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A Message from Rabbi Dean

Spring is Right Around the Corner

“To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven” – Ecclesiastes 3:1

In the midst of the cold and rain it is hard to imagine that Spring is almost here. But according to the Jewish calendar the first sign of Spring, Tu b'Shvat, the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shvat, was January 30. Commonly called the birthday of the trees, it is actually one of four Jewish new years. According to the Mishna:

“There are four new years:

The first of Nisan is the New Year for the kings and for the festivals;

The first of Elul is the New Year for the tithing of animals; Rabbi Eliezer and Rabbi Shimon say, in the first of Tishrei

The first of Tishre is the new year for years, for the Sabbatical years and for the Jubilee years and for the planting and for the vegetables

The first of Shvat is the New Year for the trees, these are the words of the House of Shammai;

The House of Hillel says, the New Year for the Trees is on the fifteenth of Shvat.”

Mishnah Rosh Hashanah 1:1

Each of these New Years had a specific social function. The first of Nisan (the first month of the year according to the Torah, and the month in which we celebrate Pesach) was used to calculate the reigns of the Hebrew kings, their taxes, and for the scheduling of Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkoth. These were essential to the orderly function of government in Judah.

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The other three new years, first of Elul, the first of Tishrei, and the fifteenth of Shvat were critical for support of the Temple as well as the Levites and the Priests. As the Levites and Priests had no land they were supported by a 10% tithe from the entire people. Since the Israel's economy was agricultural, certain times of the year were set aside to take censuses of all agricultural produce to accurately calculate this tithe. On the first of Elul, the month before Rosh Hashanah, all animals were counted. Vegetables were counted on the first of Tishrei, which is also Rosh Hashanah, and fruit bearing trees were tallied on Tu b'Shvat, the 15th of the Hebrew month of Shvat. Each of these new years was tax time, when the people's tax forms were due. The foodstuffs that supported the Temple were calculated and collected from these annual tallies.

Over time Tu b'Shvat became a holiday of rebirth. If you have ever been in Israel at this time of year the worst of the winter rains have passed and the land comes alive with wild flowers, particularly the calanit which looks just like the California Golden Poppy, but with bright red petals. The earth stirs again as almond trees bloom. In Israel it is common Tu b'Shvat practice to plant a fruit tree. This was also a practice at Temple Beth Hillel when I was a boy. Traditionally many diaspora Jewish communities use this holiday to buy trees in Israel to support the re-forestation of the land. Israel is one of the only countries in the world to enter the 21st Century with more trees than it had at the beginning of the 20th Century, thus fulfilling one of the visions of the early Zionist pioneers – to rebuild the Land of Israel.

Tu b'Shvat also marks the beginning of our spring holiday cycle. It comes exactly four weeks before Purim, the holiday of salvation and revelry, when the hidden is revealed like the first new shoots of plants that have been lying dormant in the earth during the cold winter and now show their bright green shoots. Four weeks after Purim we begin Pesach, hag ha herut, the holiday of liberation, and hag ha aviv, the holiday of Spring. By Pesach Spring has fully arrived as we read from Shir Ha Shirim, The Song of Songs, during the Shabbat of Pesach:

“For, lo, the winter is past,
 the rain is over and gone;
 the flowers appear on the earth;
 the time of the singing of birds is come,
 and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;

the fig tree puts forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.” (Song of Songs 2:11 – 13)

It may be cold and rainy now, but Tu b'Shvat reminds us it is time to begin thinking about warmth, rebirth, new life, the promise of Spring and the fullness of Summer. In the midst of the darkest days, redemption is hiding like a seed, waiting to sprout.

Rabbi Dean Kertesz

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from Our President

Here we are again in a New Year...resolutions still holding, already forgotten or given up on? Are the secular/calendar year resolutions easier or harder to stick with than our Days of Awe resolutions? I know that for me, both are challenging. The difference is who I make the compact with, if I am brave enough make one. The success of the 12 step recovery programs is based on revealing both to God and another person your failings and your goals.

