

HCRJ

DECEMBER 2018/JANUARY 2019

HOUSTON CONGREGATION FOR REFORM JUDAISM

Judging a Building by the Cover



A magnificent painting of a door to a home in Venice, Italy hangs on the wall of our kitchen. The door, which is painted blue, is the entryway to this Venetian home set atop a staircase that rises directly from a canal. The door is framed by shuttered windows which are adorned with bright fuchsia flowers.

Over the years, this painting has been the source of countless hours of musing while I eat, and as I gaze upon the blue door, my imagination soars. Who lives in this regal estate? Are the owners Jewish? Is this romantic entrance on the waterway the only access in and out of the home? What might it be like to live there?

While it may be impossible to actually know the answers to these questions based on the painting alone, there are many clues that may be gathered in a glance. For instance, the blue door might suggest that, at some point in time, the home was owned by Sephardic Jews (who often paint their doors blue to ward off the evil eye), but the fact that there is no mezuzah on the doorpost suggests that the current owners are not likely Jewish. The fact that each window is beautifully adorned with fuchsia flowers suggests that the owners have an affinity for natural beauty, and the fact that the outside of the home is meticulous in every way, suggests that the inside is likely magnificent as well.

My daily musings over this painting reminds me of the fact that we draw conclusions all the time from what we observe. It's simply part of human nature. Our assessments are often quite quick, and based on what we see in an instant, we can draw many conclusions regarding the places we go and the people we meet.

What conclusions do visitors draw from their first experiences at HCRJ? From our simple, modern building with understated beauty, people often say that, for years, they have driven by without noticing that our building was a synagogue. However, upon entering our facility, most people find it inviting, intimate, warm and *heimish* (a Yiddish term for a feeling found in a loving home).

For decades, HCRJ has prided itself in these qualities as we have long viewed people as our most valued assets. Central to our identity has been the idea that we are open to all who enter our house of worship, and central to our philosophy has been a mindset of inclusiveness.

After the tragedy which took place at Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, the ways in which we understand ourselves as a congregation is being challenged, and in response to our newfound sense of vulnerability, we are seeking ways to balance our values of warmth and openness with our need to bolster security.

Sadly, in this post-Pittsburgh reality, our values associated with first impressions need to be reconsidered. As Jews, our priorities concerning the beauty of our gathering places must now include concerns for safety. Where we once placed a premium on spaces designed to nurture a sense of community, we must now seek to erect barriers to maximize security. Where we once maintained policies which kept doors open to all, we must now erect barricades which greet strangers with suspicion.

This is the world in which we now live, and yet while we may seek to deter those who may glance at our building with eyes searching to do harm, we also need to be steadfast in our efforts to remain warm and welcoming. Our staff and our board are taking these challenges very seriously. We have been meeting with law enforcement and special security services to increase our preparedness and protection, and we are working on ways to ensure that the image we present to the outer world is one that deters all people with ill intent.

Like the painting on my kitchen wall, our edifice must also tell a story. As a picture is worth a thousand words, we hope our building can tell evil doers to stay away, while we continue to welcome all who wish to share in the sacred, beauty offered within our walls.

December Calendar

1	9:30AM	Tacos and Torah
2	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM	Religious School Family Breakfast Parent Education Series Guac and Talk (11th & 12th graders) First Night of Chanukah
3	10:00 AM	Senior Chai Yoga
5	10:00 AM 1:00 PM	Senior Chai Mah Jongg Senior Chai Watercolor Class
7	6:00 PM 6:15 PM 7:15 PM	Tot Shabbat Family Dinner Family Shabbat (Chanukah Shabbat)
8	9:00 AM	Social Action Project: Barbara Bush Literacy Foundation
9	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 2:00 PM	Religious School Torah Tots Film Screening
10	10:00 AM	Senior Chai Yoga
11	11:30 AM	Knitzvah Group
12	10:00 AM 10:30 AM 1:00 PM	Senior Chai Mah Jongg Interest Group Senior Chai Watercolor Class
14	7:15 PM	Shabbat Services
16	9:00 AM	Mitzvah Day
17	10:00 AM	Senior Chai Yoga
19	10:00 AM 1:00 PM	Senior Chai Mah Jongg Senior Chai Watercolor Class
21	7:15 PM	Shabbat Services
23		No Religious School
24	2:00 PM	Jewish/Muslim Xmas Program
25	10:45 AM	Christmas at Turning Point Center
28	7:15 PM	Shabbat Services
30		No Religious School

