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## CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

February 2 ~ 4:47 pm  
February 9 ~ 4:56 pm  
February 16 ~ 5:05 pm  
February 23 ~ 5:14 pm

*Times shown are  
18 minutes before sunset  
for Amherst, MA*

The  
**36th anniversary**  
weekend was a  
smashing success.  
A review of the events  
will appear in the  
March Newsletter.

## Special Events

**February 2**  
Tu B'Shevat Seder &  
Pot Luck Supper

**February 3**  
Dance Party

**February 4**  
World-Wide Wrap  
Tefillin Program

**Adult Ed Programs  
begin this month**  
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## Meetings

**February 1**  
Board Meeting

**February 7**  
Religion Committee

## MESSAGE FROM CO-PRESIDENT

**Kitty Axelson-Berry, 367-9581, [kitty@modernmemoirs.com](mailto:kitty@modernmemoirs.com)**

Welcome to February, and the Hebrew month of Shevat, and the celebration of Tu b'Shevat, the Birthday of the Trees. This is one of our most gorgeously traditional and "spiritual" and earthy (shamanistic, even!) holidays, a celebratory thought and food feast that articulates earth, air, water, and "essence" as well as the all-around qualities of protectiveness and openness. It's a well conceived and typically confusing holiday with a seder that spells out environmental awareness and serves as a profound call to action. Intergenerational.

Paul Charette has done a great job of organizing the JCA's Tu b'Shevat seder in the past and is graciously doing so again this year, for which we thank him deeply. It falls on the first Shabbat of the month here, February 2, coinciding with our family service and pot luck, and is one of the best opportunities for the intergenerational hobnobbing ("community") that we often pretend we can't have.

### Report from the board:

In December the old board empowered a task force to finally begin figuring out how to address our needs for a comprehensive educational assessment and to explore and decide who can do the most efficient, comprehensive, objective, and forward-looking

1. assessment of the local Jewish community's educational needs (children and adults, members and potential members); followed by
2. prioritization of the identified needs; and

## B'nai Mitzvah

**February 24 - 10:00 am**  
Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Tobin

3. co-creation of a realistic plan to address them.

Then came the new board and new executive committee, and we needed to take a step back in the process, while our newcomers work to understand what's gone before and as we all consider our options. The task force responsible for making a recommendation on assessing the future of education at the JCA is engaged in another round of internal meetings with staff, with the ed committee, the religion committee, and the board to clarify the assignment for the prospective consultant and/or intrepid volunteers.

Our intention is to go forward with a holistic approach to education, articulating a vision that includes

1. the religious school;
2. family ed;
3. adult ed;
4. and the entire synagogue/community.

At the February 1 board meeting, we will further discuss how to proceed, i.e. whether or not to hire out for the community-wide assessment and so on, or try first to find volunteers to do it all, or to use a combination of both. We hope to have elements of this process in place for the 2007/2008 school year, therefore this remains a high priority for the board. Stay tuned!

### Coming up soon

What do we think of the idea of stepping up our Friday nights to regularly augment services with things like pot luck dinners, speakers, adult ed, music/arts, movies, games, dancing, all organized by volunteers?

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**And:**

Unintentionally left out of last month's list and thanks to outgoing board members was Stacy Tobin, co-chair of the Education Committee, who served on the board for several years with dedication and intelligence. Our bylaws state that the Chair of the Education Committee must serve on the board, but neither of the co-chairs are able to do so at this point. Ted Trobaugh, who joined the board in December, is graciously serving as the liaison between the Education Committee and the board.

We need a volunteer publicist to head up overall "in-reach" and "outreach" efforts, with back-up if needed. This includes pitching stories to the media, creating and managing the monthly advertisement in the Daily Hampshire Gazette, working with committee chairs to widely effectively publicize JCA events, working with Aaron Bousel on the website and newsletter and Joe Boucher on the Thursday e-mails. This a great learning and giving opportunity, and is crucial to the health of the community.

*b'shalom,*  
**Kitty Axelson-Berry**



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*A complete listing of committees and chairs can be found on the JCA website at:*  
<http://www.j-c-a.org/committees.html>

**NEWSLETTER**

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**RABBI LIAISON COMMITTEE**

The purpose of the Rabbi Liaison Committee is to:

- Further increase the effectiveness of the rabbi-congregational relationship.
- Act as a reliable channel for ensuring that the rabbi hears about the needs and experiences of the JCA membership.
- Provide a conduit so that people who are hesitant about contacting the rabbi directly will have a channel to do so.
- Help the rabbi prioritize anticipated tasks and the unexpected situations that occur daily.
- Expand the range of communication and provide the rabbi with a consistent representative partner with whom to discuss the many decisions and interactions that compose the rabbi congregation relationship.

We encourage you to contact any member of the committee whenever you feel there is an issue that you would like them to consider with Rabbi Bauer.

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## DEVARIM:

## WORDS FROM RABBI DAVID DUNN BAUER



One of the core *activities* of the JCA, arguably the core of Jewish life throughout millennia, is worship. We congregate for comfort, inspiration, and celebration, through prayer and ritual, Shabbat and holiday observance, to read, hear, and study words of Torah, and to find connection with God, our creator, redeemer, and spiritual challenger. The JCA is many things – a house of learning, a venue for community activism, a support for Jewish identity, for celebration, and for mourning – but we are foremost a house of worship, a *beit kneset*, a gathering place that can bring us closer to God.

And though we share a house of worship, a liturgical and theological heritage, and a sense of community, we don't necessarily share one communal style of prayer. Different groups and individuals within the community are drawn to different styles of worship. The variables that differ include language, the rhythm of prayer, the ratio of English to Hebrew, of speech to song, and song to silence. Worship for some of us is enhanced by guided meditation and facilitated discussion. For others, worship is most powerful when it is an uninterrupted journey through the formal sequence of prayers in a *traditional* siddur. Some are moved by the addition of musical instruments to our songs of praise and petition; others want to hear only the voices of the congregation. For some of us the prayerbook is most evocative when its riches are least abridged. Others are most inspired when we distill the text of our prayers to a few powerful verses which we chant hypnotically. Some feel grounded in the language and image of the masculine God while others may be drawn to imagine and address God as a feminine entity, using the feminine verbs and pronouns of the Hebrew language.

