



Chadashot Ha'am

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A Message from Rabbi Saks

Early in the Passover seder, at the beginning of the *Maggid* section (the telling of the Passover story), we note the *matzah* on the table and recite the words of *Ha Lachma Anya*: This is the bread of poverty and persecution that our ancestors ate in the land of Egypt.... Let all who are hungry come and eat. Let all who are in need come and share in the Passover meal. We also ask the four questions that alert us to the things that make Passover different from other nights of the year. But for many, the night of Passover will be no different than any other night of the year.

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger urges us to ask a fifth question at our Passover Seder tables this year: Why on this night are millions of people still going hungry? According to MAZON, hunger in America is at an epidemic level. Fifty million Americans – nearly one in six – struggle to put enough nutritious food on the table every day. One of every five Israelis can't be sure when or if they'll have their next meal. At Passover, when the celebration of our freedom centers around food more than any other holiday, we have an opportunity to be

even more keenly aware of the hunger of others.



The story of Passover is the central narrative of our tradition. Every time we raise a cup of wine at *Shabbat* or at a festival, we remember that God freed us from Egypt. Thirty-six times, *Torah* reminds us to care for the widow, the orphan and the stranger (the *Torah's* way of identifying the weakest members of society) and we know the heart of the stranger, having been strangers to Pharaoh in Egypt. We cannot fully celebrate our freedom when we haven't ensured that others are also free. Being free means having the power to make decisions for oneself, without any constraint. One who doesn't know where his or her next meal is coming from isn't truly free.

When we ask MAZON's question at our Passover seder, we begin a conversation about why there is a hunger crisis that persists in our world and what we can do individually and collectively to solve it. Part of our congregation's observance of *Yom Kippur* includes collecting food and funds for local food pantries

and for MAZON. We cannot restrict those efforts to only one time each year. Attention to the hunger of others needs to be on our radar at all times, in every season of our Jewish year. In a culture whose observance of holidays is so focused on food, we need to remember that there are far too many without enough food.

Please take time to learn more about MAZON's Fifth Question campaign by visiting <http://www.mazon.org/fifthquestion>. Raise the fifth question at your Passover seder, discuss what steps you can take individually and brainstorm ideas that we, the Bet Ha'am community, can take together to end hunger. Rabbi Tarfon teaches us in *Pirke Avot* that though the task is great and the day is short, and though we cannot complete the work ourselves, we are not free to sit on the sidelines and do nothing. We have to do what we can, because when we participate, together we can end hunger.



President's Message - Lisa Munderback

Spring has arrived, at least by the calendar if not by the weather. The crocuses in my yard have not poked through, and it's not truly spring for me until I see them. The parsley in my garden seems to have wintered over well, so with any luck we'll have some for our *Pesach seder*.



of Religious School is offset by a substantial grant of about \$110 per student from the Jewish Community Alliance. The reality is that all members, through dues and other donations, are subsidizing an average of \$640, or almost two thirds of the cost for each student.

This is the time of year when we clean our homes of *chametz* and also look at the spiritual or emotional *chametz* that might be weighing us down. It's a time to sweep out the cobwebs, literally and figuratively. It's also a good opportunity to sort through closets and drawers and set aside items for Goodwill, Preble Street, Hope House and other organizations that need clothes, household goods and toiletries for their clients.

And, it's also tax season. If we haven't finished, this means locating all the pertinent information and doing all the work to submit our tax returns. I rather begrudge spending those precious hours on taxes instead of something fun.

Our Board of Trustees looks even more closely at our budget and expenditures at this time of year to determine how the fiscal year will end and to develop a budget for the next fiscal year. We are fortunate that our treasurer and Finance Committee members are astute and are asking probing questions as they draft a budget proposal to present to the Board.