January Calendar

2	10:00 AM	Senior Chai Mah Jongg
4	6:00 PM 6:15 PM 7:15 PM	Tot Shabbat Family Dinner Family Shabbat
6	11:00 AM	No Religious School Boomers and Friends Brunch
7	10:00 AM	Senior Chai Yoga
8	11:30 AM 7:00 PM	Knitzvah Group Board Meeting
9	10:00 AM 1:00 PM	Senior Chai Mah Jongg Senior Chai Pencil Drawing Class
11	7:15 PM	Shabbat Services
13	9:00 AM	Family Breakfast
14	10:00 AM	Senior Chai Yoga
16	10:00 AM 1:00 PM	Senior Chai Mah Jongg Senior Chai Pencil Drawing Class
18	7:15 PM	Shabbat Services (Gospel Shabbat)
19	9:00 AM	Social Action Project: Houston Arbor Day
20	9:30 AM	Religious School
21	10:00 AM	Senior Chai Yoga
23	10:00 AM 1:00 PM	Senior Chai Mah Jongg Senior Chai Pencil Drawing Class
24	11:30 AM	Knitzvah Group
25	7:15 PM	Shabbat Services Winter Conclave at HCRJ (Jan 25-27)
27	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Religious School Torah Tots
28	10:00 AM	Senior Chai Yoga
30	10:00 AM 1:00 PM	Senior Chai Mah Jongg Senior Chai Pencil Drawing Class

Family Shabbat

Family Shabbat:
December 7 and January 4

Tot Shabbat: 6:00PM
Dinner: 6:15PM
Family Services: 7:15PM



December Menu: Brisket, latkes, veggie, mac-n-cheese and chicken nuggets

For Our Tots: Tot Shabbat Services on December 7 & January 4 at 6:00PM. Join us for Shabbat fun.

Mitzvah Day 2018 December 16 from 9:00AM-12:30PM



Your Hands Can Make a Difference
See insert for details

SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, February 17



Jewish Federation
OF GREATER HOUSTON
YOM LIMMUD 2019

The Federation's annual day of Jewish learning
Hosted at: Congregation Beth Yeshurun

FOR ALL AGES



Temple Office Closed for the Holidays

The temple office will close beginning December 24 and will reopen January 2.

No Religious School for the Holidays

There will be no Religious School classes held on December 23, 30 or January 6. Classes will resume January 13.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In appreciation of HCRJ streaming services

From **Julie Oudin**

In honor of the wedding of Paola De Ezkuariatza and Ari Susman

From **Pat and Buddy Susman**

In memory of Esther E. Markoss and Fran Hauver

From **Gary and Mike Nathanson**

In memory of Martha Ainsworth

From **Mel and Nancy Gross**

Torah Tots

In memory of Martha Williams Ainsworth

From **Gary and Mike Nathanson**

Prayer Book Fund

From **Gloria Herman**

General Operating Fund

From **Ted and Maria Johnson**

Senior Chai Program

From **Fran Podell**

Sponsored Oneg

From **Ted and Maria Johnson**

In honor of Allan's birthday

From **Miriam and Allan Graber**

In honor of their 62nd wedding anniversary

From **Jean and Mort Fefer**



July 31—August 11, 2019

HCRJ Shabbat: August 9, 2019

Ages: 16-17 Year Olds

(High School Juniors)

Cost: \$1,000 (Scholarships Available)

This unique interfaith program will allow us to explore how Judaism, Christianity, and Islam inform how we serve the earth and one another. The first half of the program will be held at the fabulous facilities of Camp Allen (<http://campallen.org>) in the piney woods of Texas where students will first come together to learn, serve and experience unique outdoor recreation including ropes course, horseback riding, swimming and more. Our program will then shift to exciting downtown Houston, where students will visit and interact with various faith communities, and serve those in need. The beautiful and historic Christ Church Cathedral (<http://www.christchurchcathedral.org>) will serve as our home base while in Houston. To apply, please go to www.jerusalempeacebuilders.org and look for the Youth Summer Institutes General Program Application under Program Forms.

