transition into adulthood and possibly begin their own families. Perhaps one day they will be back with us, some with their own small children, smiling for the camera!

Schedule of Services

Friday, May 2

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, May 3

Torah Study 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
Parashat Emor

Friday, May 9

Family Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 PM

Saturday, May 10

Torah Study 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
Parashat B'har

Friday, May 16

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, May 17

Torah Study 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
Parashat B'chukotai

Friday, May 23

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, May 24

Torah Study 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
Zachary Mogul-Campbell, Bar
Mitzvah, son of Jennifer Mogul and
John Campbell
Parashat B'midbar

Friday, May 30

Shabbat in Three Experiences
Potluck Dinner 6:30 PM
Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, May 31

Torah Study 9:00 AM
Worship Service 10:00 AM
Jacob Leavitt, Bar Mitzvah,
son of Marie and Peter Leavitt
Parashat Naso

Please join the congregation in celebration as our students are called to the Torah as B'nai Mitzvah.

From the Religious School Director

Orly Mendelson Biggie



It is already time to wrap up our current school year and plan for starting up Religious School again in the fall.

I am very excited about our upcoming celebration of Israel's 66th birthday during morning Religious School on May 4. This Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel

Independence Day) program will feature Israeli dancing led by Larry Landau. Everyone is invited to join us for the dancing at 11:30 AM!

Our last day of Religious School will be May 18. Our final assembly at 11:15 AM will be followed by our annual Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon. Please consider volunteering to be part of with this small gesture to thank our dedicated volunteer teaching staff. We need help with setting up, food and serving.

As we look forward to next year, our priority is having enough adults to teach our children. As our veteran teachers retire, move out of state or have babies, we need new volunteers to step into their shoes. Please consider joining our wonderful faculty. We need teachers for grades seven through ten to teach most Sunday evenings and one Sunday morning each month (when the high school students will mentor the younger students). This is a great opportunity for those of you with teenagers to get to know more of our youngest students! We also need a kindergarten teacher as well as Judaic Studies and Hebrew teachers for second, third and fourth grades.

Please consider the *mitzvah* of teaching our children: *V'shinantam I'vanecha* (and you should teach them to your children), which is part of the *V'ahavtah* prayer we chant regularly. I would be happy to talk with you about the many options available for teaching our children!

Religious School News

- Thank you to last month's substitute teachers: Sarah Szanton, Roy Rosenberg, Josh Levy.
- Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the fifth and sixth grade Ellis Island simulation: Deborah Stone, Jill Rosenthal, Andy Lilienthal, Craig Lapine, Jeremy Stein, Kate Hirsch, Susan Lieberman, Margaret Carver, Rachel Simmons, Andi Summers, Nicole Chaison, Ella Stillman, Kristen Berman, Abby Zimmet, Alan Kropp, Tom Rosen, Lisa Tabenken, Rebecca Wohl Pollack.
- Thank you to the parents who helped with the two model seders: Josh Rosenberg, Deborah Stone, Mitch Lench, Nancy Goldberg, Peter Segal, Renee Schwalberg and Jessica Butzel.
- Thank you to Mark Rubin and Margaret Carver for directing "The Magician," the play that Grade 4B performed during the April Family Service.
- Thank you to Wendy Hayes and Rebecca Wohl Pollack for preparing the sixth graders to lead the April Family Service.
- **Registration for 2014-15:** Registration forms were mailed to all the current Religious School students. If you would like to enroll a new student, please contact Orly at orly@bethaam.org or 879-0028. To be eligible for the early registration fee, the office must receive your completed form by May 31.
- Our **Teachers' Appreciation Luncheon** will be May 19 at noon. As is our tradition, we will have a potluck luncheon to thank our volunteer teachers for all they have done for our students this school year. We hope that both parents and congregants will contribute food for this celebration. Please complete the luncheon form and let us know what you will bring. Thank you.
- **Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebration:** We will celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day, on Sunday, May 4. Parents are invited to join us at 11:30 for Israeli folk dances! If you can help with the earlier activities, please call Orly at 879-0028.



A fine group of immigrants from our Ellis Island simulation!



Holocaust Survivor, Gerda Weissmann Klein, to Speak at Bet Ha'am on May 15



Gerda Weissmann Klein will speak at Bet Ha'am on Thursday evening, May 15, at 6:30 PM. The presentation will include a viewing of the Academy Award and Emmy winning short documentary, *One Survivor*

Remembers (39 minutes) and a discussion and Q&A with Mrs. Klein. Invite your friends and neighbors; this event is open to everyone! Please also join us for a reception immediately following the program.