The past couple of Board meetings have focused on finances, especially Religious School. This year we have 145 students. Though the cost to provide religious education for each child is about \$1000 per year, families pay \$370 for the first child and \$270 for the second child. We have waived the tuition for parents who volunteer to teach Religious School and we provide scholarships for families who cannot afford the fees. Some of the cost

The Board believes that this practice is not financially sustainable. We feel that more of the cost of Religious School needs to be funded through school fees. For the 2014-2015 school year, tuition will be increased to \$400 for each student, and teachers will pay \$200 for each of their children in Religious School. We will waive tuition for children of new teachers during their first year of teaching, and we will continue to provide scholarships for those families who are unable to pay the full tuition. The members of the congregation will continue to support about half of the cost of Religious School; the JCA grant and family tuition payments will also support about half of the program. We feel that this plan will be better for the overall financial health of the congregation.

Our Religious School will still be a great value – in many ways! We are excited about adopting the recommendations of the Religious School Change Task Force that will make our Religious School even better and more accessible for more families. And, we continue to strive to increase membership and the number of families who participate in and help financially support our exceptional program.

As always, please contact me if you have any thoughts and suggestions about anything related to our congregation.

Chag Sameach!

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From the Executive Director

Kris Dorer



Spring is upon us, and friends from Bet Ha'am and our southern Maine community are busy planning *b'nai mitzvah* celebrations, weddings, birthday and anniversary parties, corporate meetings, fundraisers and other events. Is there someone you know who might consider Bet Ha'am for their upcoming event?

Congregation Bet Ha'am offers a gorgeous, accessible facility with a layout and location that rival meeting and banquet spaces throughout the area. The social hall can seat 150 people for a meal or 200 theater-style. For larger events, we can open up the wall to accommodate hundreds in various configurations. Our commercial kitchen is Serv-Safe certified, and the City of South Portland allows us to rent it to bakers and other chefs. Our library is often available for smaller meetings and our school offers ready-made classroom space for larger corporate events.

Planners can also count on our service-oriented staff to help them - from planning to on-site hospitality on the day of the event. We are experienced in working with caterers, busy individuals and families to help them feel comfortable and confident about their celebration or event.

We are also exploring opportunities to partner with community groups, nonprofit organizations and small businesses for rental of space on an ongoing basis. These groups might include day camps, after school programs, small preschools or child care, nonprofit organizations or other groups seeking safe space at reasonable rates.

The income from these events can raise revenue to support our operating budget. Please think creatively about opportunities to rent our facility and talk about Bet Ha'am whenever you can. This is an opportunity to open our doors to the larger community and show others the beauty and energy of our spiritual home.

Schedule of Services

Friday, April 4

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, April 5

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Parashat M'tzora

Friday, April 11

Family Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 PM

Saturday, April 12

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Max Saffer-Meng, Bar Mitzvah,
son of Dara Saffer and Ian Meng

Parashat Acharei Mot

Friday, April 18

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, April 19

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Parashat Chol HaMo-eid Pesach

Friday, April 25

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:30 PM

Saturday, March 29

Torah Study 9:00 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM

Dora Russem, Bat Mitzvah,
daughter of Julie Russem

Parashat K'doshim

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



Pesach is just around the corner.

Though *Pesach* always arrives on the fifteenth day of the Jewish month of *Nisan*, this year it is almost in the middle of April because we added an extra month of *Adar* for the leap year.

Growing up in Israel, I remember feeling the arrival of *Pesach* right after Purim. The shop owners try to sell all the non-*Pesach* food and start to stock Kosher for Passover food. Since the grocery shops do not sell *chametz* during Passover, any leftover *chametz* is covered with paper. The atmosphere everywhere is one of cleaning. I suppose *Pesach* cleaning is what we consider spring cleaning here, but cleaning for *Pesach* has more missions and must get rid of all the *chametz* in the home. I also remember how each year, after we had cleaned our house, there would be one or two sand storms that would bring sand in everywhere. The winds from the desert at this time of the year carry sand and dust into homes that are far from the desert, as was ours. So much for all that cleaning!