Welcome New Members

Victoria and Alex Lazar
Michael and Daniela Mills

Sabbath Oneg Sponsorships

A wonderful mitzvah opportunity awaits you!

Celebrate a life cycle event or honor a loved one by sponsoring a Friday Night Oneg (Sabbath reception), a Family Sabbath Dinner or a Religious School Breakfast. These events represent just some of the ways our community gathers in fellowship, and your sponsorship enables us to frame these occasions with additional beauty and joy.

If you wish to sponsor a meal or a Sabbath reception, please contact the temple at least two weeks prior to the event. Thank you for your ongoing support of HCRJ.

- ☐ Sabbath Oneg —\$100.00
- ☐ Religious School Breakfast—\$100.00
- ☐ Family Shabbat Dinner —\$150.00
- ☐ Contribution to Arrangements Fund

December/January Oneg Sponsorships

December 7: Open to sponsor

December 14: Open to sponsor

December 21: Open to sponsor

December 28: Open to sponsor

January 4: Open to sponsor

January 11: Open to sponsor

January 18: Sponsored by the Touchet family in honor of Abraham Touchet's Bar Mitzvah

January 25: Open to sponsor

Sponsorship donations can be made online at www.hcrj.org/donations or by calling the temple office at 713-782-4162.

Brag and Boast



Mazel Tov to Joshua Sweetland, son of Caren and Robert Sweetland, who will become a Bar Mitzvah on December 15, 2018.



Mazel Tov to Abraham Touchet, son of Jennifer and Samuel Touchet, who will become a Bar Mitzvah on January 19, 2019.

Joshua Sweetland's Mitzvah Project

For my mitzvah project, I am collecting gently used gloves, catcher's mitts, bats, balls or other baseball and softball equipment for an organization called "Pitch in for Baseball." Baseball is something that brings me joy and I want to share my joy with other, less fortunate kids. "Pitch in for Baseball" collects and donates new and used baseball and softball equipment to underprivileged kids around the world so they can participate in sports. You can read more about this great organization on their website: <http://piib.org/> If you have any of these items and would like to contribute, please bring them to HCRJ and I will collect them through December 2018.

Thank you for your support!
Joshua Sweetland

got shabbat?

Chanukah Shabbat—December 7

Tot Shabbat 6:00PM

Family Dinner 6:15PM

Family Services 7:15PM

Join us for our congregational observance of Chanukah on this sixth night of our Festival of Lights. Following services, potato latkes and apple sauce will be the highlight of the evening at our latke oneg.

Gospel Shabbat/Tu B'Shevat

January 18 at 7:15PM

Join us for a special Gospel Sabbath in January. In honor and memory of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., our Sabbath music will be sung by a Gospel choir. This Shabbat will also serve as our Tu B'Shevat celebration with a special oneg comprised of fruits, nuts and other goodies.

Annual HCRJ Chanukah Store



Our Chanukah Store is open and will remain open through December 7 (while supplies last). Get your candles, wrapping paper, Chanukah decorations, menorahs, gifts and more. Proceeds benefit the Religious School. Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Fran Brochstein at fran@hcrj.org if you are able to assist.

December 2 at Religious School



Chanukah Religious School Program

Sunday, December 2 is a morning not to be missed! An all school Chanukah celebration will take place in 8 different spaces for our students. Our Ozers will lead 8 creative ways for making this holiday oh so bright! Parents of 1st-6th grade... While your child is boosting their Chanukah spirit, you will be part of a meet & greet along with our first parent-ed talk lead by Riana Sherman (see details below). Families will rejoin at 11:30 for a latke snack.

PARENTING
SPEAKER SERIES

December 2, 10:00AM to 12:00PM

Meet and Greet for parents followed by a discussion about the importance of Jewish camp in the lives of our children. More details to come. RSVP to Fran at fran@hcrj.org.

