

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)
Julie Rubin (friend of Sandi Diamond)
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
Berlam ben Moshe Mordechai, B. Lee Skilken (uncle of Dan Skilken)
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)
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 Etki, Phyllis Maus (cousin of Lance Glasser)
Arlene Nodleman (friend of Dina Yevelev)
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)
Susan Dresser (friend of Myrtle & Joel Schwartz)
Diane Fornwalt (relative of Helaine Green)
Yehudit bat Eitah (niece of Hy Burdman)
Faiga bat Ruth, Phyllis Zis (member)
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)
Leah Esther bat Leibisch, Laura Sharpe (member)
Ruth Karpman (friend of Andrea Ammerman)
Leib ben Chaya, Leib Nodelman (brother of Doysa Markova)
Donna Stone (cousin of Wendy Glasser)
Yitzhak ben Aron (father of Phyllis Newman)
Yitzhak Rahamim, Ike Isaac (brother of Myrtle Schwartz & Eli Isaac; brother-in-law of Joel Schwartz & Lorraine Isaac)
Jerry Boyajian (friend of Wendy Glasser)
Ephraim ben Chayyim, Philip Lempert (brother of Dennis Lempert)
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)

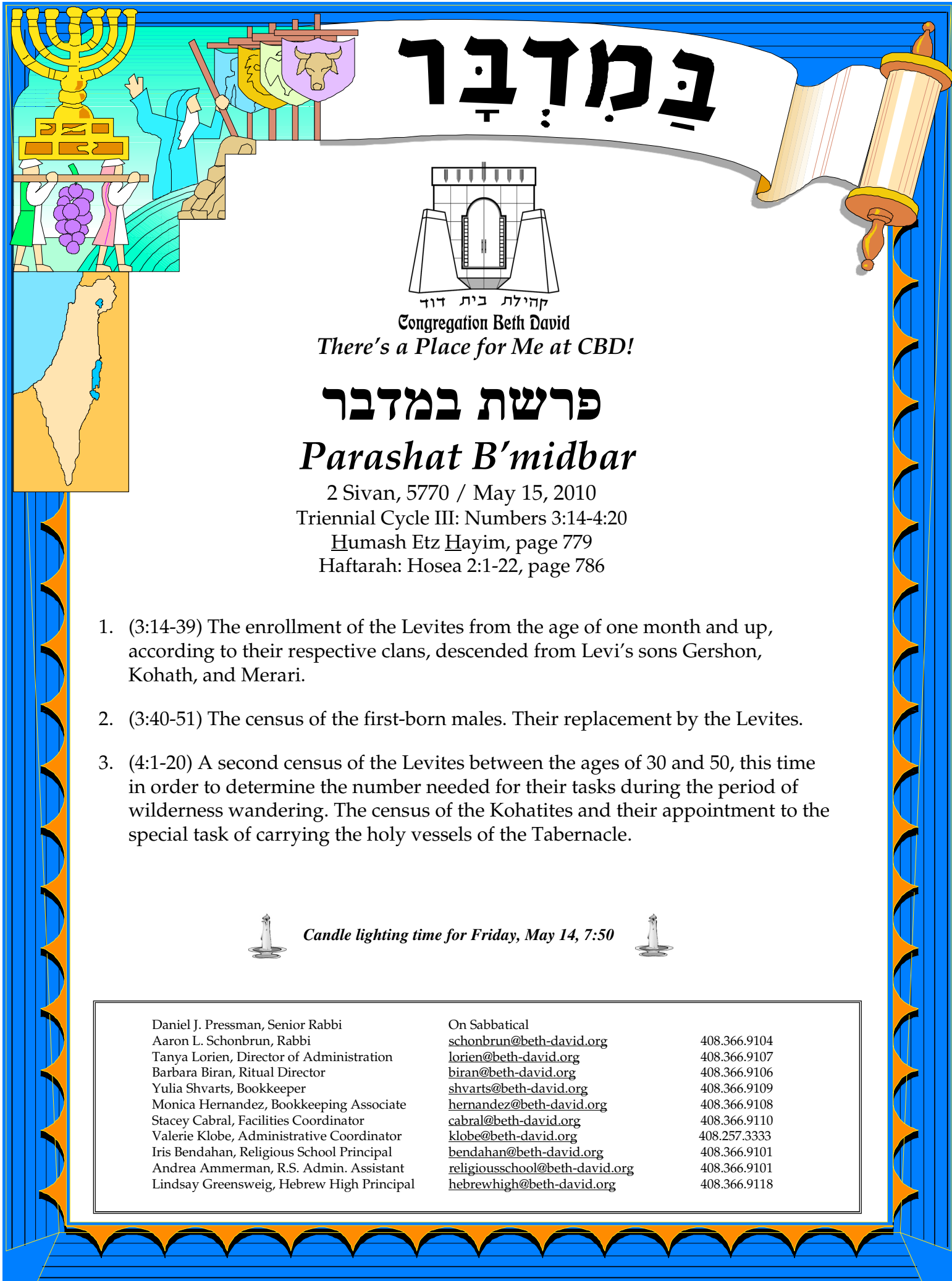
Izabella Letskin (friend of Yulia Shvarts)
Tzivia bat Shandel, Harriette Kirschen, (mother of Sandy Mayer)
Shayna Rochal bat Yehudit (sister of Lynne Kinsey)
Michael ben Sarah (Michael Applesmith)
Ellen Efron (friend of Susan Murai-Raider)
Gary Heit (friend of Michael Schaffer)
Chaye Reizel bat Ruchel
HaRav Avraham ben Miriam (friend of Krongold family)
David ben Hasya (friend of Yulia Shvarts)
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)
Yosef ben Esther, Jeff Sohn (friend of Rosa & Izak Bencuya)
Moshe Chaim ben Zev haKohen (member)
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)
Steve Wilson (friend of Tanya Lorien)
Yehudit bat Eshke, Eunice Coleman (mother of Lynne Kinsey)
Joe Sorger (member)
Louis Halper (brother of Bill Halper)
David Pinhas ben Breindal (member)
Monya Riva bat Sheva, Marilyn Auerbach (sister of Sondra Goldberger)
John Hirschberg (father of Donna Klein)
Stanley Rojo (father of Susan Rojo)
Frank Lanctot (father of Chet Lanctot)
