

## Refuah Sheleimah – A Complete Recovery

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Gary Heit (friend of Michael Schaffer)  
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## Yahrzeit

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Esther Freilich, Grandmother of Amy Ball  
Dora Gallack, Grandmother of Sheryl Lewis  
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Nella Hoffman, Mother of Susan Brenner & Steven Hoffman  
Doris Hubka, Sister of William Hubka  
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Samuel Itzkowitz, Grandfather of Barbara Silverstein; Father-in-law of Mina Itzkowitz  
Dorothy Kelly, Mother of Georgette Tanenbaum  
Hede Koh, Aunt of Dan Weltsch  
Adela Leibovich, Mother of Haya Shottan  
Bernard Dov Leibovich, Father of Haya Shottan  
Lillian Leve, Mother of Marlene Burak  
Milton Levin, Father of Rachel Abramovitz  
Marian Migdal, Aunt of Judy Borah  
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Samuel Weltsch, Father of Dan Weltsch  
Miriam Wilensky, Sister of Herman Burdman  
Joseph Witkin, Uncle of Louis Witkin  
Taymoor Zahoory, Brother of Kamran Zahoori



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## Parashat Va-era Rosh Hodesh

1 Shevat, 5770 / January 16, 2010

Triennial Cycle III: Exodus 8:16-9:35

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Haftarah: Isaiah 66:1-24, page 1219

- (8:16-28) The fourth plague: Beasts.
- (9:1-7) The Fifth Plague: a disease affecting all the livestock of Egypt, but sparing the Israelites' animals.
- (9:8-15) The Sixth Plague: Boils on man and beast.
- (9:16-21) Moses confronts Pharaoh and renews God's demand: "Let My people go to worship me!" Moses warns Pharaoh and the court about the seventh plague, Hail, which destroys crops (except those in Goshen).
- (9:22-35) Pharaoh sends for Moses and Aaron and begs for relief. However, once the hail stops, he reneges on his promise.



**Candle lighting time for January 15, 4:56.**



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## “Because I am the Lord”

Questions:

1. Why did God cause the plagues instead of just letting the People go?
2. How does God clarify his names at the beginning of the Parsha?

Hints:

1. **Chapter 8: (18)** I will set apart the region of Goshen, where My people dwell, so that no swarms of insects shall be there, that you may know that I the Lord am in the midst of the land. 19 And I will make a distinction between My people and your people.
2. **Chapter 9: (13)** Thus says the Lord, the God of the Hebrews: Let My people go to worship Me. **(14)** For this time I will send all My plagues upon your person, and your courtiers, and your people, in order that you may know that there is none like Me in all the world. **(15)** I could have stretched forth My hand and stricken you and your people with pestilence, and you would have been effaced from the earth. **(16)** Nevertheless I have spared you for this purpose: in order to show you My power, and in order that My fame may resound throughout the world.
3. Ramban contends that el Shaddai describes God when He performs miracles that do not openly disrupt the normal course of nature. [...] although in Genesis 15:7, God does reveal himself as HaShem.
4. Rashi explains that God is now revealing the true meaning of the name — one who will fulfill His pledge to free Israel and bring them to the Land. The patriarchs had perfect faith that God would do so, but the patriarchs had not yet seen it because the time had not yet come.

## Announcements

### Earthquake Relief

Our hearts and prayers are with the people of Haiti as we follow the terrible news of the immense destruction and loss of life caused by Tuesday's earthquake. According to many reports the death toll is unimaginable, and the United Nations secretary general, Ban Ki-moon has declared that Haiti is facing a “major humanitarian emergency.” There are many ways to donate to relief, but if you want to do so through a Jewishly identified organization, below are a few suggestions.

Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley

(<http://www.jvalley.org/>)

American Jewish World Service

([www.ajws.org/haitiearthquake](http://www.ajws.org/haitiearthquake)),

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee

([www.jdc.org](http://www.jdc.org)),

Each morning thank God who has provided us with all of our needs. Today, let us allow that blessing to remind us to help others in need as well.