Guac & Talk with Rabbi Gross

A Special Program for 11th & 12th Graders
December 2, 12:00 – 1:00PM

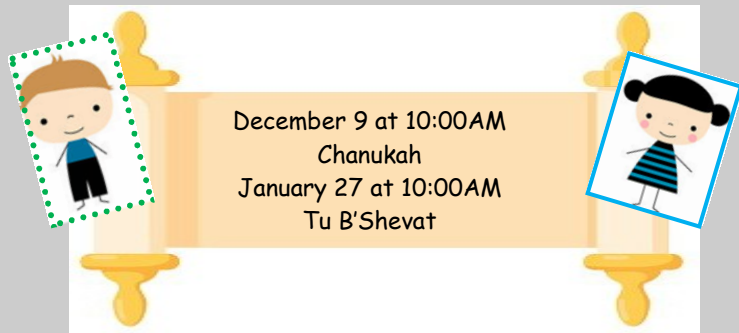
Join Rabbi Gross for chips, salsa, guacamole and queso. During this brief hour together 11th and 12th graders are invited to have conversations about hot topics of global and personal concern, issues which may challenge our Jewish values and college. This is the first of three meetings.



Torah Tots

Have a tot 18 months - 4 years old?

Parents and tots are invited to join in to learn about the Jewish holidays through stories, songs, movement, crafts, community and so much more! This monthly program is open to the community and



RSVP to Fran Brochstein at fran@hcrj.org

There is no cost to attend.



Saturday, December 1
9:30am-10:30am

Do you like breakfast tacos? Do you want to learn more about the weekly Torah portion? Then, join us for Tacos and Torah as Rabbi Gross leads us in a lively discussion on the weekly portion! Sign up with Justin at 713-782-4162 or admin@hcrj.org.

The 9th Annual Jewish / Muslim Christmas

Monday, December 24, 2:00 to 4:00PM at HCRJ

Jews and Muslims have a lot in common, and each year on Christmas Eve day, we celebrate these similarities with our annual Jewish / Muslim Christmas. This year our time together is more important than ever before. This year's theme is "unifying hearts in a divided world". In a world that uses pervasive stereotypes and narratives to divide us, we will discuss ways to develop a united voice and shared mission.



Christmas Lunch at Turning Point Center

Tuesday, December 25, 10:45AM — 12:00PM



It has become an HCRJ tradition to serve a Christmas lunch and sing Christmas songs to the residents of the Turning Point Center shelter. We need volunteers, so if your family is able to lend a hand, please join us in fulfilling this beautiful mitzvah on Christmas Day. Please RSVP to admin@hcrj.org so we can plan accordingly, or call the office at 713-782-4162. This has become a very special day for us and for the residents at the Turning Point Center. We hope you can join us!

Social Action Projects

Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation

Saturday, December 8, 9:00AM-12:00PM



Join us for our December social action project with the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation! The Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation is an organization created by the Bush family to improve the quality of lives through the power of literacy. The Foundation advocates for literacy as a fundamental right for everyone and views literacy as a necessary skill to achieve individual, family, and community success. It is founded on the belief held by former First Lady Barbara Bush: "If you help a person to read, then their opportunities in life will be endless."

We'll be volunteering at the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation My Home Library's Big Awesome Book Sort! My Home Library allows students to choose six free, brand new books to build their very own home libraries. Our duties will include sorting books and bagging and boxing them for each student. This project location is at Region 4 Education Service Center, 7200 Northwest 100 Drive, Houston, TX 77092. This is a project for all ages. Contact Justin to sign up at 713-782-4162 or admin@hcrj.org.

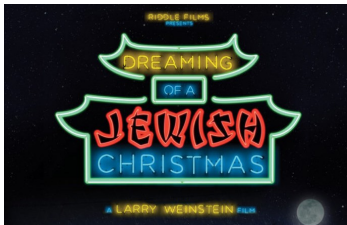
33rd Annual City of Houston Arbor Day Celebration

Saturday, January 19, Time TBD

Celebrate Houston's 33rd Annual Arbor Day with HCRJ! We'll meet at Memorial Park for an official ceremony and tree planting event. To sign up, contact Justin at 713-782-4162 or admin@hcrj.org.