Frank Amara
Davida bat Genja Liba (member)
Adam Yavim ben Avraham v'Sarah, George Steres (member)
Noach ben Sprinzah, Neil Schwab (cousin of Rachel Schwab)
Joseph Saponaro (brother-in-law of Wendy Glasser)
Andy Gafter (brother of Neil Gafter)
Aharon ben Shlomo, Adma Cintz (member)
Ronit bat Shoshana, Georgina Levy (wife of Cantor Andres Levy)
Isser ben Hannah, Isadore Kertzman (member)
Ronee bat Moshe haLevi v'Ruth, Ronee Nassi (member)
Zelda bat Miriam, Stephanie Lewis (friend of Ben Leitner)
Michal bat Bluma, Michal Strutin (member)
Rosa bat Riva (friend of Dina Yevelev)
Rivka bat Y'hudit, June Cohen (mother of Alison Ruebusch)
Shoshanna bat Rut (member)
Devorah bat Mordechai haLevi, Dori Jaroslow (member)
Rita Bourgault (friend of Rachel Schwab)
Asher ben El Chanan, Joel Schwartz (member)
Simcha Avram ben Sheindel (close friend of Debby and David Hoffman)
Lorraine Howell (close friend of David Hoffman)

Simha

Mazel Tov to Ron & Sharon Joseph on the arrival of their grandson born May 8, to David Joseph and wife, Jennifer Beck.

Leonard & Sylvia Metz are excited and delighted to introduce their baby granddaughter also born on May 8th to Jason Metz and Lisa Danziger Metz, Mazel Tov!

Mazel Tov to Marina & Michael Salzman on the birth of their granddaughter and to parents Misha & Heather Frankly.



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קהילת בית דוד
Congregation Beth David
There's a Place for Me at CBD!

פרשת במדבר
Parashat B'midbar
2 Sivan, 5770 / May 15, 2010
Triennial Cycle III: Numbers 3:14-4:20
Humash Etz Hayim, page 779
Haftarah: Hosea 2:1-22, page 786

- (3:14-39) The enrollment of the Levites from the age of one month and up, according to their respective clans, descended from Levi's sons Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.
- (3:40-51) The census of the first-born males. Their replacement by the Levites.
- (4:1-20) A second census of the Levites between the ages of 30 and 50, this time in order to determine the number needed for their tasks during the period of wilderness wandering. The census of the Kohatites and their appointment to the special task of carrying the holy vessels of the Tabernacle.