I still find even the smallest resolutions difficult. I keep telling myself that I'll do the home bookkeeping monthly. Here it is, January. The pile of undone bank statements is a foot high and the Federal college aid form is due in a few weeks. Maybe next year...

How about these musings... Poor Barbara waiting and waiting... I monthly say I'll make the deadline, well, there's always next month.

We have several events coming up that I'm looking forward to; the first of course is the Purim Carnival then Passover and in June the Congregational Meeting. Let me thank you in advance for your help. Let me also invite you to catch Rabbi Dean's classes and Torah study as well, if you haven't yet. We always have fun whenever we get together.

Shalom,
Dana

LIBRARY WORK PARTY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12
1:30 – 4:00 PM

**LET'S GET SOME MORE BOOKS
ON THE SHELVES**

Everyone is welcome. No experience necessary.

If you can come, or if you can't come but are interested in helping in the future, contact Laura Taub.



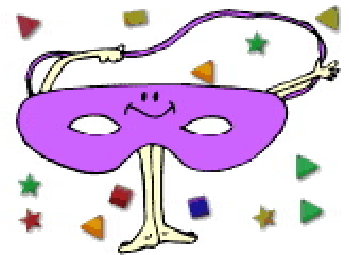
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ing lot.



PURIM CARNIVAL

Sunday, February 28, 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

The carnival is a great opportunity to bring the community together while raising funds for the Temple. We need everyone's help to make it a success.

Here is how you can help:

COME TO THE CARNIVAL

Connect with others in the congregation. Bring your kids. Eat. Schmooze. Play games and win prizes. Shop at the Bake Sale and Gift Shop. Enter to win exciting raffle prizes. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you. "Coming to the Purim Carnival was the best thing I ever did," said a newly involved member.

HELP RUN THE CARNIVAL

We need everyone's help to make this a great event. Sign up early to get your first choice: Help cook or serve lunch. Run the booths. Join others to help set-up or clean-up. Staff the Bake Sale tables.

BRING SOMETHING FOR THE BAKE SALE

Hamantaschen, cakes, cookies, cupcakes, brownies, or other goodies.

SELL RAFFLE TICKETS

We have many extra-special prizes for the raffle this year, and the more tickets you buy, the better your chances are to win. Sell as many raffle tickets (or books of tickets) as you can.

Let us know what you can do

Contact Laura Taub, 236-9215 or at LLtaub@earthlink.net



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The Cultural Cornucopia Basket *-Especially designed for those who love a night out on the town.*

Two to Four tickets to the following venues

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Aurora Theater
Motown Madness
California Shakespeare Festival
Freight and Salvage
Berkeley Repertory Theater

Divine Drinks, Marvelous Morsels and Tasty Tidbits

Basket

You can enjoy a bit of the good life every day with these treats.
Hagafen Cellars-a case of wine plus wine tasting and tour for 6
Peets Coffee: Gift certificate for 1lb. Of coffee
Alegio Gourmet Chocolates
Semifreddis: one loaf of bread a week for one year
Spun Sugar gift certificate

The Jewish Immersion Program Basket

For those who thought being Jewish was just bagels and lox.

Basket 1

Gift Certificate to Afikomen
Gift Certificate to Saul's Delicatessen
Gift Certificate to Grand Bakery
Gift Certificate to Holy Land Restaurant
Family Membership to The Contemporary Jewish Museum

Basket 2

10 passes to the Jewish Film Festival
2 tickets to any performance at the Jewish Music Festival
2 tickets to the Traveling Jewish Theater
NeshomaNetwork coffee table book Jews in Entertainment

Where's the Party?