Film Screening: Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas

Sunday, December 9, 2:00PM



Join us for our December film screening at HCRJ! *Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas* is an offbeat, irreverent musical documentary that tells the story of a group of Jewish songwriters, including Irving Berlin, Mel Tormé, Jay

Livingston, Ray Evans, Gloria Shayne Baker and Johnny Marks, who wrote the soundtrack to Christianity's most musical holiday. It's an amazing tale of immigrant outsiders who became irreplaceable players in pop culture's mainstream – a generation of songwriters who found in Christmas the perfect holiday in which to imagine a better world, and for at least one day a year, make us believe.

Refreshments will be provided. RSVP to Justin at 713-782-4162 or admin@hcrj.org.

Interest Group Presentation:

Miss Ima Hogg – The Great Texan & Collector

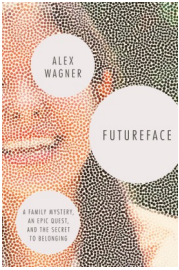
Wednesday, December 12, 10:30am



extraordinary gift of Bayou Bend to the Houston Museum of Fine Arts.

Come to our Interest Group on Wednesday, December 12 for the presentation, "Miss Ima Hogg: The Great Texan and Collector"! A Bayou Bend docent will join us to present about Miss Hogg's family, her early life and her parents' influence on her and her brothers about public service. As the Hogg's wealth increased, so did their philanthropy and the collecting that led to Miss Hogg's

Come early for bagels & coffee and bring a friend. Please RSVP to Justin at 713-782-4162 or admin@hcrj.org.



Book Discussion: *Futureface: A Family Mystery, an Epic Quest, and the Secret to Belonging*
Sunday, January 20 at 10:30AM

Join us for our first book discussion of 2019 on Sunday, January 20 at 10:30am at HCRJ! We'll discuss the book, *Futureface: A Family Mystery, an Epic Quest, and the Secret to Belonging*, by Alex Wagner, a noted TV news anchor and host of the former Alex Wagner Show on MSNBC. Wagner's new book focuses on her personal quest investigating the family stories she grew up with by doing genealogical research and DNA testing, with a goal of learning who she is and where her family came from.

Stefani Elkort Twyford will lead our discussion. She will talk about the book as well as discuss her own journey over the past 10 years doing DNA testing and exploring her family's genealogy that resulted in an eventual trip to the "old country" this past summer. She will give some pointers on how you can get started now in exploring your own family legacy.

Stefani is the current President of the Greater Houston Jewish Genealogical Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to collecting, preserving and disseminating genealogical information, techniques and research tools among individuals who are interested in Jewish Genealogy and family history. Stefani is the president and founder of Legacy Multimedia, a company she started over 16 years ago designing, developing and implementing award-winning video biographies and tribute videos. Her mission is to help families, individuals, companies and organizations chronicle history, share life stories, connect generations and preserve their legacies in timeless, high-quality multimedia presentations.

Futureface can be purchased on Amazon. Refreshments will be provided. Sign up for this book discussion with Justin at 713-782-4162 or admin@hcrj.org.



The Senior Chai program is dedicated to enriching the lives of those 60 and above. Your input is valuable to us in shaping a calendar of events that meet your interests, so please send any programming ideas to hcrj@hcrj.org. This program is underwritten by the Barg and Shelby families in memory of David & Mozelle Barg and Robert & Esther Shelby. Please RSVP for all Senior Chai programs to Melissa Wolfson at hcrj@hcrj.org.

Watercolor Class

Wednesdays, November 7—December 19 (no class November 21)

1:00PM to 3:00PM, no cost to attend

Artist Noelle Shawa will start teaching another series of our Watercolor class on Wednesday, November 7. This 6-week class is suitable for those who have never painted before and for those who have some experience.

Yoga Class

Mondays, 10:00AM to 11:15AM, No cost to attend

Taught by Suzy Shapiro, a certified yoga instructor, this class will focus on strength and stamina, balance and flexibility, and a new sense of well-being.

Mah Jongg

Wednesdays, 10:00AM to 12:00PM, No cost to attend

Join us for a weekly game of mah jongg! Coffee and light snacks are served. Instruction provided on request.