It is no *chidush* – new discovery – to say that not all those prayerful desires can be satisfied in the same service. The very moment that is most delightful or powerful for one person can seem to another the most distracting and prosaic. For this reason, we have long had our meditative and traditional minyanim on weekday mornings. Now, this fall, we have initiated Carlebach-style *kabbalat Shabbat* services on the 3rd Friday night of every month, chanting services have twice been offered on Shabbat mornings, and starting on Saturday February 3, we will be inaugurating a once-a-month the *masorti* (traditional) minyan.

I believe we need to be more systematic and at the same time more radical in how we strive to meet the needs of this worshipping community. Judging by our recent High Holiday success, it should be possible to please more people more of the time. At least on a provisional basis, I would propose that the JCA broaden the range of regularly scheduled Shabbat worship opportunities.

Addressing Shabbat morning alone, I know of at least four different service styles that have been requested or already instituted (at least occasionally):

- 1) Our customary "Traditional JCA" service, which is prayed from the Kol Haneshemah (Reconstructionist) siddur. This service follows a fairly standard *matbea tefillah* (service outline), omitting the *musaf* (additional) *amidah*, and includes the *haftarah* only occasionally. The service is overtly facilitated by the service leader and allows for new poetry, guided meditation, discussion, and improvised worship forms, prayer in English, nonetheless built around substantial pieces of classic Hebrew liturgy.
- 2) The Chanting Service, which uses a minimal liturgy as the basis for meditation through extended melodic chanting and singing. The melody and rhythm of the chant and the *kavannah* of the congregation and the leader supply much of the power of the prayer, in lieu of a fuller liturgical text.
- 3) The *Masorti* service uses a full, classical, all-Hebrew liturgy, prayed from one of many *siddurim* used in synagogues around the world. The service is fully egalitarian; the inclusion of the *imahot* -- matriarchs -- in the *amidah* is left to the discretion of the service leader. The complete *matbea tefillah* is followed, including the *musaf* liturgy and reading of the *haftarah*. The service leader guides the prayers with minimal instruction or apparent facilitation. Worshipers follow the printed sequence of prayers, the texture of the service being a combination of song, liturgical (non-melodic) chant, and silent prayer.
- 4) A feminine God-language service would use a liturgy similar to the JCA-traditional service but would formally adopt feminine God imagery in English or Hebrew in many instances, using the *Havurat Shalom*

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**RELIGION COMMITTEE**

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**RELIGION CALENDAR**

**Shabbat Shira, Parashat Beshallach**

**Tu B'Shevat**

**Exodus 13:17-17:16**

**February 2, Friday**

5:30 PM

Family Service followed by

Tu B'Shevat Seder and pot luck supper

**February 3, Saturday**

10:00 AM

**Regular JCA Service in the main sanctuary**

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

D'var Torah: Rabbi Bauer

**Masorti Service in the small sanctuary**

(see next page for more information)



**Shabbat Yitro, Exodus 18:1-20:23**

**February 9, Friday**

8:00 PM

Service Leader: To be announced

Program: Professor Emanuel Rubin will speak about his new anthology *Music in Jewish History and Culture*.

**February 10, Saturday**

10:00 AM

Service Leader: Paul Charette

Torah discussion led by Jay Ladin following kiddush



**Shabbat Shekalim, Parashat Mishpatim**

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

**February 16, Friday**

6:15 PM

Carlebach-style service

**February 17, Saturday**

10:00 AM

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

D'var Torah: Rabbi Bauer



**February 18/19, Sunday/Monday- Rosh Chodesh Adar**



**Shabbat Terumah, Exodus 25:1-27:19**

**February 23, Friday**

8:00 PM

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

Discussion on religious services at the JCA

(see Rabbi Bauer's column on page 3)

**February 24, Saturday**

10:00 AM

Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Tobin

Service Leader: Rabbi Bauer

Divrei Torah: Zachary Tobin, Rabbi Bauer



The process of replacing our chumashim in the sanctuary continues.

Our only source of revenue for this is from your donations to the prayerbook fund.

Please consider aiding this effort.

Donations of any amount are gratefully accepted, however a minimum donation of \$65.00 is required for a book dedication plate.

Check the JCA website at:  
[www.j-c-a.org/services.html](http://www.j-c-a.org/services.html)  
for updated religion calendar information.

**FOOT-STOMPING-MELODIES FOR WELCOMING SHABBAT**

The Carlebach-style service returns on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM.

The melodies are beautiful, the spirit/ruach is incredible.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Religion Committee, continued

**KIDDUSH AND ONEG SPONSORS**

**JANUARY 6-**

John Stothoff and Mallorie Chernin, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Martie.

**January 12-**

Karin Kayser and Jonathan Hirsh, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Katherine Kayser-Hirsh

**January 13-**

Julianne and Jules Hirsh, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their granddaughter, Katherine Kayser-Hirsh

**February 23 & 24-**

David & Stacy Tobin, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Zachary

**Please make sure you speak to Linda Cooper and fill out a Kiddush/Oneg sponsor form to assure that the date you want will be reserved.**

**TRADITIONAL MINYAN**

Tuesday mornings there is a traditional minyan meeting at 7:30 am. Please come and help make the minyan. Latecomers welcome.

**MEDITATION MINYAN**

The weekday meditation minyan continues to meet every Wednesday at 7:30 am in the small sanctuary.

**MASORTI LAY-LED SHABBAT MINYAN:**

Starting February 3, there will be a once-a-month egalitarian masorti minyan meeting in the small sanctuary. (a masorti service means an older, "traditional" liturgy and includes Haftarah and Musaf.)