Candle lighting time for Friday, May 14, 7:50

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Drash-Margie Pomerantz

As the parasha B'Midbar begins, we learn that it has been two years and two months since the Exodus from Egypt. While the Israelites must be in a regular routine by now, they undoubtedly still remember vividly what it was like to be slaves. When their individual names had little meaning and their only value was the work they performed for their masters.

They are now in the Wilderness and God commands Moses to take a census of the "whole Israelite community" by CLAN and by NAME. How strange this must have seemed to the wandering Israelites. They have come from a value-less existence and just a short two years later, they are being counted by NAME. Not just a body count, but a listing including their "ancestral house", head by head. This is a huge, significant change from being slaves with no identity at all, to being counted and recognized by name as members of the community.

In practical terms, the purpose of this first Israelite census was to have a count of the males who could bear arms in preparation for the battles to come as the Israelites moved toward the Promised Land. The results of the census would determine how the tribes marched and camped to be ready for any eventuality. The camp was organized with the Ark at the center and the tribes positioned around it, thus visible and central to all. The tribes' ancestral banners were clearly visible creating a strong visual demonstration of the importance of their sense of identity in the community – valuing both the individuals as well as their family heritage.

In the US, we do a census every 10 years at the turn of the decade and we are the midst of one right now. This has been done with regularity since 1790, just over 20 years after we became a country. According to www.thisnation.com, no other nation has such a long history of collecting detailed information about its population and other important demographic characteristics. As specified in the Constitution, the purpose of the US census is to allocate congressional seats proportionally to the number of residents in the states.

Both the original Israelite and the current US census provide us with useful statistics for housing, planning, protecting the community and other essential services. This information is valuable and helpful, but according to Rabbi Raymond Apple, Emeritus Rabbi of the Great Synagogue of Sydney Australia, it is one dimensional and flat. I agree and must comment that the Internet is a wonderful thing!

THESE STATISTICS TELL US HOW MANY WE CAN COUNT, BUT NOT HOW MANY WE CAN COUNT ON.

Being counted on comes in many forms and varieties. It does not have a direct correlation to anything often valued in our culture – not money, our heritage, or our line of work. It has everything to do, however, with how we treat others and how we are viewed and valued by those around us. These could be people we know or those with whom we have no relationship. It could even be a large group of people or an entire community who value what we do – who count on us.

Who benefits the most when we are counted upon? Typically it is both sides of the relationship. How many of you have volunteered at a food bank or a shelter? You were definitely counted on at that time to help people who otherwise could not have helped themselves. And here is the really important question – how did you feel when you did this? I can tell you from personal experience, that when I have volunteered in such a way, I felt really good about myself. I was thrilled that I had the ability to help others in this way and very pleased with myself that I took the opportunity to participate – to be counted on.

When you vote do you proudly wear the sticker for the rest of the day that says "I voted"? This is a great example of counting and being counted on.

Many of us participate in races and other events to raise funds for worthy causes. Who gains the most? Those who directly benefit from research funded by the organization or you, who have stretched yourself to run the extra mile or raise the extra dollar?

What about when you attend minyan at Beth David. You certainly are counted, and are exceedingly counted on by those who come to say kaddish. Without you they would not be able to do so.

In addition to being counted on individually, I suggest that we have responsibilities to help others be counted on as well. Sometimes it's hard for us to see the opportunities before us to be counted on. It's a great mitzvah to give someone else the opportunity to make a difference.

We are not slaves, but sometimes we consciously or unconsciously enslave ourselves to our work or other things that don't count in long run. We are all free to make a choice on if and how we are counted on. I urge you to look around for opportunities and make every moment count!

Announcements

Shavuot Schedule

Tuesday, May 18: 9:00 pm - Midnight

Tikkun Leil Shavuot (Night of Study)

Experience the spirituality of Shavuot as we study until midnight!

Wednesday, May 19: Services at 9:30 am

Thursday, May 20: Services at 9:30 am- includes Yizkor

Tikkun

According to the Talmud, the first question a Jew will be asked when reaching heaven has to do with how he or she behaved in matters of business. Come join us for a night of study delving into the ways Jewish tradition guides us in these areas, including: the value of labor; issues surrounding wages and benefits; and, the obligations and responsibilities of employers and employees. As a part of our study, we will be using the recently published "Walking with Justice." As always, you are invited to bring your questions and your appetites.