Memories of holidays are part of every person's identity. At Religious School, we try to enhance the lives of our students and families with rich positive memories. We help the students learn how to celebrate *Pesach* not only in our classrooms but also through a model seder every few years. This year we will have one model seder for students in first through third grades and another model seder for students in fourth through sixth grades. We hope that our students will help you incorporate some new traditions at your own *sedareem* (seders) to add to your family's traditions and activities. Songs, games, telling the story, food and fun all are part of seder traditions and help us create wonderful *Pesach* memories for our kids.

Happy *Pesach* to all of you.

Religious School News

- Thank you to last month's substitute teachers, Roy Rosenberg and Jennifer Frank.
- Thank you to Margaret Carver and Mark Rubin for directing the play our 4A Religious School class presented at the March Family Service.
- All fourth grade parents are invited to the fourth grade parents' program on Sunday, April 6, from 9:45-11:00 AM.
- We will have two model seders on Sunday, April 13, as part of our preparations for *Pesach*. The seder for first through third grades will start at 9:15 AM. There will not be a morning assembly. The seder for fourth through sixth grades will start at 10:50 AM. Students will be asked to bring different items. Orly is looking for volunteers to help with either or both seders. Please let her know if you can help.
- Grades 4B and 6 will participate in the Family Service on Friday, April 11. A potluck dinner for students and their families will begin at 5:30 PM. Please RSVP by April 4.

Mazel Tov!

- *Mazel tov* to Emily and Becca Brocks on the birth of their daughter, Naomi Allene Brocks, on March 12!
- *Mazel tov* to Elaine Falender and Gordon Gayer on the birth of their grandson, Micah Kenneth Erickson, on March 11!

Bid on these fabulous items at the Sligo Road Concert on April 5!

There will be a fun silent auction at the Sligo Road concert on Saturday, April 5. In addition to listening to some great Irish music, you can bid on terrific outings, tickets and



unique items you won't want to miss. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Please spread the word and help support our wonderful congregation.

Here is a small sampling of items you can begin to get excited about:

- A 40-45 minute scenic plane ride along the coast of Maine, with Alan Lukas as pilot
- A beautiful quilt made by Karen Lukas.
- A gourmet dinner party for six given by Rabbi Saks
- A private wine tasting for sixteen people offered by Rosemont Market
- An Amazon Kindle
- Gift certificates from Leavitt & Sons
- The opportunity to be part of the Coast 93.1 morning radio show
- A sunset cruise on a 32-foot sloop
- Tickets and memberships to Portland Stage, Red Claws and more!

Please Join Us for the
Bet Ha'am Congregational Second Night *Seder*
Tuesday, April 15, at 5:30 PM

Reservations are required by Friday, April 4

Catering by David Kessler

Chicken entrée includes:

Matzah Ball Soup, Herb Roasted Chicken Quarters

Vegetarian entrée includes:

Vegetarian *Matzah* Ball Soup, Eggplant Lasagna

Side Dishes include:

Garlic Rosemary Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes
and California Mixed Vegetables

Coffee, Tea, and *Pesach* Dessert will be served

Bring your own *Matzah*, wine, and other beverages



Name _____ Phone _____

- ☐ Adults @ \$27 each
☐ Child (5-12) @ \$18 each
☐ Children under five are free

For the above reservations, please order

Vegetarian entrée for ___ adults and ___ children

Chicken entrée for ___ adults and ___ children

Please indicate if you will be bringing the following for your family/table:

- ☐ *Seder* plate with shank bone, hardboiled egg, bitter herb, *charoset*, and *karpas*
☐ Candlesticks and candles

Optional: I will be able to help ___ serve soup and/or ___ with clean-up

\$ _____ check enclosed payable to Congregation Bet Ha'am

Please return this form and your check to the office by April 4.

Strategic Plan Implementation Update

As a major step in the implementation of our Strategic Plan, the Board has approved a proposal for several innovations that will enhance our religious school. You'll find more details in the article on page 10 of this newsletter. Kudos to the members of the Religious School Change Task Force for their excellent work!