For active fun loving kids of all ages
Playland Not At The Beach-6 passes
Albany Bowl-for 10
Oakland Ice Center-for 4
Bridges Rock Climbing Gym-for 10

Mind Body and Spirit Basket

Want to put those 2010 resolutions into practice? Here's a great way to step onto the path of inner harmony.
Acupressure Institute: gift certificate to classes (Tai Chi, Qi Gong, Yoga)
Hilltop YMCA 3 month family membership
Lehrhaus Judaica- one course
One hour nutrition consultation
One hour personal trainer consultation for adult
One month Zumba dance class for adult
One month fencing class for youth

Potpourri Basket

Especially for those who appreciate the beauty in life's randomness.
Hotel Mac Restaurant-2 for 1 voucher for any meal
NeshomaNetwork knitting basket of goodies
K2TOG knitting gift card
Bonus mystery surprises!



OUR COMMUNITY

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

January 13, 2010

Upcoming Events

- **URJ workshop**, Successful Synagogues During Troubled Economic Times. Sunday, February 14, 2-5 p.m. Congregation Beth El.
- **Purim Carnival**. Sunday, February 28.
- **Community Seder**. Tuesday, March 30.

Outreach and Community Events

- Rabbi Dean and others will be attending the **Jewish Community Federation of the Greater East Bay's event** Making Waves, Celebrating Jewish Life in the East Bay on January 31. Norm Goldwyn will send pictures for their slide show.
- **El Cerrito** is looking for help for its **Fourth of July celebration**. Norm Goldwyn will bring this up with our teens.

Events

- People had a good time at the **Dinner Dance**, which netted \$800-1,000.

Operations

- The Temple Beth Hillel school will be called **Beit Midrash Hillel**, where children and families can explore Jewish community connections and traditions
- A **fiscal task force** will be looking at ways to sustain the Temple in difficult financial times.
- A **marketing committee** will be studying ways to spread the word about the Temple.

Purim Carnival

- Betty Bleicher has secured numerous donations and is creating fabulous gift baskets valued up to \$800 as **raffle prizes**. The grand prize will be an iPod touch 32gb. Josh Genser will be getting the tickets printed.
- Sheri Tattenham will be in charge of publicity.

Buildings and Grounds

- Josh Genser will be following up on the possibility of applying for a Homeland Security grant for **security improvements**.

Social Action

- Rabbi Dean will be sending out an e-mail about the tragic **earthquake in Haiti**, with links to Jewish organizations accepting donations.
- A task force will be meeting to discuss how we can best **work with GRIP**. If anyone has ideas or suggestions, please contact Laura Taub.



OUR COMMUNITY

Yahrzeits

Y'hey zichro/zichrah varuch

Baz Garrett, Father of Jean Mason	2/1
David Needle, Beloved member of our Congregation	2/2
Marjorie Hudson, Mother of Nori Hudson	2/5
William Lipson, Father of Steve Lipson	2/5
Fay Bleicher, Mother of Betty Bleicher	2/6
Bessie Sweet, Mother of Pearl Wolffs	2/7
Benson Levine, Husband of Esther Levine	2/8
Allen Norris, Brother of Joe Nusbaum	
Uncle of Evelyn Hooker	2/8
Ira W. Leben, Father of Barbara Weidenfeld	2/9
Donald Tattenham, Husband of Sheri Tattenham	2/9
Burton Hugh Mandel, , Brother of a woman called Sam	2/10
Seymour Roberts, Husband of Lily Roberts Gerson	2/11
Benjamin Zenkel, , Father of Beverly Zell	2/11
Theodora Goldstein, Mother of Phyllis Sagle	2/14
Moe Nusbaum, Father of Joe Nusbaum,	
Grandfather of Evelyn Hooker	2/14
Meyer Levy, Uncle of Jean Mason	2/15
Milton Taub, Father of Laura Taub	2/15,
Kevin Dveirin, Beloved member of congregation	2/19
Max Guss, Brother in law of Joe Nusbaum	2/20
Lena Mittleman, Aunt of Sharon Mittleman	2/21
Isidore Morgan, Remembered by Irene Morgan	2/21
Sarah Svidovsky, Mother of Freda Hilsabeck	2/21
Geraldine Scheibner Hansen, Mother of Eric Hansen	2/22
Max Chernoff, Father of Joel Chernoff	2/22
Jacob Neiderbach, Father in Law of Janet Neiderbach	2/22
Anita Loughlin, ,Sister of Ellen Seskin	2/23
Rita Dubow, Mother of Sheri Tattenham	2/24
Harry Schmuckler, Grandfather of Helene Class	2/24
Howard Gerber, Father of Rosemary Gerber	2/26
Grace Lim, Very Dear Friend of Jim & Deborah Koenig	2/27
Aaron Linker, Father of Henry Linker	2/27
Aaron (Buck) Morgan, , Father in Law of Irene Morgan	2/27
Fern Rubinstein, Beloved member of our Congregation	2/27