Kugel & Cheesecake will be served!

Special Membership Meeting

Monday, May 31, approximately 7:30 pm, following minyan

This membership meeting is to vote on a motion to accept Rabbi Ohriner as our assistant rabbi. There is an additional item for discussion and vote regarding the timing of our regular annual meeting.

Papa Hugs Concert

Sunday, May 16, 4 pm at Beth David

"A delightful mix of heartwarming and playful songs that appeal to children of all ages."

A Papa Hugs concert includes the five member Papa Hugs Band and The Papa Hugs Playtime Characters. Children, their parents and grandparents will laugh and sing along to the interactive songs of David Sharpe and the Papa Hugs Band. Come and join the fun-it's Free!

Cheesecakes and Kugel

2nd Annual CBD Kugel Cook-Off

Tuesday, May 18, 1 pm - 5 pm

Put your favorite recipe to the test and come bake your Kugel. Your kugels will be served & judged at the beginning of the Tikkun Leil Shavuot, Tuesday, May 18, at 9:00 pm. Bring your recipes & ingredients and prepare those yummy kugels!

Cheesecake Anyone? Have a great cheesecake recipe? Prepare a cheesecake at home and bring it to Beth David. Be sure to label it with your name! The cheesecakes will be served for dessert at the Kiddush lunches on May 19 & 20! Please contact Barbara Biran if you will be baking for either or both at biran@beth-david.org.



Save the Date

B' Hatzlaha!



A Farewell celebration in honor of Rabbi Schonbrun and his family will be held on June 19. Come join us to wish them Shalom ~ lehitra'ot at Shabbat Services & Kiddush Luncheon.

Adult Education

Tuesday, May 25, 7:30 p.m. at Beth David

Conversations in Jewish Learning: *In Plain Sight*

In Plain Sight is a popular, award-winning TV series about the Federal Witness Protection Program. In the episode "Aguna Matatala", Avi must give up his Orthodox Jewish identity to enter witness protection. His shocked wife Rachel refuses witness protection and seeks a Jewish divorce (Get), so a rabbi tracks down the resistant Avi to obtain a Get for Rachel. After viewing "Aguna Matatala," Bob Baird will lead a lively discussion of the provocative Jewish issues raised, such as how one can be a Jew in isolation, especially an Orthodox Jew, as well as issues related to Jewish divorce and obtaining a Get. Come to see this engaging episode and participate in the discussion afterwards on these challenging issues.

L'Dor Va Dor

From Generation to Generation

Thursday, May 27, 8:00 - 9:00 pm at Beth David

Please join us for an evening in remembrance of those who perished during the Holocaust, to honor those who survived to tell the story, and to recognize those who will share these stories with future generations. The voices of our youth will insure that this chapter in our history is never forgotten and will never be repeated. The evening will include reflections by the students from the joint Hillel, San Jose State University and Hebrew High class DVD project and the March of the Living journey. Please RSVP by May 20, to Helaine Green: (408) 569-2588

"Cruise Around the World at the JCC"

Saturday, May 15, 6:00 pm

The JCC has chosen to honor Beth David members Jack Moore and Bonnie Slavitt-Moore at the JCC's annual gala event. For tickets, contact Diana Schnabel at diana@svjcc.org or 408.357.7402.

Hadashot Religious School

Youth Congregation: **May 15**, Haftra Readers Induction!!

Last Haverim: **May 15**

No School **May 19**, Come to Shavuot services!

Last Youth Congregation: **May 22**

Last day of School: **May 23**, Shavuot Pancake Breakfast & Awards

Ceremony-Wear White in honor of Shavuot!

Zayin Moving Up Shabbat: **June 5**

5771 School Year begins **September 12**

Faith in Action Rotating Shelter

The Social Action Committee needs your help to make the Rotating Shelter a success once again this year. The Shelter provides meals and housing for about 12 men as they work to find jobs. Please consider volunteering as a greeter for the men each evening when they arrive at Beth David or to cook dinner(s) in advance. It's a great opportunity to do Chesed in our community. The Shelter will run for four weeks starting on June 4th. Contact Ronnie Gordon at (408) 265-8165 to volunteer.