Enhancing opportunities for spiritually-engaging worship and ritual is another focus of the Strategic Plan. Working with the *Gabbai* committee, Rabbi Saks has begun to pilot several ideas. New melodies are joining our traditional tunes at weekly *Shabbat* services. Periods of meditative prayer and silence are also frequently interwoven in the service. On the heels of our weekend with Shira Kline, we look forward to creating a more frequent Tot *Shabbat* program for children five years old and younger and their families.

The recent *Shabbat* in Three Experiences allowed each participant to choose a study session, meditative service or traditional worship service and then join with the larger community for closing prayers and *oneg* treats. It was wonderful to see so many participants and to often see one family

member in the discussion group or meditation service and the other choosing the traditional service. At the conclusion of services, the sanctuary was full and the *ruach* felt especially powerful. Many thanks to Rabbi Saks, Rebecca Wohl-Pollock, Jane Sloven, Joe Pye and Sharon and Perry Newman for making this *Shabbat* experiment so successful.

Enhancing the *bar* and *bat mitzvah* experience for our students and our community is another goal identified in the Strategic Plan. The School Change Task Force and the Board have endorsed exploring new initiatives to meet this goal. Working with the *B'nai Mitzvah* Revolution program that the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) has sponsored, Rabbi Saks and Orly Biggie are looking at options to allow students to tailor their experiences, while maintaining our focus on the *b'nai mitzvah* students being part of our larger community.

If you are interested in helping to design new ways to celebrate *Shabbat* or approach *b'nai mitzvah*, please contact Rabbi Saks or consider attending one or more meetings of the *Gabbai* Committee.

Please join us on
Saturday, April 19, for a
Matzah Brei Cookoff after
morning services. See the
weekly email for details!

**Join us on Friday, April 18,
at 7:30 PM for a special *Shabbat*
service. Our Israel trip participants
will reflect on their experiences
and share highlights from their
ten days in Israel.**

Thank You!

We had many wonderful, talented and hard-working volunteers who helped make this year's *Purim* celebration at Bet Ha'am memorable and fun!

A special thank you to this year's *Megillah* readers:

Elaine Falender, Leah Israel, Erin Koepf, Sharon Newman, Karen Silverman, Rachel Stamieszkin, Emily Wasserman and Pamela Weiss.

Thank you to our *Purim* Players for putting on a fabulous *schpiel*: Louise Abramson, Max Abramson, Margaret Carver, Alan Davis, Andrew Kosak, Mark Rubin, Rabbi Saks, Jeremy Stein and Rosie Wohl.

And thank you to the station runners, ticket sellers, planners, bakers and others who helped make our carnival possible. They include those below and others who helped too:

Louise Abramson
Max Abramson
Ari Berman
Isabel Berman
Kerri Berman
Kristen Berman
Orly Biggie
Jessica Butzel
Amy Colton
Marilyn Davis
Lauren Dietlin
Sharon Fiarman
Jennifer Frank
Sophie Franz
Nancy Goldberg
Amy Iris
Ava Jenkins
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Erin Koepf
Andrew Kosak
Maya Kosak

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Lauren Kropp
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Lisa Munderback
Neil Orenstein
Susan Paris
Ethan Pierce
Lisa Pierce
Leora Rabin
Elise Richer
Jennifer Riggle
Matthew Riggle
Josh Rosenberg
Toby Rosenberg
Paul Rothman

Mark Rubin
Rene Schwalberg
Jen Segal
Jason Singer
Jane Snerson
Sam Steinbock
Deborah Stone
Mark Stone
Andi Summers
Nathan Szanton
Emma Tabenken
Lee Tabenken
Lisa Tabenken
Lynn Urbach
Oliver Watts
Pamela Weiss
Rosie Wohl
JoJo Zeitlin





From our Purim Celebration

Religious School Change Task Force Proposal

The Bet Ha'am Board recently approved the proposal below from the Religious School Change Task Force. The Task Force is appreciative of the input and insights it received from many in our congregation. The Task Force used the thoughtful and extensive feedback to determine that a hybrid plan including many of the proposed initiatives would be the best framework for our religious school in the coming school year. With the exception of the proposal for mid-week Hebrew instruction, which had little or no support in our community, the initiatives and the process were fairly well received. This proposal represents an initial step, and we anticipate review of the outcomes of these initiatives and consideration of additional changes in subsequent years.