The service also begins at 10:00 am and joins with the rest of the congregation for Kiddush at 12:30.

Future dates to be announced.

We will use the Silverman siddur because the JCA has copies, but feel free to bring another siddur if you wish.

All are welcome to attend, including families with children, and to take leadership roles.

For details contact Catherine Madsen, 253-2930.

**TU B'SHEVAT SEDER, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

Please join us at 5:30 PM for a family service followed by a pot luck supper and Tu B'Shevav Seder. Although the evening is geared towards families with young children we encourage those who do not fit that category to attend. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet more people in the community.

**SHABBAT TORAH DISCUSSION FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>**

Our Shabbos series of once-a-month post-kiddush discussions of the week's parasha continues. We invite you to bring something veggie for a light pot luck kiddush lunch. We will meet next on February 10<sup>th</sup> when Jay Ladin will lead the discussion. It will be the week of parashat Yitro.

We look forward to seeing you then.

**WRAP UP WITH GOD,...THEN, LET'S HAVE A BAGEL**

Sunday Morning February 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 12 the JCA will host the World Wide Wrap coordinated by the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs

The goal of the program is to introduce men and women to the mitzvah of wrapping Tefillin—And to have some fun.

Tefillin are tools to aid prayer and meditation that have remained essentially unchanged for thousands of years. Wrapping Tefillin is a mitzvah, a traditional practice, now being rediscovered in the Reform, Reconstructionist, Conservative and Renewal movements.

Wrap Day will have teachings on the Biblical Commandments of Tefillin, how tefillin are made, and even Tefillin and acupuncture points.

Several pairs of tefillin will be available for people to borrow for the Wrap. Tefillin buddies will be around to help. There will be art activities for younger children and a tallit/tefillin workshop for the Bnei Mitzvah class.

And of course there will be bagels.

For more information email Rhonda Shapiro-Rieser at: [shapiro-rieser@verizon.net](mailto:shapiro-rieser@verizon.net)

**EDUCATION NEWS**

**Jody Rosenbloom, Director of Education, 256-0160, ext. 203**



**Education Committee Update**

Ushering in 2007, the Education Committee is busy working on an evaluation of education programming, developing fundraisers, and helping monitor the on-going administration of the school. Joining the committee are **Jim Levine, Ted Trobaugh** (Liaison to the Board), and **Lisa Perlbinder** (Education Cluster Coordinator for the Board). Continuing on the Education Committee are Co-Chairs **Stacy Tobin** and **Tobi Sznajderman, Karin Kayser,** and **Karen Helfer.** We thank **Lisa Sussman** and **Susan Richardson,** who are leaving the committee. Susan helped with putting together the School Directory and Lisa continues to coordinate the Box Tops for Education. We are grateful for their time and efforts!



**Be Happy, Its Adar! And Purim....**

The Purim story and traditions are full of opportunities for celebration, fun, and study. Join the congregation on Saturday, March 3 for the Megillah Reading (See next page for details) and the following morning is an adult study session and our PURIM CARNIVAL-Sunday March 4 from 10 am – 1pm. The carnival is open to the community, with games designed by the students, and run by the teachers and volunteers. Cost is \$5/child, \$10/family. Attendees in costume, who bring Box Tops for Education, or who bring a food donation for the Survival Center get a “shekel” towards prizes. Refreshments sold separately. Parents or an adult are asked to accompany all children.

**JCA School Fundraisers in the Works**

**On-Going**

\* Box Tops for Education & \*Dean’s Beans

**Upcoming**

\* Buy a Basket: Thanks to the efforts of students in the JCA school, we have 5 baskets of goodies to raffle off. Baskets are filled with items on special themes. Come see them at the Purim Carnival. Raffle tickets can be bought and put towards a drawing for particular baskets.

\* Recycle computer printer copier cartridges: Drop off cartridges in the box in the coat room and we get a few dollars for each cartridge. Thanks to parent, Rachel Flint for organizing this effort.

\* Family Photo Day: Think of Lag B’Omer in May as a time for picnics and outdoor play.

Thanks to the hard work of Tobi Sznajderman, we will have a photographer available for family photos as well. Watch the email and future newsletters for an update.

*Calendar*

Sat, Feb. 10	Shabbat Shalom class 10:30 am-12:00 noon
Sat, Feb 17 - Thurs. Feb 22	No Classes- President’s Holiday
Sun, Mar.ch 4	No Classes-Purim Carnival (10 am-1 pm)

**WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE...**

**Organic, Fair trade, Kosher, Fresh, and a Such a Deal!**

Support the JCA by ordering Dean’s Beans Organic Coffee each month (September through June). It’s a fundraiser for us and a bargain for you (\$8.50/lb and \$9.50/lb for decaf). Chai tea and chocolate covered coffee beans are also available.

For details, pick up an order form in the JCA lobby or contact susanweinstein1@yahoo.com (413-548-9552) to get on the e mail list. The next order date is: February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Pick up will be February 11<sup>th</sup>, or thereafter (contact Sue -see above- for more details)



**JCA OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesday - Friday 10:30 - 4:00**

**Wednesday 4:00 - 6:00 pm & Sunday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm for Religious School support.**

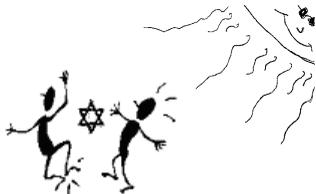


**CAMP SHEMESH 2007**

Registration forms for JCA's Camp Shemesh 2007 season will be distributed this month and will be available online. Camp will be held at Amherst College and is open to campers ages 6-11. *To provide optimal accommodations for family schedules, an 8 week program will be offered this year,* and campers now have the option to sign up for a one week session or more.