Gerda Weissmann Klein is a Holocaust survivor and prolific writer and speaker, who has spoken with audiences in all 50 states and around the world. In awarding her the Presidential Medal of Freedom, President Obama described Gerda "as an author, a historian and a crusader for tolerance" who has "taught the world that it is often in our most hopeless moments that we discover the extent of our strength and the depth of our love." President Obama also read this statement by Gerda: "I pray you never stand at any crossroads in your own lives, but if you do, if the darkness seems so total, if you think there is no way out, remember, never ever give up." Gerda is the co-founder of Citizenship Counts, which empowers young people to be responsible, participatory and socially-just citizens.

Social Action Committee Furniture Donation Day Sunday, May 18 10:00 AM—2:00 PM (Rain date Sunday, June 1)

Spring Cleaning? Downsizing? We can help!

The Social Action Committee is partnering with Furniture Friends to host a Furniture Donation Day. Furniture Friends, formed by the Welcoming Immigrants Network, coordinates the collection and distribution of gently used furniture from donors to newly arrived immigrants.

Furniture Friends is looking for quality furniture in good condition that is free of stains, rips, pet damage or other damage. If anyone in the congregation has one or more items for donation, please let Randi Greenwald (randigreenwald@gmail.com) know by May 12. Please provide her with your contact information and address, as well as a brief description of the item and its size, so that we can contact you when we are making the pickup schedule.

We are also looking for volunteers to help moving and unloading furniture.

The most-needed items are: twin beds, bedroom furniture, kitchen furniture, living room furniture, lamps, shelving units and wooden desks.

For more information about the event, to offer help or to find out what can and cannot be accepted, please contact Eleanor Goldberg (egoldbe1@maine.rr.com), Randi Greenwald (randigreenwald@gmail.com) or <http://thefurniturecenter.org/donation-guidelines/donate/>.

Your help is needed!

Throughout the year, our dedicated Religious School faculty nurture and teach our children. Now is the time to show our appreciation!

**Our annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon is planned for
Sunday, May 18 at 12:15 PM.**

This luncheon is for our teachers and their families.

Your help is needed to put this event together.

Please email what you will be contributing to this luncheon to Suzie Berzinis at sberzinis@maine.rr.com or return this form to Bet Ha'am as soon as possible.

To offer more help, please call the office.



Show your appreciation for the Bet Ha'am faculty by helping with the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> main course | <input type="checkbox"/> hot vegetable or hot side dish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fruit salad | <input type="checkbox"/> chicken or tuna salad for 8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hot/cold pasta | <input type="checkbox"/> flowers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> finger dessert | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 bottles of soda or juice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> green salad | |

Food notes: Please make sure to provide enough for ten people.
Please don't mix meat and dairy in the same dish.
Items should be here by noon on Sunday, May 18.

I can...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> set up the luncheon | <input type="checkbox"/> serve at the luncheon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> help with childcare | <input type="checkbox"/> help with clean up |

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Adult Library News

Thank you to Jane Sloven for her generous contribution of new books, including:

- *Flame of the Heart: Prayers of a Chasidic Mystic* Reb Noson of Breslov by David Sears and Nathan Sternharz. (Reb Noson was Rebbe Nahman's closest disciple.)
- *Seventh Heaven: Celebrating Shabbat with Rebbe Nachman of Breslov* by Moshe Mykoff.
- *The Modern Men's Torah Commentary: New Insights from Jewish Men on the 54 Weekly Torah Portions* by Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin.

The library has also purchased the following titles with funds from other donations:

- *A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs* by David Lehman.
- *My Promised Land: The Triumph and Tragedy of Israel* by Ari Shavit
- *An Invitation to Shabbat: A Beginner's Guide to Weekly Celebration* by Ruth Perlson

Remember that *Shavuot* and Confirmation are during the first week of June. Come see our display of related books and Congregation Bet Ha'am's Confirmation class photos and speeches from past years.

Library Information:

The library is open any time the synagogue is open. It is staffed on Thursdays from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and on Sundays from 10:00 AM to noon, when there is Religious School.

Feel free to browse, relax or read anytime. However, you must be in our system to borrow books. Look for the clipboard on the reading table and fill out the required information on the clipboard. We will notify you by email when you are all set to borrow books.