## 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](mailto: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

### Social Action Committee

Beth David Winter Community Caring Project  
*"Blanket the Community with Warmth and Love"*

Donations are being accepted in the lobby for new or gently used blanket(s) and raingear to pass on to the less fortunate. The blankets and outerwear are really in demand and greatly appreciated! For more information, contact Seema Cicerone at 408-741-5466

### ***Tonight is the Night of Illusion Theatre*** **Saturday, January 16, 2010 7:00 pm**

**A show for all ages** that inspires wonder and imagination!  
Tickets are available at the door.

## CELEBRATE JEWISH LIFE & LEARNING

**BE A PART OF THE FIRST EVER "JEWBILEE"**  
**Sunday, January 24, 2010 1:00 pm - 8 pm**

We'd like to invite you and your family to join us for a very special festival day sponsored by the Center for Jewish Life and Learning of the Addison-Penzak Jewish Community Center. An afternoon of classes, programs, & performances with an open Kosher Buffet, Jewish Film Festival Screenings, programming for families and complimentary daycare!

\$7.00 Adults - \$4.00 Seniors/Students; Under 4 yrs - Free  
For more information, a full calendar of events & to reserve your spot visit the Jewbilee website <http://www.svjcc.org/jewbilee>

### Triple Simcha Shabbat!

On Shabbat, January 30, 2010, the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of Shevat, Rabbi Pressman will return to Beth David from his Sabbatical to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah. This celebration will be in conjunction with Beth David's Board Installation as well as Volunteer Appreciation Shabbat. Please RSVP at <http://beth-david.org/rsvp/>.

### Volunteer for Super Sunday

**Sunday, January 31, 2010**

**Levy Family Campus, Los Gatos**

Represent Congregation Beth David at the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley's Super Sunday. Your participation helps Congregation Beth David get additional funding next year, helps our local community and Jewish communities abroad as well as makes you eligible for prizes including Warriors tickets, gift certificates and more. There are three shifts throughout the day, training and snacks provided. Please register online at [www.jvalley.org](http://www.jvalley.org) to help change our Jewish world for the better, **remember to note you're with Congregation Beth David**. If you aren't able to join us, please answer the call! Contact [JewsNextDor@beth-david.org](mailto:JewsNextDor@beth-david.org) with questions.

## Hadashot Religious School

Next Haverim: January 23

Next Youth Congregation: January 23

Siddur Ceremony for Gimel/New Dalet-Zayin January 31, 11 am.

Next Family Ed: Bet on January 24, Zayin on January 31, 11:30 am.

Wander our *Wiki* for all announcements, photos, Hodsheet newsletter, and info (see education- religious school tab on website).

### Join us for Hagigat Noar

#### A celebration of Youth Achievements

Friday, February 5, 6:30 pm

Shabbat Mishpaha service will be led by Scouts (any troop/pack), Torah Reader's Club inductees, and Pre-Bnei mitzvah students receiving their Eitz Hayim Humash.

Join us for a wonderful Shabbat Supper after the service.

RSVP for Shabbat Supper at <http://beth-david.org/rsvp/>

Contact Iris at [bendahan@beth-david.org](mailto:bendahan@beth-david.org) if your scout wants to join in!

## Sisterhood News

### Creative Judaic Arts

**The Gift Shop** is open on January 24th & Feb. 7th, 9:30 am-1:00 pm.

### Queen Esther's Kitchen

Please join Myrtle Schwartz in Beth David's kitchen to make hamantaschen and stuffed cabbage for the Purim Carnival. Come join in this fun and sociable culinary experience!

Days & times: Jan. 19 & 26 at 10 am.

If you can help, please contact Davida Adelberg, [adelbergfam@me.com](mailto:adelbergfam@me.com) or 408-777-8875. All welcome!