**One week sessions available this summer are:**

- Week 1: June 25<sup>th</sup>
- Week 2: July 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Week 3: July 9<sup>th</sup>
- Week 4: July 16<sup>th</sup>
- Week 5: July 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Week 6: July 30<sup>th</sup>
- Week 7: Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>
- Week 8: Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>



JCA member priority registration is Jan. 28th- Feb.28th, and open registration begins on March 4th. Registration forms will be available online on the JCA website [www.j-c-a.org](http://www.j-c-a.org) by January 20th. You may print out and mail in or drop off forms at the JCA office. For further information, please leave a message for Julie Rosenshein, Camp Shemesh Director, on her voicemail: 253-0561 x 250.

**CAMP SHEMESH REUNION & NEW CAMPER INFORMATION SESSION**

**Sunday, March 25th!  
12:30-3:30 pm at the JCA**

Come to connect with old campers and new. We will be having a challah bake-off to raise money for our art and culture fund and other group activities.

Shemesh Campers and those interested in learning more about us are all welcome!

There will also be the DVD's for sale of the movies made during the summer.

RSVP: leave message in Shemesh mailbox 253-0561 x 250

**PURIM IS COMING**

Saturday, March 3rd:

Megillah Reading and costume parade



Sunday, March 4th:

10:00 am- 1:00 pm- Purim Carnival

Noon: English Megillah Reading and Lunch

Have an idea for a Purim Spei? Contact one of the Religion Committee Co-chairs (see page 4)

**It's Where You  
Want To Be!**

**FEBRUARY 2007 JCA TEEN PROGRAMMING**

**Tuesday, January 30th, 6-8pm, Rachael Goren's house, 133 Bay Road, Amherst: Leadership Meeting**

Open to all- come plan the events that you want to happen. Dinner provided. New leaders welcome- especially 8th graders!

**Saturday, Feb. 3rd- 7-10pm- Movie Night, Max Faytell's house**

Hang out with friends, watch a movie, eat food, what else can you ask for? Chai - free, Alef/BBYO - \$8. First time members- FREE! RSVP by 2/2.

**Sunday, Feb. 11th, Schmooze with the Jewz, JCA**

Come and hang out and learn more about your friends. Chai-free, Alef- \$8, new members- free

**Sunday, Feb 25th, 2-430pm; Center for Extended Care, Amherst: spark!**

Volunteer for the Center for Extended Care. New members are invited to join, come to the 1:30 orientation and RSVP to Erik at [ebenau@comcast.net](mailto:ebenau@comcast.net).



RSVP to any of these awesome events by contacting Rachael at 256-0160 x208 or [rbgoren@gmail.com](mailto:rbgoren@gmail.com)

**SAVE THE DATE: Jewish Comedy Workshop- March 18th!**

*These programs are partially funded by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation Teen Initiative & spark! and Sponsored by JCAT, SPARK & BBYO.*

**NORTHAMPTON COT SHELTER**

It is a blessing to coordinate, with Saul Gladstone, our Christmas Eve at the Cot Shelter in Northampton.

Providing a hot meal for the shelter guests involves the efforts of many. Thank you to all who prepared the delicious turkey dinner, with all the fixings and to those who served.

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| Anita Page           | Jonathan Souweine   |
| Johanna Plaut        | Hannah Spencer      |
| Jaye Stern           | Wendy Chabot        |
| Devorah Jacobson     | Ken, Becky and Eli  |
| Margaret Mastrangelo | Lieberman           |
| Jacob Mooney         | Blanche Zarchin     |
| Linda Tropp          | Josh, Noah and Leah |
| Karen Rubin          | Danoff.             |

Also, a thank you to Dr. Ratner for providing toiletries and Stop and Shop for the desserts and breads.

And an incredible gift is given to us all, when Saul serenades the guests with holiday songs on his trumpet.

I am wondering, if we, as a community, would like to provide a meal for the guests at the Shelter at other times during the year. Please let me know if you are interested.

*B'Shalom,*  
*Susan Zarchin*  
256-0667

**36<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE**

The 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee would like to thank the following for their help and support in making all the events of our celebration so successful.

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Karen Loeb                    | Rachel Henderson           |
| Reed Alper                    | Sophie Herscu              |
| Rabbi David Dunn Bauer        | Bob Kumin                  |
| Sara Berger                   | Judith Loischild           |
| Lise Brown                    | Catherine Madsen           |
| Moira Clingman                | Mak'hela                   |
| Eli Cohen                     | Amy Mittelman              |
| Jeff Cohen                    | Sen. Stan Rosenberg        |
| Linda Cooper                  | Jody Rosenbloom            |
| Allen Davis                   | Marvin Spence- Spirit Haus |
| Barbara Freed                 | Sarah Thomson              |
| Steve Freedman- Amherst Wines | Rabbi Sheila Weinberg      |
| Hadar Grabel                  | Kayla Werlin               |

We also thank all those who contributed prizes to the raffle.

Look for a review of the weekend's events in the next Newsletter.

The 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee:

Co-chairs: Eva Rosenn & Fran Saed

Joe Boucher, Aaron Bousel, Robin Diamond, Amy Rothenberg

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

The Social Committee is tentatively planning a matinee theater trip for Sunday March 11th to see Dirty Rotten Scoundrels at the Opera House in Boston (more information to follow).

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(Somerville, MA) prayerbook and Marcia Falk's *Book of Blessings* as models for this reconstructed liturgy. The language of prayer would often reflect a female image of God and consciously readjust the balance of female and male references to human beings in the liturgy.

How would all of this greater expansiveness work? First of all, "regularly scheduled" does not mean all these services would occur weekly or even monthly – I would recommend that only the "Traditional JCA" services be programmed every week. All of the services, though, would be scheduled with enough regularity and frequency that they would become part of the recognized religious terrain of the JCA. They would not be one-time experiences, but ongoing *minyanim* that could be anticipated, that could be sampled by many of us on a repeated basis, and that could, through their own trial and error, improve in format and execution over

time. After a predetermined period, we would assess the success of all the *minyanim* and reconstruct, as needed, our scheduling for the future.