To borrow books when the library is not staffed, look for a second clipboard on the reading table and follow the directions. We will notify you by email when your books are due.

The Library Committee usually meets on the third Thursday of the month from 10:30 AM to noon. Please contact the office if you are interested in attending the meeting or would like further information.

SAVE THE DATE!

Bet Ha'am Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 27, 6:30 PM

Join us for conversation with friends, information about our budget and voting for our slate of new Board members.

Nominating Committee Report

This committee has been meeting monthly since the fall of 2013 to discuss issues related to the lay leadership of Congregation Bet Ha'am. It is our intent to nominate congregants for leadership positions who will bring energy, creativity and strong work ethics to our board and committees. One of our goals is to look forward to the future towards continuing leadership development so that congregants are prepared to take on the important work of board and committee chair positions. We also want to identify members who may be interested in filling those positions. Current board members as well as the Rabbi are asked to suggest names, and members of the congregation may suggest names to the members of this committee at any time.

We are very pleased to announce the slate for the Board of Trustees to be voted on by the congregation at the Annual Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 27 at 6:30 pm – we look forward to seeing you there.

For terms ending June 30, 2017:

Continuing on the Board:

Martin Lodish
Nathan Szanton
Lee Tabenken

New to the Board:

Samantha Johnson
Erin Koepf
Tom Rosen

We wish to express our gratitude to Emily Brocks, Karen Lukas and Deborah Tillman-Stone who have contributed greatly to the continuing vision and goals of our congregation.

Erin Koepf

I moved from Cincinnati, Ohio to Portland, Maine with my husband, Chris, and our dog, Rex, in the summer of 2011. It was great timing since the first *Shabbat* I attended at Bet Ha'am was also the first *Shabbat* led by Rabbi Saks. Chris and I felt overwhelmingly welcomed into the Bet Ha'am family and enjoyed getting to meet many other members at Friday night services, holiday celebrations, and other events. The friendly and participatory environment was just what we were looking for in a Jewish community. About two years ago, I began working with the Holiday Committee, then led by Jane Snerson. I now chair this committee with guidance from Jane and other Bet Ha'am leaders, along with the exceptional work of many volunteers.

Beyond Bet Ha'am, I work at the University of New England College of Pharmacy as an assistant clinical professor. I teach both in the classroom and in clinical rotations with students in ambulatory care pharmacy, my area of specialty. I grew up north Georgia but moved with my family to Land O' Lakes, Florida after graduating high school. I have a Bachelor's degree in Food and Nutrition Science from Florida State University and a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy. While Maine is the fifth state I have resided in, it is by far my favorite! When not at work or Bet Ha'am, I enjoy spending time with my husband and dog, running, yoga, and baking.

Samantha Johnson

Samantha Johnson was born and raised in Portland and attended *Shaarey Tphiloh* growing up. After high school, she went to school in Boston and lived there until she and her husband, Harry, moved back to Maine in 2000. They moved from Buxton to Saco in 2006 and their daughter Ruby was born in 2007. After synagogue hopping for a while, Samantha realized that Bet Ha'am was the perfect fit, and she loves the Bet Ha'am community. Samantha has been part of the demographic study group focusing on education and is a member of the Education Committee. Her daughter Ruby is in *Morah Elise's* first grade class and gets upset if she has to miss Religious School. Samantha is very excited to be nominated to join the Board.

Tom Rosen

Tom Rosen has been a member of Bet Ha'am since he moved to Cape Elizabeth from Philadelphia fourteen years ago. He has served on the Finance Committee since 2002 and was treasurer (and a Board member) from 2007 until 2013. Tom and his wife, Elizabeth, both believe it is very important to contribute their time to the Jewish community; Elizabeth is a former Bet Ha'am Board member and the immediate past president of Levey Day School. Tom has also served on the Board of the Jewish Community Alliance for the past seven years. Tom and Elizabeth have two children, Eli (12 years old) and Yael (7 years old).

Bet Ha'am's 5th Annual Plant Sale **Sunday, May 11, 9:00 AM—1:00 PM**

Buy your perennials and treasures for Mother's Day right here!

Our Garden Committee invites the Bet Ha'am community to help make this year's sale a success. We have a particular need for vegetable seedlings and would be grateful for any seedling donations you can share.

