

Refuah Sheleimah – A Complete Recovery

Chaim ben Dina
Annabel Rubin, (relative of Dina Yevelev)
Arkadi Nisenzon (brother of Zoya Lazer)
Roe ben Yaacov, Bob Eppinger (friend of Dorothy & Richard Dorsay)
Craig Howlett (friend of Michael & Felicia Schaffer)
Madelene Teifeld (member and mother of Barbara Green and Jan Krum)
Robin Davis (daughter-in-law of Barbara Davis)
Sara Pela bat Katura, Barbara Davis (member)
Ze'ev Shamsha ben Sara Pela, Scott Evan Davis (son of Barbara Davis)
Mark Schaengold (friend of Andrea & Steve Linder)
Cathy Hebert (friend of Michael Schaffer)
Ruth Diamond Levinson (aunt of Davida Adelberg)
Lucille Janofsky (mother of Eric Janofsky)
Lauren Phillips (sister of Janet Witkin)
Raizel bat Tova (mother of Bonnie Slavitt Moore)
Julie Rubin (friend of Sandi Diamond)
Dorothy, Jay & Pam Frankel (friends of Lil & Hal Silberstein)
Gary Kipnis (member)
Aaron Yaakov ben Yitzchak, Al Kass (member)
Yosef ben Dreiza, Joseph Evans (father of Maureen Schneider)
Daniel & Patricia Williamson (friends of Christel Sanders)
Fraddel bat Devorah
D'vera Riva bat Fraddel
Chaya Leah bat D'vera Riva
Baruch Shalom ben Fraddel
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Wolf Lev ben Hannah (father of Jane Blumenthal)
Rivka bat Chaya Ettl (member)
Yisrael ben Perel, Irwin Solomon (member)
Allyson Guggenheim (granddaughter of Karen & Allen Guggenheim)
Shimrona Chava bat Yendel Nucha
Shoshana bat Eita (niece of Hy Burdman)
Yehudit bat Rivka (member)
Zelda Yudit bat Shena Fayag, Carol Gergis (cousin of Lawren Farber)
Shlomo ben Chaya (father of Ricki Gafter)
Rich Carlson (friend of Dori Jaroslow)
Avraham ben Yehudit (father of congregant)
Judy Trigger (cousin of Wendy Glasser)
Zipporah bat Etka, Phyllis Maus (cousin of Lance Glasser)
Arlene Nodleman (friend of Dina Yevelev)
Leah bat Esther, Lil Silverstein (member)
Ofira Avirit bat Sarah, Aurelia Nelson (member)
Lauren Flato (wife of Steve Labovitz)
Esther bay Fayge (mother of Neil Gafter)
Luba Pasumansky (relative of Yulia Shvarts)
Julie Seltzer-Firsty (friend of the Labovitz's)
Hannah bat Miriam, Hannie Isaac (sister-in-law of Myrtle & Joel Schwartz and Eli & Lorraine Isaac)
Michael Acevedo (son-in-law of Ron & Alison Ruebusch)
Harvey Stone (cousin of Wendy Glasser)
Miriam bat Sarah, Miriam Molecke (grandmother of Ricki Gafter)
Rita Kertzman (mother of Andrea Ammerman)
Susan Dresser (friend of Myrtle & Joel Schwartz)
Hinda bat Yisrael v' Bayla, Diane Zitman (member)
Diane Fornwalt (relative of Helaine Green)
Yehudit bat Eitah (niece of Hy Burdman)
Faiga bat Ruth, Phyllis Zis (member)
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Ruth bat Rahel, Ruth Harary (mother of Susan Murai-Raider)
Hiroko Caster (friend of Barbara Davis)
Meir ben Ze'ev, Milton Wiener (father of Barbara Davis)
Yehuda ben Rivka (member)
Leah Esther bat Leibisch, Laura Sharpe (member)
Fishel Hirsh ben Zvi, Philip Wesler (father of Laura Sigura)
Hoogare bat Salman (cousin-in-law of Dave Hoffman)
Ruth Karpman (friend of Rita Kertzman)
Leib ben Chaya, Leib Nodelman (brother of Doysa Markova)
Donna Stone (cousin of Wendy Glasser)
Chris Adamson (friend of Wendy Glasser)
Yitzhak ben Aron (father of Phyllis Newman)
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Jerry Boyajian (friend of Wendy Glasser)
Ephraim ben Chayyim, Philip Lempert (brother of Dennis Lempert)
Lucas Fazekas (family friend of Gafter family)
Walter Fulde (friend of Leonard & Sylvia Metz)
Miriam Shoshana bat Bracha, Meredith Israel (friend of Jack Moore & Bonnie Slavitt-Moore)
Reut bat Nehama (friend of Strod Family)
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Tzivya bat Shandel, Harriette Kirschen, (mother of Sandy Mayer)
Devora bat Baruch v'Raizel (Bonnie Slavitt-Moore)
Mia Rose Nusbaum (daughter of friend's of Stephen & Lynne Kinsey)
Shayna Rochal bat Yehudit (sister of Lynne Kinsey)
Michael ben Sarah (Michael Applesmith)
Ellen Efron (friend of Susan Murai-Raider)
Maximillian Schaffer (son of Michael Schaffer)
Gary Heit (friend of Michael Schaffer)
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HaRav Avraham ben Miriam (friend of Krongold family)
Yehuda Zalman ben Leah (father of Andrew Raider)
David ben Hasya (friend of Yulia Shvarts)
Zelda bat Miriam, Stephanie Lewis (friend of Benjamin Leitner)
Elisheva bat Yehudit (friend of Sue Maltiel)
Eliana bat Malka, Eliana Green (daughter of Steve & Helaine Green)
Harriet Gluck (cousin of Dave Hoffman)
Sivia bat Chava, Sylvia Gilvarg (aunt of Rachel Schwab)
Ilene Mason (friend of Rhonda & Naomi Raider)
Chaim ben Faegele, Herm Stone (brother of Henry Stone, Uncle of Linda Weiss)
Yosef ben Esther, Jeff Sohn (friend of Rosa & Izak Bencuya)
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Fae Melmon (member)
Irit Shirah bat Rivka, Irene Bricker (member)
Ruben Abraham Moses Ben' Moshe (friend of Myrtle Schwartz)
Rachmiel ben Yoheved
Karen Carp (friend of Gafter family)
Hodel bat 'Bracha, Helen Schulman (mother of Barbara Knaster)
Dan Winkler (friend of Scott Knaster)
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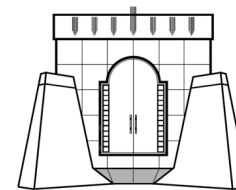
Yahrzeits