Anniversaries

Holvis & Marcia Delgadillo	2/10
James & Deborah Koenig	2/16
Arnold & Shane Faerber	2/18
Nahum & Selma Goldberg	2/22
Frank & Louise Snitz	2/27

Birthdays

DR. Gordon Raskin	2/1	
Alice Chanowitz	2/2	
Pete Wilson	2/2	
Renee Powell	2/5	
Charles Teitelbaum	2/5	12th birthday
Larry Fox	2/7	
Nathan Hansen	2/10	21st birthday
Suzanne Nelson	2/10	
Phyllis Sagle	2/10	
Maggie Jacobs	2/11	
Aidan Meyer	2/16	19th birthday
Linda Rose	2/16	
Meg Freifeld	2/17	
Monica Eisenhardt	2/19	
Michael Chaim Fox	2/20	8th birthday
Hallie Friedman	2/20	
Paul Minsky	2/20	
Carol Katz	2/23	
Jeff Romm	2/26	

Tzedakah

*"If I am not for myself, who will be for me?
And if only for myself, what am I?
And if not now, when?"*

General Contributions

Bo Breda & Pete Wilson: in loving memory of Rose Breda
Bernie & Daisy Dulberg: in loving memory of Harry and Ruby Dulberg
Tracy Zell-Bennett

Religious School Enrichment

Judy Windrix & Bill Hartman: in honor of Tommy's Bar Mitzvah

Dues Relief

Irene Morgan: in memory of Samuel Gross, Della Menton, and Sam A. Manger
Linda Rose: in loving memory of Sarah Haberer
William Weiss: in loving memory of Alexander and Yetta Weiss
Pearl Wolffs: in loving memory of Sidney Highiet
Beverly Zell: in loving memory of Sy Zell and Clair Lieberman
James & Deborah Koenig.

Library

Sheri Tattenham

Tzedakah-Tikkun Olam

Roberta Alexander: in loving memory of Sybil Creper
Hallie Friedman & Kim Mack: in memory of Sara Katz
Hallie Friedman & Kim Mack: Towards the GRIP dinner program
Maggie Jacobs & Robert Woznicki: to support the GRIP dinner program
Jane Kaasa: GRIP Dinners in memory of Kurt Benjamin & Lester Swallowood
Frank & Louise Snitz: to help support the GRIP dinner program
Jay & Barbara Weidenfeld: in memory of Linda Jane Eidelberg
Jay & Barbara Weidenfeld: in memory of Rose Marcia Greenberg
Friederike Fearnery: to help support the GRIP dinner program

Religious School Enrichment

Jay & Barbara Weidenfeld: in honor of Julia Teitelbaum

Fred Berger Memorial

Audrey Berger

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Leila Blumenfeld: in loving memory of Frances Blumenfeld
Judy Windrix & Bill Hartman: in honor of Tommy's Bar Mitzvah

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Leila Blumenfeld: in loving memory of Frances Blumenfeld
Janet Neiderbach: in loving memory of Arnold Neiderbach
Judy Windrix & Bill Hartman: in honor of Tommy's Bar Mitzvah
Eric Zell & Wendy Siu: in loving memory of Clara Lieberman & Sy Zell

Choir/Music Fund

Dana Meyer & June Kamerling: in loving memory of Isaiah Meyer and Rudy Kamerling



Deep Reflections

By Roberta Alexander

Apparently my grandson changes girlfriends every week or two.