RSVP for all programs to hcrj@hcrj.org.

Marriage & Merlot

Wednesdays in February we will begin a special program for engaged and recently married couples. With wine and cheese setting the tone for the program, Rabbi Gross and his wife, Beckye, will facilitate a series of discussions designed to help couples explore issues of intimacy, communication and finances in a safe and non-threatening environment.



The size of this program will be limited to ten couples, so if you are interested in participating, please contact Melissa Wolfson at hcrj@hcrj.org.

**Inner Light in The Darkness
Day-Long
Jewish Mindfulness Retreat**

**Sunday, December 9th
9:00am-5:00pm @ 4525 Beechnut**

**Led by Rabbi Ariel
Shoklapper**

**Tickets: \$72
Kosher lunch provided
\$10 discount for sponsor shul members
Scholarship available**



**קהילת בית ישורון
CONGREGATION
BETH YESHURUN**



**OR AMI
Light of My People**

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BIRTHDAYS

12/1 Sherry Davis
12/4 Darrell Rosenthal
12/4 Patricia Will
12/5 Lisa Cashion
12/5 Scott Bernstein
12/6 Jeannie Mandell
12/9 Mary Silberman
12/9 Ron Fisher
12/12 Melanie Cremins
12/14 Ken Kantor
12/16 Julie Herman
12/16 Hank Lam
12/17 Alan Schnur
12/17 James Jones
12/17 Nicole Goldin
12/17 Rene' Zamore
12/17 Michelle Leben
12/18 Robert Smith
12/19 Teri Goldfield
12/20 Randall Anhalt
12/20 Bruce Spain
12/21 Miriam Graber
12/21 Katharine Newman
12/21 Adriana Bain
12/21 Steven Wolfson
12/22 Brad Sondock
12/23 Linda Debrovner
12/23 Dave Koenig
12/25 Rochelle Sinderbrand
12/25 Katherine Buck
12/27 Marilyn Fireman
12/27 Richard Gaudette
12/27 Kitty Kahn
12/27 Michael Lore
12/27 David Lipshutz
12/28 Stacy Gonzalez
12/28 Linda Gross
12/28 Michael Appel
12/29 Stephanie Rosen
12/29 Efisio Farris
12/29 Jim Farrell
12/29 Andrea Steel
12/30 Marc Levinson
12/31 Megan Bladen-Blinkoff
1/2 Chad Shaw
1/2 Mitchell Rosen
1/3 Carol Appelbaum
1/4 William Podorzer
1/5 Barbara Markman
1/6 Sarah Mushlin
1/7 Joshua Tabin
1/8 Karen Frumovitz
1/9 Matthew Tenny
1/10 David Bain
1/13 Gary Dante
1/14 Sheila Loewenstern
1/15 June Diamond
1/16 Ruth Schlanger
1/16 Ian Baron
1/17 Lois Biro
1/19 Erin Slosburg
1/19 Barbara Hurwitz
1/20 Rachelle Goldman
1/20 David Frankfort
1/20 Ginger Greenberg

BIRTHDAYS

1/22 Lee Brinker
1/22 Mark Brinker
1/22 Andrea Joseph
1/23 Herbert Silberman
1/24 Abbe Forman
1/26 Candy Novak
1/27 Luisa Dossi
1/28 Lauren Salomon
1/28 Lauren Salomon
1/28 Anne Graubart
1/29 Randy Czarlinsky
1/29 Sybil Roos
1/29 Melissa Hudson
1/31 Ron Bernosky