Anna Balk, Relation of Melvina Balk
Alex Bellman, Father of Melvina Balk
Lorraine Belmont, Aunt of Roberta Schwartz
Jacob Boxer, Grandfather of Sandi Bretz
Nathan Brenner, Great uncle of Natalia Pogrebinsky
Florence Ceppos, Mother of Jerome Ceppos
Eda Coleman, Grandmother of Lynne Kinsey
Louis Dickman, Grandfather of Lloyd Dickman
Patricia Field, Wife of Howard Field
Boris Freydin, Son of Peysakh & Liya Freydin
Morton Gavens, Uncle of Lee Gavens
Bert F. Goldberg, of Blessed Memory
Solomon Lazar Goldstein, Relation of Robert Mehler
Phillip Goss, Brother of Ginny Baird
Ida Servetnick Green, Great-grandmother of Irene Swedroe
Leonard Greenberg, Father of Laurie Himelstein
Alvin Greif, Father of Karen Deloumi
Yenta Gruzman, Mother of Faina Eichis
Anna Hartman Keller, Mother of Sandra Silver
Raphael Isaac, Uncle of Myrtle Schwartz & Elias Isaac
Jutta Kaplan, Mother of Georgette Silver; Grandmother of Simone & Jacob Silver
Edwin Katskee, Uncle-in-law of Davida Adelberg
Beatrice Sachs Kolberg, Great aunt of Sharon Gordon
Joseph Kostetsky, Grandfather of Robert Swedroe
Amihud Kramer, of Blessed Memory
Sofiya Kukuyev, Mother of Vladimir Kukuyev
Alfred Levinson, Brother-in-law of Fay Levinson
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Hana Livshitz, Mother of Yudes Frumina
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Lil Maslick, Aunt of Myrna Gluck
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Samuel Murray, Father of Pamela Levin
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Haim Turetsky, relative of Hava Goldman
Morris Weslock, of Blessed Memory
Max Victor Wilen, Father of Judith Krongold
Shlomo Yomtov, Uncle of Ruben Yomtoubian