Save the Date...

June 4 Shabbat Family Dinner

July 18 Adult Education

Demystifying the Mikvah

August 27 BBQ and Bar'chu



Mazel Tov to Mallorie Burak & Mark Davis on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Sydnie! Our thanks to the family for sponsoring the Kiddush Luncheon.

Sisterhood

Gift Shop Open Days - Sundays

May 23, 9:30 - 1 pm and June 6, 12 - 2 pm

If you are able to help in the Gift Shop, please contact Susan Ehrlich, amfehrlich@yahoo.com or call (408) 866-5638.

Creative Judaic Arts - Tzedakah Socks!

Sunday, May 16, 2 - 4 pm at CBD

Join us in a mitzvah for the homeless as we knit socks, or bring your own project to work on. Enjoy the camaraderie in a friendly social setting. Yarn, instruction, and some needles provided, but kindly RSVP to Shannon Wells, thesquedler@gmail.com or call (650) 954-5671 as soon as possible.

Save the Date!!

Yad L'Kol Appreciation Event

Sunday, June 6, 2 - 4 pm, Beth David Social Hall

Join us for a wonderful program where author Jennifer Cornbleet will present recipes from her recent book, Raw for Dessert. Book-signing follows. We especially welcome Sisterhood's Past Presidents!

Yahrzeit

Yakov Abokasis, Brother of Ziva Fishman

Rivka Alchech, Mother of Elie Alcheck & Cohava Mor

Gail Ball, Aunt of Gary Ball

Bella Belogolovsky, Grandmother of Alex Belogolovsky

Ruben Boyar, Brother of Milton Boyar

Lili Bricker, Mother of Alan Bricker

Esther Daniel, Wife of Gerald Daniel

Alfred Dattner, of Blessed Memory

Miron Dornai, Father of Miri Rubin

Rose Dorsay, Mother of Richard Dorsay

Max Edel, Grandfather of Lynne Snyder

Paul Finger, Father of Herbert Finger

Dorothy Harriet Friedner, Great-aunt of Davida Adelberg

Israel Gallack, Uncle of Sheryl Lewis

Simon Gandel, Father of Martin Gandel

Libbie Gannes, Grandmother of Howard Gannes

Max Gelb, Husband of Daisy Gelb; Brother of Aleksander Gelb

Jacob Gluck, Father of Robert Gluck

Rose Goldman, of Blessed Memory

Ethel Grossinger, Sister-in-law of Agnes Grossinger

Jolanda Grossinger, Mother-in-law of Agnes Grossinger

Martin Grossinger, Father-in-law of Agnes Grossinger

Abraham Solomon Harari, Father of Eli Harari

Henry Harris, Father of David Harris

Jack Hartman, Brother of Sandra Silver

Susi Hirschberg, Aunt of Donna Klein

Sidney Huchital, Grandfather of Alana Goodman

Lorraine Jur, Mother of Susan Levine

Roger Kanel, Brother of Jeffrey Kanel

Bella Karnot, Mother of Mark Snyder

Sol Krawatsky, Grandfather of Cyndi Sherman

Dorothy Krieger, Mother of Sylvia Metz

Milton Maizel, of Blessed Memory

Michael Miller, Husband of Dottie Miller

Michael Mortkowitz, of Blessed Memory

Kurt Palmer, Father of Susan Gutterman

Barnet Schriger, Father-in-Law of Natalie Schriger

Richard Schriger, Husband of Natalie Schriger

Luis Serfaty, Great Uncle of Joseph Bendahan

Rubin Silberman, Father-in-law of Claire Silberman

Martha Stark, Mother of Harriet Fernandez

Joseph E. Steinberger, Father of Linda Brummer

Marika Sterenthal, Niece of Agnes Grossinger

Olga Sterenthal, Sister-in-law of Agnes Grossinger

Harry Tinter, Father of Lil Silberstein

David Veretilny, Father of Elena Rodstein

Lena Watnik, Grandmother of Marlene Bernstein

Dora Weiser, Mother of Anita Salsberg

Joseph Weiser, Father of Anita Salsberg

Melvin Weiss, Brother of Joe Weiss

Florence Williamson, Mother of Howard Kline

Mollie Zeichick, Grandmother of Thomas Saichek