Proposal:

The Religious School Change Task Force recommends to the Board that the Education Committee implement the following items for the 2014-2015 school year:

We recommend altering the schedule for grades 7-10, so that this group meets in the morning one Sunday per month and in the evening for the other Sundays.

On the monthly Sundays that all grades meet in the morning, we recommend a structured mentoring program with clear objectives involving older and younger students. Older students will have options for tasks, either working directly with younger kids, helping to plan programming for an all-ages activity or other appropriate activities.

The Task Force appreciates the desire of our older students in grades 7-10 to have social time built into their program that is separate from the younger grades. Once each trimester, this age group should have either a

day-long *Shabbat* program or an overnight *Shul*-in instead of a Sunday evening - with dates being communicated at or before the beginning of each school year.

We recommend periodic special weekends (as with guest musicians, artists, etc.) and/or field trips to be pursued for all grades and open to the congregation as appropriate, depending on funding. We would like to see this happen at least annually, with an ideal of two to three times each year.

The hope of the Task Force is that by altering the structure of the program, we will increase the opportunities for interaction between congregational groups that traditionally do not overlap. We believe this interaction will encourage conversations at all age levels around the values and traditions and actions that matter, and that we will build a stronger community both among our religious school families and within the congregation as a whole.

In addition to the items above, we would like to charge the Education Committee with the following important assignments.

The Education Committee should re-examine how we interact with families who will miss large chunks of classroom attendance, so that we are offering options for make-up work that are meaningful and allow these families to continue to fully be a part of the congregational community.

We should begin to implement a credit-based system, either incrementally or fully. We want to move in the direction of encouraging and celebrating students and families who engage in Jewish life in a variety of ways - at an appropriate level for each grade with the oldest students having the

Proposal, continued

most flexibility and responsibility, and at an appropriate level for each student, particularly those with special needs who may engage with Jewish study in non-traditional ways

We recommend the Education Committee use any resources available through the URJ, NATE, and the *B'nai Mitzvah* Revolution Program to take a serious, critical look at our curriculum and to re-examine what we are offering at each grade level with an eye towards modifying our curriculum to focus on what's relevant for our kids and their families.

We recommend incorporating family learning and intergenerational learning into more of what we offer on a regular basis and planning regular programs that purposefully include other population segments within our congregation.

The Task Force encourages the Education Committee and the Board to continually push for excellence and to evaluate and re-examine our program structure and curriculum on a regular basis to make sure that we are responding to the current needs of our community. We urge the Education Committee to develop an ongoing evaluation and review process for every aspect of our program. We recommend continually seeking out best practices and periodically piloting new programs.

If you have any questions about the Strategic Planning process or about the recommendations, or if you'd like to help implement any of these initiatives, please contact Lisa Pierce at lisa.lisapie@gmail.com or Orly Biggie at orly@bethaam.org.

Notes from the Garden

The days are longer and perhaps, by the time you read this, the air will be warmer and most of the snow will be melted.

That means it's time to think

about the Garden Committee's Fifth Annual Plant Sale on Sunday, May 11! As your greenery and buds peek up through the snow, keep in mind that we need donations of all sorts, including shade plants, sun plants, tall plants, short plants, bushy plants, flowering plants, foliage plants, edible plants, herbs, climbing plants and vertical plants.

Stay tuned for where and when we will gather your donations. Save the date to shop and, perhaps, volunteer for the sale. It's always a fun and rewarding time. Please contact Joanie Caldwell at jdcalldwell32@gmail.com with any questions and to let her know your availability to help make this sale the best yet!!



**Maine's Traditional Irish Band
at Congregation Bet Ha'am
Saturday, April 5, at 7:00 PM**

Sligo Road



Please join us for an evening with Sligo Road, featuring Bet Ha'am's own Sharon and Perry Newman along with the talents of Kim Kenway and Peter Walsh.