**We extend our condolences to
Diana Zitman on the passing of her mother, Berthe Baron.**

**We extend our condolences to
Wendy Glasser on the passing of her father, Al Joseph.**

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Parashat Vayetzei

11 Kislev, 5770 / November 28, 2009

Triennial Cycle III: Genesis 31:17-32:3

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- (31:17-21) Without telling Laban, Jacob gathers his herds and flocks and leaves. Rachel takes Laban's *teraphim* (household idols).
- (31:22-32:3) Laban pursues and overtakes Jacob. In an impassioned speech, Jacob rebukes Laban for his devious ways. Laban and Jacob make a covenant of peace.



Candle lighting time for November 27: 4:34 p.m.



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Leah, Judah, & Thanksgiving: The Meaning Behind The Ritual

During the Fall season, we read the Book of Genesis – a spirited narrative recounting the experiences of our ancestors. In *Parashat Vayetze*, we find the Patriarch Jacob working in the home of his uncle Laban, laboring tirelessly to win the hand of his beloved Rachel. As we all know, he ends up with two wives, Rachel and her sister Leah. Understanding that Jacob prefers Rachel, God seeks to compensate Leah by “opening her womb,” allowing her to bear four sons. Regarding the fourth son, we read: “She conceived again and bore a son, and declared, ‘This time I will thank (*odeh*) the Lord.’ Therefore she named him Yehudah (English: Judah).” (Gen. 29:35) Yehudah, from the same root as *todah*, thanks.

It is not surprising that we, as a people, *Yehudim*, have come to be identified by the name of this son, Yehudah. For one of the hallmarks of the Jewish nation has been our ongoing commitment to praise the Almighty and to thank God for demonstrating a continued interest in our national destiny.

Still, when Leah chose, in naming her son, to thank God for granting her the gift of children, she demonstrated a keen awareness that God’s role is not limited to intervention in our collective affairs. Rather, it can be felt by each of us in our own lives. Leah was not simply thanking the Lord on behalf of her people -- she was uttering a personal prayer of thanksgiving. **Louis and Ken Goldrich (www.uscj.org)**

A Psalm of thanksgiving: Raise a shout for the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Acknowledge that the Lord is God; He made us and we are His. His people, the flock He tends. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; his loving kindness is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures to all generations. **Psalm 100**
George Washington’s Proclamation of a Day of National Thanksgiving, October 3, 1789

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor, and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me "to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be. That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks, for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation, for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war, for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed, for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted, for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions, to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually, to render our national

government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed, to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shown kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord. To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and Us, and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789. (www.wikipedia.org, *George Washington Papers at Library of Congress.*)

Announcements

Congregation Beth David Annual Meeting

Sunday, December 6, 10:30 a.m.

Absentee Ballots are available in office Tues, Nov. 24

Ballots are due Dec. 4th by 4:00 p.m.

Ballots must be signed!

Administrative Staff Open House

After the meeting, stop in for tea and cookies

12:00-2:00 p.m.

Blanket the community with Warmth and Love

Make the annual congregational meeting a little warm and fuzzy. The Social Action Committee asks all of you attending the meeting to bring a new or gently used blanket of any size to donate to Sacred Heart Community Services. Blankets should be clean. Baby blankets in particular should be new.