As the rabbi of the JCA, I want to affirm the validity of all these different service models. While some of them represent older or more universally recognized and practiced Jewish worship choices, all of them are equally deserving of our respect and each may be the key to more passionate and committed worship for some members of our community.

Pursuing this goal will challenge us in two significant ways. The first is logistical: How do we schedule them? How do we reconcile them with our bar/bat mitzvah services? How do we make sure we have the space and personnel for all of them to fulfill their potential?

The second challenge is spiritual and communal: How do we best demonstrate our support of each other? Can we commit to speaking of all of these different service models with respect? Will we guarantee our presence at ser-

vices often enough that each of these *minyanim* will have a *minyan*?

I believe the JCA has the potential to provide an even fuller religious life for more of its membership than it has to date, but the institution can only provide for its membership that which the community is willing to support and sustain. Everyone's time, presence, and response would be necessary to make this endeavor successful. I hope we will all commit to the process and am excited to help this new vitality to unfold.

It is important that we engage in open dialogue about these issues as a community. On Friday evening, February 23, and again on Friday evening, March 23, at Shabbat services we will take substantial time to share our thoughts about the proposed changes and about the religious life of the JCA in general.

[Rabbi Bauer will discuss new ideas for our Friday night worship in the next newsletter.]



### MUSIC, ART AND CULTURE COOMMITTEE

As part of our ongoing effort to arrange talks on topics of interest by community members and others in the larger Jewish community, we have scheduled the following speakers:

Feb. 9th: Pop Tunes and Trumpets: Early Jewish Music, Prof. Emanuel Rubin

Date to be determined: Meditation, Mindfulness and Morality, Jerry Rosenthal

Are you interested in volunteering to work on this committee or have programs you would like to see happen in music or art? For instance, the visual arts group needs people to help develop exhibits and hangings for the JCA.

*Please call Anita Page at 256-6306 or e-mail her [apage@english.umass.edu](mailto:apage@english.umass.edu) Your ideas are welcome.*



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**ROSH CHODESH GROUP**

Dear chaverot/friends,

Next women's Rosh Chodesh gathering is February 19<sup>th</sup>.

Rosh Chodesh means "head of the month," or new moon. In ancient times, once the new moon was spotted, hill-top bonfires were lit to communicate this news across the land. This minor holiday was a time of feasting and rest, especially for women.

Imagine what it would be like today for you to carve out time once a month to feed your feminine spirit in community with others, guided by the wisdom of Judaism's teachings. A growing number of us are finding respite and deep pleasure in gathering together. All women and girls over the age of bat mitzvah are welcome. We meet in the small sanctuary to the rear of the JCA's social hall. The next gathering, celebrating the month of Adar, is Monday, February 19 beginning at 7:30 PM. Please bring round food to share (such as baked goods, fruits, or nuts).

You may contact Barbara Burkart at barbruth@comcast.net with any questions.

**FROM THE TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE**

These are two of the organizations supported by the Tikkun Olam Committee:

**The Hampshire County Interfaith Cot Shelter** is administered by ServiceNet. In addition to making a financial donation, the JCA also has a long tradition of providing Christmas Eve dinner and companionship to shelter residents.

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- A visit to Kibbutz HaGoshrim, situated in a Nature Reserve in the heart of the Hula Valley between the tributaries of the Jordan River. Meet and talk with kibbutzniks.
- Descend via cable car to view the natural grottos hewn in the cliffs at Rosh Hanikra.
- Participate in a special seminar at Givat Haviva on Arab & Jewish co-existence in the Galilee. Lunch in an Arab-Israeli village.
- Visit Masada and the caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. Float in the Dead Sea.
- Take part in a dialogue on Israel's Political Reality with a Senior Lecturer from the Hebrew University Political Science Department.
- Take part in an active archeological dig at the Beit Guvrin caves

The complete itinerary and budget is online at [www.j-c-a.org](http://www.j-c-a.org). Click on JCA trip to Israel from menu on the left-hand side of the home page.

*This is a family-friendly trip. Non JCA members welcome*



Subsidy grants from the Grinspoon Foundation for up to \$1000 are available to each adult participant from Western Mass. Go to <http://www.hgf.org/> and click on incentive grants.

Group air fares are being explored. Meetings of interested participants will be scheduled in the near future.

For more information or to receive itinerary updates, contact Karen Loeb at: [kloeb@comcast.net](mailto:kloeb@comcast.net) or call (413) 253-0336.

**ADULT EDUCATION AT THE JCA****LATE WINTER AND SPRING:****Friends:**

**Please, please read this list of wonderful opportunities and seriously consider taking advantage of at least one. You'll get a valuable education at very little cost, and you'll get better acquainted with fellow-congregants.**

*Note: The courses in Yiddish will cost participants a nominal tuition—nominal, since these courses are subsidized. The other courses are by expected donation. We expect and need donations to keep the program going.*

**The Book of Ezekiel**

**Instructor: Rabbi David Bauer, Rabbi of the JCA**

*Dates and times:*

*Wednesdays, 7 – 9 PM—Feb. 14, 21, 28, March 7.*

A series of four Wednesday evenings on the Book of Ezekiel. Our prayers and our image of angels are shaped by Ezekiel's vision. A whole thread of mysticism was built around the image of the merkavah -- the chariot -- and the burning wheels that Ezekiel saw in the heavens. The contemporary Hebrew word for electricity is taken from Ezekiel's evocative description of Divine energy. One of our central symbols of rebirth and renewal is Ezekiel's valley of the dry bones that come to life. The book has shaped our understanding of the power of God and displays a passion and an imagination that continually intoxicate us with their intensity. We'll spend four evenings in study of the Book of Ezekiel, seeking better to comprehend the prophet and the God that inspired the prophecy.

**Beginners Yiddish and Intermediate Yiddish**

**Instructor: Henny Lewin**

*Dates and Times:*

*Eight Tuesday evenings, February 6 to March 27th.*

*Beginners' Yiddish 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.*

*Intermediate Yiddish 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.*

Cost: \$5 - \$10 per class period (total per student \$40 - \$80 on a sliding scale); the course will be subsidized by the JCA and a special fund for the study of Yiddish.