We rely on your donations of flowers, full grown plants and herbs to make the annual plant sale a success! The sale day is always fun and it is our volunteers who make this happen. Whether you donate plants, buy plants, help set up, clean up and/or talk with our customers, you will make a difference!

Plants can be dropped off at the synagogue starting Thursday, May 8. Please bring donations in pots or containers with a label sharing some information, e.g., shade- or sun-loving, tolerates dry conditions, etc. Please deliver plants by 9:00 AM the day of the sale and leave plants alongside the kitchen/outer storage wall. We will have some potted plants and homemade bird houses for sale this year, too!

Contact Joan Caldwell at jdcaldwell32@gmail.com or the Bet Ha'am office for more information or to talk about volunteer opportunities. Thank you!



**Congregation Bet Ha'am invites you to share
in the celebration of the Confirmation of**

Max Abramson
Matthew Fishbein
Vera Gardner
Rose Horowitz
Maya Kosak
Michael Michaelson
Josie Pierce

during the Shavuot service on Tuesday, June 3, at 6:30 PM
Oneg Shavuot to follow

Join the Bet Ha'am Donor Gallery

We invite you to join the Bet Ha'am Donor Gallery today! We have many needs and many ways for you to contribute. If you have an event you would like to celebrate, a person you would like to honor, a *yahrzeit* to remember, or you just want to help support our programs, please fill out the form and send it along with your check to Bet Ha'am. Include an address if you would like an acknowledgement to be sent.

Our Donor Gallery listing should read:

Please acknowledge to: _____

Your name: _____

Check enclosed for \$ _____

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- ☐ Annual Fund
- ☐ General Fund
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- ☐ Religious School Library Fund
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- ☐ Rabbi Sandmel Education Fund
- ☐ Tutor Fund
- ☐ Youth Fund

Zecheh T'zaddik L'vrachah

- Condolences to Richard Levy on the death of his father, Mark C. Levy
- Condolences to Elizabeth Buchsbaum and Isabella Levine on the death of Aaron Levy Buchsbaum

Bet Ha'am Donor Gallery

We thank our generous contributors

Adult Library Fund

- In honor of Maurice M. Bailin by Bill and Ki Leffler

Annual Fund

- Jon and Bonnie Rotenberg
- Jamie and Paula Zeitlin

Building Capital Fund

- In appreciation of the prayers and support during my recent hospitalization by Teri Berenson

General Fund

- In honor of the birth of Naomi Allene Brocks by Nathan and Sarah Szanton
- In memory of "Tuts" Brown by Carl Lerman and family
- With deep gratitude to Rosie Wohl by the Passerman family
- In honor of Toby Rosenberg by Gerry and Marilyn Sherry
- In honor of Jonathan Reitman by Gerry and Marilyn Sherry
- Wishing a speedy recovery to Teri Berenson by Gerry and Marilyn Sherry
- In celebration of the birth of Emily and Becca Brocks's daughter, Naomi, by Marilyn and Gerry Sherry
- In appreciation by Jae Brown

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Shaarey Tphiloh
- In honor of the Caring Committee by Teri Wilner
- In deep gratitude to Rabbi Saks by the Passerman family

May 2014

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4 Grades 1-6 Religious School 9:00 AM Kindergarten 9:00 AM Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration Israeli Dancing 11:30 AM Committee Calendaring Meeting 1:30 PM Confirmation Parents Meeting 4:15 PM Grades 7-10 Religious School 5:00 PM Grades 11-12 Community Program 5:00 PM	5 Office Closed Membership Committee 7:00 PM	6 Executive Committee 5:30 PM	7 Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM Education Committee 6:30 PM Introduction to Judaism 7:00 PM	8 Adult Learning Committee 6:30 PM	9 Nominating Committee 12:00 PM Family <i>Kabbalat</i> <i>Shabbat</i> Service led by Levey Day School students 6:30 PM	10 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM
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18 Last Day of Religious School Grades 1-6 Religious School 9:00 AM Kindergarten 9:00 AM Shalom Yeladim 11:00 AM Teacher Appreciation Lunch 12:15 PM Furniture Donation Day 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Grades 7-10 Religious School 5:00 PM	19 Office Closed	20 Garden Committee 5:30 PM Board Meeting 6:30 PM	21 Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM Introduction to Judaism 7:00 PM	22 Library Committee 10:30 AM	23 <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 PM	24 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Zachary Mogul- Campbell Bar <i>Mitzvah</i>
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