Holiday Toy Drive

Now through **November 30**, Jews Next Dor & SVYAD are collecting new, unwrapped toys in their original packaging for newborns to age 17, to be distributed through Jewish Family Services. Bring your donation to the box in the CBD lobby. For more info e-mail JewsNextDor@beth-david.org

Shabbat Family Service & Supper

Friday, December 4, 6:30pm

Shabbat Mishpaha (Family) Services and Shabbat Supper Celebrating December Birthdays & Anniversaries! Join us for a fun, energetic Shabbat experience — a service filled with song, story and dance Something for everyone! Services begin at 6:30 pm, with dinner immediately after!! Continue the experience by joining us for supper as we celebrate Shabbat and the monthly birthdays & anniversaries! Adults: \$10; Youth (5-12): \$5 Child (0-4): Free Maximum: \$30 / family Please consider making a supplemental donation to help offset the cost! Chicken; Vegetarian Choice; Sides; Dessert (feel free to bring your own wine). Please RSVP by Tuesday, December 1, 2009 to RSVP@beth-david.org.

Adult B'not Mitzvah-December 5

Please join us as we become B'not Mitzvah on Saturday, December 5 at 9:30am. Kiddush luncheon following services.

Sisterhood

Used Cookbook Sale

Sunday, December 6, 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Bring your used cookbooks to the “Cookbooks” donation box in the Beth David lobby. Make way for Sisterhood’s new cookbook in memory of Beverly Pressman, scheduled for release next year. Volunteers are also needed to help with this event. Contact Judy Gilford, jagilford@sbcglobal.net or call (408) 839-2051.

Gift Shop Bazaar

Sunday, December 6, 11:30 a.m.

To help, contact Christel Sanders, chissk9328@att.net or call (408) 269-1393.

Hazak Hanukkah Social Extravaganza

Sunday, December 6, 5 p.m.

Featuring a New York Deli supper, latkes and dessert, with big band music by the Lyratones. The event costs \$16. RSVP to hazak@compular.com by December 1 (your account will be billed). Take part in a Hanukkah gift exchange by bringing a new, wrapped gift worth around \$10. To help, contact Doris Katz, 408-867-7369

Women's Philanthropy invites you to a

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Sunday, December 6 9:30am APJCC Auditorium

\$54 per person Sign up at jvalley.org

Hanukkah Mishpaha Program 12/13 9:30 -12:30

Open to the Community Hanukkah program “BEEing a MacaBEE”. Fun, hands-on, multi-media learning experiences for families with kids 2-13. Candle lighting (2nd day) & nosh.

Adult Ed: Conversations in Jewish Learning

Tuesday, December 8, 7:30 p.m.: The Differences Between Rabbinic and Karaite Beliefs and Practices” - Speaker: Joe Pessah, acting Rav for the local Karaite community. – The Karaites are a small Jewish sect Karaites maintain many practices that set them apart from mainstream contemporary Jews. Come and find out more about Karaite Judaism that parted ways with rabbinic Judaism more than a millennium ago. While adhering to the Jewish Bible, the Tanakh, Karaites rejected claims of a divine origin for the Mishnah, or Oral Law, and the authority of the Talmud.

Sunday, December 20, 7:30 pm

Discussion: Jewish culture now and then (1960s) Sunday Night @ the Movies, (Note Date Change)Followed by Discussion about the Movie: The Plot Against Harry - It’s the 1960s and Harry Plotnik, a numbers racketeer, is released from prison back onto the streets of the Bronx. He tries to slip back into his old life, but...not so fast, well-meaning relatives have other plans. The Plot against Harry is sometimes hysterical, sometimes poignant; sometimes...well, come see!