**BEGINNERS' YIDDISH-** We will concentrate on learning the basics of the language, building vocabulary at first through transliteration but also learning to read and write Yiddish in the Hebrew alphabet. Singing Yiddish songs and having fun is a definite part of the course!

**INTERMEDIATE YIDDISH-** We will converse in Yiddish, will read Yiddish stories and poems and work on translating something which has not been translated before.

The instructor, **Henia Lewin**, a native Yiddish speaker,

taught Yiddish at the University of Vermont, at the National Yiddish Book Center, at Umass and at Hampshire College. (She also taught Hebrew at UVM, Smith and Mount Holyoke Colleges). In 1997 Ms. Lewin was a recipient of the prestigious Covenant Award as an outstanding Jewish Educator in North America.

**NOTE: THESE COURSES WILL ONLY RUN IF YOU EMAIL [jclayton@english.umass.edu](mailto:jclayton@english.umass.edu) *RIGHT AWAY* TO SAY YOU'RE INTERESTED!!!!**

**Reading Plays With Jewish Themes**

**Instructor: Anita Page**

*Dates and Times:*

*Thursdays, 7 – 9 PM—Feb. 15, 22, March 1, 8, 22.*

We will read several contemporary plays with Jewish subjects set in Israel, Russia and Argentina. Reading aloud from these plays, we will discuss and analyze the particular human and Jewish experiences of the characters. We will be using the anthology *9 Contemporary Jewish Plays*, edited by Ellen Schiff and Michael Posnick, University of Texas Press, Austin, available at Amazon.com in paperback.

**The Kavannah of Prayer**

**Instructor: Joan Saperstan**

*Dates and Times:*

*Wednesday, 7:30 to 9:00 pm March 7, March 14, March 28, April 25, May 2.*

This long-term class has just finished most of the prayers in the prayer book. This spring we will focus on the kaddish, the alenu prayer and the commandment to love God. Our goal continues to ask questions about the nature of prayer, our relationship to God and the prayers themselves.

Newcomers are welcome!

**Joan Saperstan** is a therapist and spiritual director in Amherst. She has had a life long interest in prayer.

**A Writing Workshop in Preparation for Pesach**

**Instructor: Merle Feld**

*Date and Time: Sunday afternoon, March 25, 2 – 4 PM*

Whether we view the approach to Passover as preparing to reunite and celebrate with family and friends, or as preparing to go out from mitzraim/the narrow places, it can be a fruitful time for introspection and exploration. A spiritual writing practice can enable us to find and nurture our truest voices, articulate and integrate the experiences that constitute our personal religious journey. By writing down our thoughts and feelings about our journeying, and envisioning our dreams and hopes for the promised land, we approach the destination we crave – a deeper self-understanding and inner coherence.

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To enhance and focus spiritual preparation for Passover, participants in this workshop will be guided through a series of simple yet powerful exercises, writing and sharing with each other. In this over-busy season, we'll have the unique gift of quiet time to explore our spiritual selves. (All are welcome, no previous journaling experience is necessary.)

**A Workshop with JCA Rabbi Emerita Sheila Weinberg**

*Date and Time: Sunday, March 11, 2 – 4 PM*

This session will be in recognition of the 100th anniversary of Abraham Joshua Heschel's birth. It will include study and reflection on some of Heschel's work and his inspiration to us as a person who combined social activism and spirituality.

Your contributions and those of the JCA will go to the Institute for Jewish Spirituality

**Post-Kiddush Discussions**

**Discussion Leaders:**

**Various Members of the JCA Community**

*Shabbat, 1 – 2 PM*

We're continuing our post-kiddush discussions, once a month. In February it will be Jay Ladin leading a discussion of Parasha Yitro on February 10.

*Except for the Yiddish classes, there is no pre-registration required.*

*Just come to the classes you'd like to attend.*



**UJC ISRAEL EMERGENCY CAMPAIGN AND THE NEW ISRAEL FUND**

2006 may have passed but our memories of the Katyusha rockets sent by Hezbollah into Northern Israel are very vivid, as are the resultant casualties, injuries, trauma cases, dispossessed families and damaged buildings.

We are happy to report that over 78 family member units of the JCA and Amherst community members responded generously to our UJC Emergency Campaign helping us raise \$6677 for that fund and over 48 family member units helped raise \$4597 for the important work of the New Israel Fund. Of the money raised \$1000 (8.9%) was given to Project Rehovot to help sustain a therapist/teacher for the Ethiopian school children in Maaloth Meshulam in Rehovot.

Many thanks to the following for December's contributions and to all for their commitment and generous support:

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## WORLD JEWISH CONCERNS AND ACTION COMMITTEE NEWS BRIEF

*The World Jewish Concerns and Action Committee submits articles each month with the intention of presenting varying viewpoints on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The viewpoints expressed are not intended to represent the opinions of the Committee or of the membership of the JCA.*

### Rice Is Thinking Big, But Will It Work?

David Makovsky

Precisely because expectations of US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's trips to the Middle East usually plunge lower than the Dead Sea, she seems to feel that she can quietly gauge receptivity to new approaches to the Israeli-Palestinian situation without setting off world headlines.

As President George W. Bush puts forth a new strategy in an uphill battle in Iraq, there have been calls from British Prime Minister Tony Blair and others abroad, as well as calls by the Iraq Study Group (Baker-Hamilton Commission) at home, to demonstrate progress on the Israeli-Palestinian front. Moreover, Rice entered this administration as one of its brightest lights and now is portrayed by some in the media as lacking diplomatic achievement.