Because he is 5, and not 35, this is cute, and not a reflection of a character defect.

In fact, I had my first boyfriend in kindergarten. I remember two items of significance from this relationship:

- He didn't mind my telling him what to do because I wasn't "mean" about it like his older sister; and
- He asked me to marry him.

When I told my parents we were engaged, my mother said she thought it would be a good idea if we finished school first.

It was one of the few times in my life that I was able to accept her advice without hesitation.

As it turned out, the engagement was short-lived. The night I had supper at his house and met his father, I became disenchanted when I learned his father was balding. My knowledge of genetics being nonexistent, I assumed, like father, like son. I didn't want a bald husband.

Don't ask me where this came from. Although the men in my family had hair, my godfather, whom I adored, was bald.

I'm not sure I'm too crazy about the picture of me that emerges from this experience, since it seems I was both bossy and shallow.

Still, I was only 5. I could cut myself some slack.

Although, to be perfectly honest, it was not the last time someone thought I was either bossy or shallow.

I finally got a handle on the whole bossy thing when I realized how often women who had opinions got labeled. They were "bossy" or "bitchy" or "emasculating." Men had "opinions;" women were "opinionated." Silly me. I thought I was offering a comment on Topic X. I had no idea I was destroying Western civilization by threatening some guy's sense of superiority.

The "shallow" thing is a bit more complicated.

Nobody decides to be shallow, or deep, for that matter. You consider a matter for as long as seems appropriate; it is other people who label your contribution "shallow" or "deep."

I guess my first husband was "deep." When we were still in school, I was impressed by how knowledgeable he was in some esoteric areas and how thoroughly he liked to look into things. Later on, I realized that this depth was balanced by blank areas. For example, he couldn't fix anything, and he lacked some social skills. I was good with my hands and comfortable schmoozing. Did that make me shallow? I was also capable of doing research if something interested me.

Some years later, I got further insight into the issue. I had

gone to a music venue where there was a dance floor. My latest partner and I took a break after a bit and got something to drink. I do not remember the conversation, but I'm sure it had nothing to do with celebrities, makeup or current clothing styles. (The reason I'm sure is that I had no opinions on those subjects.)

After several minutes, he shook his head and said, "You're awfully shallow."

I burst out laughing. "Then I'm in the right profession," I said. "I'm a journalist."

He was disgruntled. I guess he wasn't used to having his insults met by laughter.

But I thought, professionally I need to know at least a little about a whole lot of things. I interviewed people from every conceivable background, and had learned how to have conversations, often interesting, with all of them. Maybe that did make me seem shallow.

And I began to wonder why "deep" was good and "shallow" was bad. If you need to cross a river, "shallow" would be good and "deep" would be bad. But on an intellectual level, "deep" means "smart" and "shallow" means—if not stupid—at least "not so smart."

While I've got plenty of insecurities, I've never worried about not being smart. I was always a good student and can hold my own in most discussions.

These days, I'm an eager participant in the adult education classes at the synagogue. As I described it to a friend, "It's two hours of recreational arguing. What's not to like?"

We read a little text and then talk about it. And examine it. And analyze it. And look for context. And learn how different sages have interpreted it. And then re-interpret it in light of the discussion.

At every session, other people have suggested things that never occurred to me. Are they "deep?" Who knows?

And who cares? It turns out my interpretations sometimes surprise others.

I have a literary background. So I see the text differently than someone with a legal background. Some attendees have been reading the texts since childhood; others came to them in adulthood.

No doubt my grandson, when he is old enough to study these texts, will have his own way of looking at them.

Our differences—in background, education, careers—give us different slants. The resulting diversity gives us depth and richness.