Tuesday, January 19, 7:30 pm: “Three Women and a Talmud: The Story of Rashi’s Daughters Concludes with Book Three— Rachel” – Speaker: Author Maggie Anton - Maggie Anton will speak about the research behind her best-selling "Rashi's Daughters" trilogy, set in the household of the great medieval Talmud scholar who had no sons, only daughters.. She'll discuss: What was life like for Jewish women in 11th century France? Were Rashi's daughters really learned? Did they actually wear tefillin? Why should a 21st century Jew care about Rashi, and his daughters?

Earn Money for Beth David While You Shop!

Support Congregation Beth David while doing your regular shopping, both online and at local grocery stores.

Please help us raise money by:

1. Registering your credit cards and your Safeway Club Card with eScrip and shopping at the eScrip Virtual Mall,
 2. Shopping at Amazon.com by linking from the website, and
 3. Purchasing Judaica from Zara Mart by linking from the website.
- Shopping commissions are shared equally among the Beth David General Fund, Men's Club, and Sisterhood. Sign up with eScrip at our new Shuk2Shul website at <http://shopcdb.dreamhosters.com>.

The Jewish Book Discussion Group

Saturday, December 12, 1:30 p.m.Join us December 12 to discuss *Towers of Gold: How One Jewish Immigrant Named Isaias Hellman Created California* by Frances Dinkelspiel, led by Harry Cornbleet.

Sheldon and Richard Balk Memorial Camp Scholarship

We are now accepting nominations for summer 2010 resident camp scholarships funded by the Sheldon and Richard Balk Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund perpetuates the memory and ideals of Beth David members Sheldon Balk and his son Richard. We seek to capture and light the spirit of Judaism in our youth, especially those who may seem apathetic about Jewish activities.

Unlike the Youth Scholarship Fund, we offer aid not based on academic results or activities, but, rather, to awaken a student’s Jewish identity. We give preference to first time campers, and we intend to make a financial difference to the family, enabling a transforming Jewish experience for the student. Please call Chuck Taubman at (408) 257-3251 to learn how to submit a nomination. Forms are also available in the Beth David office. Please note that the due date for nominations is December 24, 2009.

Employment Aid

Have you lost your job? Unemployed Jews in the Bay Area may enroll in Kol Emeth's employment effort. Join by sending an email to ke-jobs-subscribe@yahoo.com. If you have a job to offer the group, please send it to betty@bfellows.com.

Employment Network at Beth David

Beth David offers monthly employment network meetings because without contacts it is difficult to find opportunities, secure interviews, and get an offer in today's job market. Find out how others have overcome hurdles in their job searches, increase your network, participate in lively discussions such whether “ageism” exists and how to navigate it. Check our online calendar for up coming dates. All those seeking employment, advice, or help with leads are invited.

Job Opportunities

Our members are currently seeking employment. In order for our employment program to be successful, we need to hear from congregants whose employers have job openings. If your company presently has opportunities (primarily administrative, technical, or managerial) please send that information to Vivian Golub at askdoctorviv@aol.com. She will forward the job opening to qualified applicants. Not only are you performing a mitzvah, you may be eligible for an employee referral fee.

!!!Save The Date!!!

Louis Chevlen Memorial Blood Drive

Tuesday, December 15, 3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

A Night Of Illusion Theater

Saturday, January 16, 2010 7 p.m.

The Mitzvah of Making a Minyan

Come one, come all and join us every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. and Monday – Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. for daily minyan. Our success, thus far, has been outstanding. We are looking to include as many members of our Beth David family as possible in this wonderful tradition that brings comfort to our mourners and gives each of us a daily opportunity to connect with our soul, our community and our God. To help ensure the future vibrancy of our minyan, our captains have created the following schedule organized alphabetically by last name. When it is your week, we invite you to look at your schedules and commit to at least one night to attend this important endeavor. We look forward to having you join us and thank you in advance! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sandy Mayer at (408) 257-6129 or fammayer@aol.com.

- *A-D: First Week of the Month*
- *L-R: Third Week of the Month*
- *E-K: Second Week of the Month*
- *S-Z: Fourth Week of the Month*

We thank the Kiddush Oneg Fund for sponsoring the Kiddush lunch.