It is against this backdrop that Rice wonders if the Israelis and Palestinians might be willing to accept broad principles that would govern a final status deal. The advantages are clear: 1) An unprecedented statement by Prime Minister Ehud Olmert in a speech at Sde Boker about Palestinian "full sovereignty" pending security performance led to no backlash in Israel. 2) Israel's Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni, Rice's kindred spirit, ardently believes a "diplomatic horizon" could facilitate rather than hinder the revival of even the original three-phased sequence of the moribund roadmap since there would no longer be any question about the shape of its ultimate destination. 3) Critically, reaching such principles could vindicate Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in

his struggle against Hamas as he asserts that the key to a final status deal is negotiations and not violence. 4) It is very tantalizing to at least some in the Bush administration to point to such principles as being not sharply at odds with the Saudi initiative even if terms are not identical, viewing such a move as cementing further the anti-Iran alliance among many Arab states led by Riyadh.

However, the drawbacks are also equally evident: weak leadership on both sides of the Palestinian-Israeli divide. Can Abbas, who is locked in a power-struggle with Hamas, compromise on the issue of Palestinian refugees or will he be reviled as someone who betrayed the Palestinian cause? With very poor polling numbers ever since the war last summer, can Olmert agree to Palestinian sovereignty in East Jerusalem without leading to sharp political turmoil in Israel? Moreover, if grand diplomatic pronouncements are not matched with deeds, will Hamas not exploit this and declare it the latest proof that negotiations are bankrupt? If we learned anything from 2000, it is that to try and fail has violent consequences. While the sequence here would be different, the Middle East corollary of philosopher George Santayana's famous edict haunts all: everyone remembers the past, but all repeat the same mistakes anyway.

Undoubtedly, public attention during her trip is likely to focus on security and economic confidence-building ideas that would improve daily life and could effectively bolster Abbas. Washington believes US inaction could guarantee that the Hamas militia in Gaza dubbed the "Executive Force"—now numbering 6,000 and headed for 12,000—gobbles up smaller Fateh security services. To do nothing means acquiescing to a twist on the old intifada bumper sticker: "let Hamas win". However, Rice wants to think bigger than confidence-building.

She does not know if Olmert is ready

for such an approach, and one would be wrong to assume that the cautious Rice would publicly dive into something like this without the requisite backing of the parties. At the same time, it is hard to believe that Rice would raise such issues without the blessing of President Bush.

As Rice visits the region, she should dispel some of the mythology that exists in the Arab world on Middle East peace-making.

1. "If Israel does not go to final status talks, this shows it does not want peace." This is the reductionist, land-driven narrative that sees gradualism as an Israeli plot. It received a boost in the US last year due to contributions by American academics who are not Middle East experts (Walt/Mearsheimer) and by former President Jimmy Carter. This narrative conveniently ignores the fact that some of the biggest obstacles to resolving this conflict in 2000 were not land, but issues of refugees and security. Through land swaps, land seems the most easily resolved of these issues. The other issues helped doom the talks in 2000 and seem even less resolvable now. Apart from the impasse on refugees, security is a problem as well. From the Israeli side, how could the IDF withdraw from virtually the entire West Bank when 1,000 Qassam rockets have fallen on Israel from Gaza since its 2005 pullout? The distinction that Israel views final status talks as desirable but not feasible is seldom heard in the Arab world, even if the difference is heaven and earth.

2. "Everyone knows what the solution is but the parties just do not know how to get there." This makes it sound as if all that is missing is a book on diplomatic etiquette. In fact, rejectionism and terrorism are not marginal phenomena, as Hamas currently heads the Palestinian Authority government.

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3. "The Arabs states are for peace. They put forward the Arab Initiative in 2002." It is axiomatic that Arab leaders will urge Rice to press Israel, but it is far from clear that they will do their share. Even though the Arab Initiative is an improvement on the past, there is no doubt that this is a very asymmetrical peace plan. The initiative requires Israel first to do all the front-loaded work by getting out of the West Bank and Golan Heights, with Arab reciprocation delayed, hence less binding. This process would be far more effective if Arab states were to take parallel steps to reinforce progress on all sides. This would bolster the center among Israel and the Palestinians, providing the latter with key political cover. If the Quartet's roadmap is to be revived, it should be matched by an Arab roadmap.
4. "The whole problem of the Arab-Israel conflict is that Israel enjoys

too much support in Washington." The Walt/Mearsheimer/Carter thesis is a familiar echo of what famed American historian Richard Hofstadter described in his essay, "The Paranoid Strain in American Politics", about the American right's scapegoating of liberals as communists during the McCarthy period. Perhaps it is not surprising that scapegoating occurs during periods of turmoil like the Iraq War, but it is also unfair. American Jews did not stop Bill Clinton from proposing the partitioning of Jerusalem in 2000, for example.

5. "Everything in the Middle East is linked to the Arab-Israel conflict." Since September 11, 2001, the American public has been treated to an endless seminar on the Arab world. Its conclusion has been that Islamism has very deep cultural and political roots, linked to dysfunctionality in Arab regimes but not driven by the Arab-Israel conflict. The 2000-2004 intifada did not cause a single Arab regime to fall; al-Qaeda prepared its plots

at the height of US peacemaking in the Middle East in the 1990s. The Sunni insurgency in Iraq's Anbar province is not driven by the dynamics of Israelis and Palestinians.

The US should be involved in the search for a two-state solution not because of Iraq, but because it wants to find problem-solving solutions that give dignity to both Israelis and Palestinians alike. An elevated debate that avoids unchallenged slogans as well as a carefully orchestrated policy that avoids the pitfalls ahead could even prove Santayana's Middle East corollary to be wrong.

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David Makovsky is director of the Project on the Middle East Peace Process at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, where his latest monograph is *Lessons and Implications of the Lebanon War: A Preliminary Assessment (2006)*.