And I'm not bossy either. Got that?

From Midrasha in Berkeley

by Diane Bernbaum

Midrasha has a gift for you. Actually two gifts.

Gift Number One: On Sunday, March 7, at 10:30 a.m., at Congregation Beth El: Midrasha invites you to join us, free of charge, to see “Freedom Song” presented by Beit T’Shuvah in Los Angeles, the only addiction treatment program in the United States that integrates Jewish traditions and spirituality, a 12-Step program and traditional psychotherapy. “Freedom Song” is a musical play, but more than a play. Using contemporary music, Freedom Song juxtaposes personal stories of internal conflict and family dysfunction with the story of Passover. The play not only draws parallels between being a slave in Egypt and being a slave to your addiction, but forces audiences of all ages to take a look at themselves instead of pointing the finger at everyone else. It highlights the historic universality of the struggle to free oneself from external oppression and internal bondage. This original production was written by Stu Robinson, Cantor Rebekah Mirsky, and James Fuchs and produced by Craig Taubman, Rabbi Mark Borovitz, and Harriet Rossetto. Midrasha is inviting the entire community to share the morning with us.

The performance will be followed by a conversation between the cast members and the audience.

We would also like to invite you to join us for our annual “Midrasha Seudah” which will be held on Sunday, March 14, at 5 p.m. at Congregation Netivot Shalom. Our speaker is Frances Dinkelspiel, the author of *Towers of Gold: Isaias Hellman, Banking, and the Role Jews Played in the Development of California*. I recently read the book, learned a lot about the history of the early Jews who settled California and I can’t wait to hear her speak. But don’t just come for the speaker, come for the food and wine, which will be delicious, or for the jazz guitar in the background with Howard Barkan, or for the introductory remarks by alumna Rachel Finkelstein. There’s something for everyone. Tickets can be purchased from the Midrasha office, 843-4667. Please let us know by March 1 if you can be with us. And whether you can come or not, don’t forget to buy raffle tickets. You might win a year’s free Midrasha tuition, a weekend at Sea Ranch, a trip flying above the Bay in a two-seat plane, some really fine wine or even some baseball cards with Jewish players. Such a deal.

A message to the TBH community from Aviv Delgadillo:

I have an amazing opportunity this April to visit Israel and would like to ask for your support. I have been attending Tehiyah Day School for nearly nine years, and plan to graduate this June. This year will be the second time the school will be sending 8th graders to Israel, and I want this year to be the most memorable in school history.

In March, a month before our trip, we plan to do a 10k walk-a-thon called Passport to Israel. This walk-a-thon, our biggest fundraiser, hopes to raise at least \$15,000. We can only reach this lofty goal with your generous donations.

The two ways you can make your tax-deductible donations are either by:

1. Mailing a check to me at (see roster for address), made out to Tehiyah Day School; or
2. Donating online by going to my personal fundraising web page at www.active.com/donate/tehiyahtrips2010/adelgadillo, or <http://tinyurl.com/avivs-donations>.

I hope you can help make this trip smooth and memorable by donating!

Thank you, Aviv Delgadillo



WINTER RAINBOWS

Carol Katz November 30, 2009

1.
Only winter glows
Bright low sunbeams
Rooms filled with rainbows

Only winter flares
A billion busy seeds
Plants pop out everywhere

Only winter touts
Supple cala lillies
Gone is the drought.

Only winter repairs
Magnificent bay views
Now crystal clear.

Only winter's magical ways
Family and friends together
Homes filled with holidays

Only winter's quiet ease
Of sharing and giving
And gratitude and peace

2.
Only winter is prime
For planning and completing
With plenty of time.

Only winter's slow stride
Women knit thick scarfs
On cozy days inside.

Only winter affair
Skates and skis
Glide in cold air.

Only winter might
Energizes our beings
With restful days and nights.

Only winter revives
One year wraps up
Another one arrives

Only winter's wet rover
Golden hills turn emerald green
The school year is half over

3.