### Purim Silent Auction Donations

Donations or funds requested for our Silent Auction at the Purim Carnival. If you have an item or a new idea for a gift basket, or products or services that can be donated, please contact coordinators Irina Tenberg, [irinatenberg@yahoo.com](mailto:irinatenberg@yahoo.com), 408-376-3970 or Galina Drabkin, [twingalina@yahoo.com](mailto:twingalina@yahoo.com), 408-241-2542. **All items must be delivered by Feb. 1.** Thank you!

### 2nd Used Cookbook Sale

Sisterhood will run a second used Cookbook Sale at the Purim Carnival. We have some **great** books at **great** prices! If you can assist with this sale, please contact Deborah Estreicher at [destrei@yahoo.com](mailto:destrei@yahoo.com) or (408) 323-1066.

### Women in your 20s, 30s, and 40s. Come join Z'havah!

Z'havah is a new division of CBD Sisterhood for women in their 20's, 30's, and 40's. Come to our next meeting on Sunday, February 7 at approx 10:15, after minyan, in the Social Hall. We'll be adding to the calendar for 2010. For more details, contact Cheryl at [cbdzehava@gmail.com](mailto:cbdzehava@gmail.com) or 377-4768.

### It's Time for Purim!

CBD's annual Purim Carnival is on February 28, from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. This event is fun for all ages and includes carnival games, arts and crafts, food from Queen Esther's Kitchen, and a silent auction. The success of the carnival depends on volunteers. We need help before, during, and after the carnival. There are jobs for all kinds of abilities and time limits. If you would like to volunteer, or if you need more information, please contact Cheryl at [CBDPurim@gmail.com](mailto:CBDPurim@gmail.com).

## Hazak – Jews & Chocolate: A Love Affair

**Sunday February 14, 7pm**

**At Congregation Beth David**

Dr. Marjorie Freedman explores the history of chocolate and the role that a Portuguese crypto-Jew played in cacao processing as well as other aspects of chocolate craving and neurochemical effects. RSVP deadline Feb. 10, [hazak@compular.com](mailto:hazak@compular.com)

## Jews' Next Dor

### Solomon Schechter Awards

**February 6, 2010, 9:30 am**

At the recent Biennial International Convention of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, CBD was recognized with three different Solomon Schechter Awards created to recognize outstanding synagogue programs. We received awards for our Jews Next Dor Program, our Membership Outreach efforts, and our Teen High Holiday program. Please join us on **February 6<sup>th</sup>** as the awards are formally presented to our Congregation during Jews Next Dor Shabbat.

### Adult Education

#### Conversations in Jewish Learning

**Tuesday, January 19, 2010 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?? **Book sales and signing follow the talk**

#### Lunch and Learn Seminar

**Sunday, February 7, 2010 12:30 p.m.**

#### Good King or Bad King? – The Story of King David

Speaker: Nitzhia Shaked, Lecturer in Jewish Studies, Sonoma State University

Jewish history has few more beloved or fascinating characters than King David, a hero who went from a peaceful boyhood as a sensitive shepherd to bloody, sinning years as King of Israel, shockingly breaking most of the Ten Commandments. This presentation will examine both the positive and negative sides of this outstanding king, whose dark side cast a huge shadow over his impressive achievements and has generated disputes throughout the ages. The discussion will be based on Biblical accounts of events, such as David's heroic, brave encounter with the oversized Philistine warrior Goliath and the tragic, sin-ridden Bathsheba affair, using rabbinic thoughts and archeological sources.

**Warning:** This talk will involve adult situations, sex, and violence!



**Our thanks to Sisterhood  
for sponsoring the Kiddush luncheon.**

### We extend our heartfelt condolences to:

Mike Herman on the passing of his father, Richard Allan Herman.

Michael Applesmith on the passing of his mother, Martha Smith.

Isadore Kertzman and Andrea Ammerman on the passing of Rita Kertzman, wife, mother & grandmother.

Steve Schleimer on the passing of his brother, Gary Schleimer.