Enjoy classic sing-alongs, touching ballads, rowdy foot-stompers and boozy laments!

Tickets are only \$10!
Bring your friends and family!

The festivities will include

- a silent auction full of incredible items
- sweets and treats from Bet Ha'am member, cookbook author and baker extraordinaire Elise Richer
- cash bar, with wine generously donated by Matthew Tabenken

All proceeds will go to providing more wonderful opportunities like this one to hang out with friends at Bet Ha'am. Donations welcome.

Thank you to Lee and Jamie Broder, Kate and Sam Hirsh, Karen and Alan Lukas, Emily McEntee and the members of the band for making this special event possible.

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 \$ _____

Fund choice (please check one):

- ☐ Annual Fund
- ☐ General Fund
- ☐ Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- ☐ Adult Library Fund
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- ☐ Lehman Fund for Gardens & Grounds
- ☐ Religious School Library Fund
- ☐ Rosalyne S. & Sumner T. Bernstein Scholar in Residence Fund
- ☐ Rabbi Sandmel Education Fund
- ☐ Tutor Fund
- ☐ Youth Fund

Zecher T'zaddik L'vrachah

- Condolences to Mark Tilly on the loss of his wife, Amy Tilly
- Condolences to Teri Wilner on the loss of her son, Phil Wilner

Welcome New Members

Emily, Martin and Juniper Connelly

Bet Ha'am Donor Gallery

We thank our generous contributors

Adult Library Fund

- In memory of Edythe Weinberg by Ginger and Ray Spiro
- In memory of Jacob Spiro by Ginger and Ray Spiro

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- In memory of Ruth Higgs by Myra Zuckerbraun
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- Strauss Foundation
- In honor of the birth of Naomi Brocks to Emily and Becca Brocks by Jamie and Lee Broder

General Fund

- Strauss Foundation
- In memory of Samuel Litwin by Cathy & Lance Pritchard
- In gratitude for Rabbi Saks's leadership of our Israel trip by Ginger and Ray Spiro
- In gratitude for the special kindness shown by the entire group during our Israel trip by Ginger and Ray Spiro
- In loving memory of the *yahrzeits* of Charlene Ravitch, Alan Ravitch and Diane Ravitch by Lee and Jamie Broder
- In memory of Amy Tilly by Jeremy Moser and Laura Kittle
- In honor of the birth of Naomi Brocks to Emily and Becca Brocks by Jeremy Moser and Laura Kittle

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- In gratitude to the Carignan family for their generous, compassionate help during our Israel trip by Ginger and Ray Spiro
- In gratitude to Taryn Friedman and Nicole Troe for their loving attention during our Israel trip by Ginger and Ray Spiro
- In gratitude to Rabbi Saks for his sensitivity and kindness by Ginger and Ray Spiro

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6 Grades 1-6 Religious School 9:00 AM Grade 4 Parents' Program 9:30 AM Social Action Committee 10:00 AM <i>Shalom Yeladim</i> 11:00 AM Grades 7-10 Religious School 5:00 PM Grades 11-12 Community Program 5:00 PM	7 Office Closed	8 Finance Committee 12:00 PM	9 Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM Education Committee 6:30 PM Introduction to Judaism 7:00 PM	10 Adult Learning Committee 6:30 PM Neighborhood Meeting 7:00 PM	11 Nominating Committee 12:00 PM Grades 4B and 6 <i>Shabbat</i> Dinner 5:30 PM Family <i>Kabbalat</i> <i>Shabbat</i> Service 6:30 PM	12 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Max Saffer-Meng <i>Bar Mitzvah</i>
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20 No Religious School	21 Office Closed Morning Service with <i>Yizkor</i> 10:00 AM	22 Executive Committee Meeting 5:30 PM Garden Committee Meeting 5:30 PM	23 Morning <i>Minyan</i> 7:00 AM	24 Neighborhood Meeting 7:00 PM	25 <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> Service 7:30 PM	26 Torah Study 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Dora Russem <i>Bat</i> <i>Mitzvah</i>
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