Only winter's spirited sleigh
Rides us into spring
We're on our way.

Save The Date

Movie Night @
Temple Beth Hillel

March 27, 2010
7 PM

Billy Wilder's One, Two,
Three
Comedy with James Cagney
and Horst Bucholtz

The East Bay International Jewish Film Festival February 20-26, 2010

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the theatre where the film is being
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Union of Reform Judaism
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Jewish Federation of the Greater East
Bay
<http://www.jfed.org/index.aspx?page=1>

February 2010

Shevat-Adar 5770

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 17 Shevat OFFICE CLOSED	2 18 Shevat Adult B'nai Mitzvah 7:30pm <i>Groundhog Day</i> Hebrew School OFFICE CLOSED	3 19 Shevat	4 20 Shevat	5 21 Shevat Shabbat Potluck Dinner 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Shabbat Family Service 7:30 PM - 8:45 PM	6 22 Shevat Rakkasah Rental 10am Torah Study
7 23 Shevat Adult Education 10:15am <i>Religious School</i>	8 24 Shevat OFFICE CLOSED	9 25 Shevat Hebrew School OFFICE CLOSED	10 26 Shevat Board Meeting Shofar Deadline	11 27 Shevat	12 28 Shevat <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>	13 29 Shevat 10am Torah Study
14 30 Shevat <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 1 Adar OFFICE CLOSED <i>President's Day</i>	16 2 Adar Adult B'nai Mitzvah 7:30pm Hebrew School? OFFICE CLOSED	17 3 Adar	18 4 Adar	19 5 Adar Shabbat Family Service 7:30 PM	20 6 Adar 10am Torah Study
21 7 Adar Adult Education 10:15am	22 8 Adar OFFICE CLOSED <i>Washington's Birthday</i>	23 9 Adar Hebrew School OFFICE CLOSED	24 10 Adar OFFICE CLOSED Souper Center	25 11 Adar Fast of Esther	26 12 Adar	27 13 Adar 10am Torah Study
28 14 Adar <i>Magillah Reading</i> Purim PURIM CARNIVAL 12:30-3PM <i>Religious School</i>						



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21 6 Nissan Adult Edu. 10:15am Religious School	22 7 Nissan OFFICE CLOSED	23 8 Nissan Hebrew School OFFICE CLOSED	24 9 Nissan OFFICE CLOSED Souper Center	25 10 Nissan	26 11 Nissan	27 12 Nissan 10am Torah Study
28 13 Nissan Model Seder Religious School	29 14 Nissan OFFICE CLOSED Pesach	30 15 Nissan Hebrew School OFFICE CLOSED Pesach Temple Second Night Seder	31 16 Nissan Pesach			



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TEMPLE BETH HILLEL PURIM RAFFLE

By now members have received Purim Carnival RAFFLE Tickets in the mail. Because there is no Silent Auction this year it is up to us to raise the funds that the Auction would have generated. The raffle is a major part of our fundraising effort for this year. Please make an effort to buy even more and sell them to your friends, family, neighbors, local businesses and co-workers.

RAFFLE PRIZES: There are 2 grand prizes: A 32 GB IPOD TOUCH and the WORLD CLASS INDULGENCE BASKET. There are also 6 more fabulous gift filled speciality baskets. See the complete list of prizes on Page 6

THESE GIFT BASKETS CONTAIN MANY OF THE GREAT ITEMS THAT YOU BID ON AT LAST YEAR'S SILENT AUCTION. IF YOU SPENT \$60, OR EVEN \$100, LAST YEAR ON AUCTION ITEMS, THEN, BUY 3 OR 5 BOOKS OF RAFFLE TICKETS THIS YEAR. WHO KNOWS, FOR THE SAME PRICE YOU MAY WIN AS MANY AS EIGHT WONDERFUL PRIZES WITH A VALUE OF UP TO \$1000 for each prize!

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