**CHESED COMMITTEE**

The Chesed Committee assists JCA community members in times of joy, sorrow and need. We coordinate volunteers who provide the following services to the community: welcoming new JCA members with a Challah; welcoming new babies with a menorah; providing meals, rides to appointments, errands, and visits for those who are ill or in need. In addition, when there has been a death, we transport prayer books for Shiva minyans and provide a fruit platter or bagels and cream cheese. If you have a need, know of someone in need, would like to join our Committee or be added to our list of volunteers, please contact the JCA office at 256-0160 and a Chesed Committee member will be in touch with you.

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\*includes JCAT, spark, BBYO & B’nai Tzedek based on 2006 statistics

### ADULT READING GROUP

The third meeting of the year for the JCA Adult Reading Group will take place on Wednesday, March 14th, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room. The book for discussion is *The Plot Against America* by Philip Roth. The book is available in paperback. New group members are always welcome. If you have any questions, please call Ken Talan at 253-2248.

### The Deadline for the March Newsletter is February 13<sup>th</sup>

All submissions MUST be made either by e-mail or e-mail with a file attached. If you do not have access to a computer or email, please contact the editor.

PLEASE RESPECT THE DEADLINE!

Thank you,  
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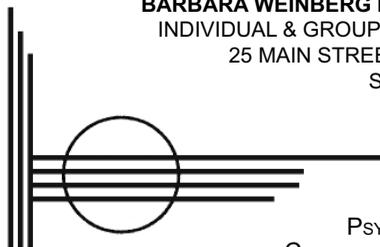
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*We offer our sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of those who have recently died:*

David Rodetsky, brother of Hannah Zuckerman  
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 Jovanna and Kassia

**NEW MEMBERS**

*We warmly welcome the following new members to the JCA community.*

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 Steven Markow  
 Batya Bauman  
 Amy & Schuyler Bush and children Jade & Samantha

**BEIT SHALOM COMMITTEE**

The Beit Shalom Committee was created to provide a place to resolve rare and particularly difficult conflicts that impact the life of the JCA Community and its members. It is available to hear complaints of any individual or group with a grievance that cannot be resolved through the normal (formal and informal) channels. Any individual or groups of individuals with such a concern can contact any Committee Member: Eva Metzger Brown, chair: (256-8066; embrown13@comcast.net); Haim Gunner (549-0447; haim\_gunner@yahoo.com); Josette Henschel (549-5059; jhenschel@verizon.net); Melanie Lewis (323-4155; ivechos@aol.com); Rob Okun (253-7918; raokun@mrcforchange.org) Names will be kept confidential, unless released by the complainant. Further information regarding the grievance process and the issue of confidentiality is available from Eva.

If someone in your family, or someone you know in the community, is ill and/or in the hospital, please contact Rabbi Bauer or the Chesed Committee by calling the office (256-0160). Even if visits or phone calls are not desired, it is important for us as a community to be aware of the health and well being of our members and their families. We cannot help if we don't know.



# Community Announcements

## Amherst Survival Center

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Guest Speaker: Dr. Ellen Kaufman

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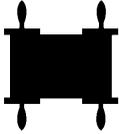
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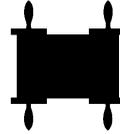
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February 2007

13 Shevat ~ 10 Adar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 13 SHEVAT 12 Noon Text Study 7:30 pm Board Meeting	<b>2</b> 14 SHEVAT 11:4:47 5:30 pm Family style service, Tu B'Shevat Seder, Pot Luck supper	<b>3</b> 15 SHEVAT X Tu B'Shvat Beshalach 10:00 am Regular JCA Service in main sanctuary "Masorti" Service in small sanctuary <b>7:30 pm</b> Dance Party
<b>4</b> 16 SHEVAT 10:00 am Tallit/Tefillin Workshop with 6th graders and parents and "World-Wide Wrap" Tefillin Program	<b>5</b> 17 SHEVAT	<b>6</b> 18 SHEVAT 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan 6:00 and 7:30 pm Adult Ed Class Yiddish	<b>7</b> 19 SHEVAT 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation 7:30 pm Religion Committee	<b>8</b> 20 SHEVAT	<b>9</b> 21 SHEVAT 11:4:56 8:00 pm Service Program: Pop Tunes and Trumpets: Early Jewish Music, Prof. Emanuel Rubin	<b>10</b> 22 SHEVAT Yitro 10:00 am Service Torah discussion led by Jay Ladin following kiddush 10:30 am Shabbat Shalom for enrolled 4-6 year olds
<b>11</b> 23 SHEVAT 1:00 pm Board Retreat	<b>12</b> 24 SHEVAT	<b>13</b> 25 SHEVAT 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan 6:00 and 7:30 pm Adult Ed Class Yiddish	<b>14</b> 26 SHEVAT 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation 7:00 pm Adult Ed Class "Book of Ezekiel" Rabbi Bauer	<b>15</b> 27 SHEVAT 12 Noon Text Study 7:00 pm Adult Ed Class Reading Plays with Jewish Themes	<b>16</b> 28 SHEVAT 11:4:50 6:15 pm "Carlebach-style" Service	<b>17</b> 29 SHEVAT Mishpatim Parashat Shekalim 10:00 am Service  No 7th grade
<b>18</b> 30 SHEVAT X Rosh Chodesh Adar - Day 1 No Religious School	<b>19</b> 1 ADAR X Rosh Chodesh Adar - Day 2 7:30 pm Rosh Chodesh Group	<b>20</b> 2 ADAR 7:30 am Shacharit Minyan 6:00 and 7:30 pm Adult Ed Class Yiddish	<b>21</b> 3 ADAR 7:30 am Shacharit Meditation No Religious School 7:00 pm Adult Ed Class "Book of Ezekiel" Rabbi Bauer	<b>22</b> 4 ADAR 7:00 pm Adult Ed Class Reading Plays with Jewish Themes	<b>23</b> 5 ADAR 11:4:5:14 8:00 pm Service Discussion of proposed changes in religious services (see Rabbi Bauer's column)	<b>24</b> 6 ADAR Terumah 10:00 am Service <b>Bar Mitzvah of Zachary Tobin</b> 7th grade resumes
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