KIDS' BIRTHDAYS

12/3 Noa Shaw
12/4 Riley Paul
12/8 Eric Jakubov
12/8 Analia Salomon
12/9 Joshua Sucec
12/10 Michael Bell
12/10 Julian Meyer
12/10 Anna Siegel
12/11 Alexander Sweetland
12/12 Ann Lerner
12/12 Philip Slosburg
12/12 Mariajose Perez
12/16 Zachary Danek
12/17 Matthew McGuire
12/17 Logan Eagle
12/18 Jared Gonzales
12/21 David Helfand
12/25 Andrew Gomel
12/26 David Czarlinsky
12/27 Benjamin Bain
12/28 Lauren Gross
12/29 Molly Cashion
1/1 Margot Rosenthal
1/2 Drake Goldman
1/4 Amanda Rosenfield
1/7 Julia Jameson
1/9 Brooke Wolfson
1/9 Evie Sline
1/10 Jacqueline Touchet
1/10 Brett Leben
1/10 Caroline McElroy
1/11 Eli Bernosky
1/15 Shayna Brochstein
1/15 Samuel Wise
1/16 Matteo Frankfort
1/19 Jordan Kassab
1/19 Jonathan Sweetland
1/21 Juliet Dow
1/21 Audrey Reed
1/21 Nathaniel Dow
1/21 Sophia Reed
1/24 Joshua Kassab
1/24 Nathan Touchet
1/29 Allison Bernstein
1/29 Sterling Grunewald
1/29 Allison Bernstein
1/30 Daisy Serebrin
1/31 Gabriella Rosenwasser

ANNIVERSARIES

12/11 Don & Sue Sue Aron
12/17 Jerry & Fran Lowe
12/18 Brent & Gayle Speer
12/22 Melvyn Douglass & Jeanette McBee
12/24 Barry & Marge Okin
12/28 Paul & Frances Feinberg
12/29 Barry & Kay Russ
12/30 Christopher & Rachelle Goldman
12/31 Drew & Laura Horn
1/1 Herb & Judy Fred
1/2 Warren & Mitzie Krams
1/3 David & Cindy Lipshutz
1/5 Dan & Doylene Markman
1/7 Gary & or Michael Nathanson
1/8 Ron & Missy Bernosky
1/11 Jeff & Rita Williams
1/12 Wayne Dorris & Jacqueline Hecht
1/17 Dennis Sucec & Debra Hurwitz
1/20 Gary & Cathy Dante
1/23 Seth & Galya Nichamoff
1/23 John & Suzanne Landa
1/24 Allan & Marlene Zoloto
1/29 Gary & Eileen Muslin

YARZEITS

12/1 Betty Calderon
12/1 Conner Anhalt
12/2 Goldene Blinkoff
12/2 Robert Lozner
12/3 Bertha Miller
12/3 Michael Paul
12/4 Joseph Heffler
12/5 Louis Caplan
12/5 Sarah Chaikind
12/6 Dorothy Green
12/6 Henry Roos
12/7 Joseph Liebling
12/7 Albert Lichtenstein
12/8 Harvey Rosen
12/9 Rose Ginsburg
12/10 Adrian Levy, Jr.
12/11 Lou Warshaw
12/11 Drew Michaels
12/11 Sandra Cameron
12/11 Michelle Maloney
12/11 Lorraine Bellet
12/11 Adele Ross
12/11 Sandra Cameron
12/12 Elba Madebach
12/12 Flora Katz
12/13 Jerry Motley
12/13 Rose Miller
12/13 Gus Herrman
12/13 Lisa Blackmur
12/13 Nancy G. Pines
12/13 Betty Farrell
12/13 Florence Flesh
12/13 Carolyn Schmulen
12/14 Efim Golodryga
12/15 Larry Weller
12/17 Brian Danek
12/17 David Samson
12/17 Harriet Weinerman

YARZEITS

12/17 Cynthia Borden
12/17 C. David Samson
12/18 Charles Friedenthal
12/19 Andrew White
12/21 Mamie Smith
12/22 Chuck Selber
12/23 Ann Rayford
12/23 Calvin Levinson
12/24 Edith Schacter
12/24 Harry Ginsburg
12/24 Marion Baron
12/24 Eugene More
12/24 Marian Baron
12/24 Alden Cohen
12/26 Louis Seigle
12/27 Ethel Carton
12/27 Robert Lawch
12/28 Rachel Pollack
12/29 Isadore Fred
12/30 Philip Silberman
12/31 Irwin Weinstein
12/31 Dorothy Innerarity
1/1 Bernard Goldfield
1/2 Paul Wilensky
1/3 Beatrice Levy
1/3 Max Sapsowitz
1/4 Barbara Bortugno
1/4 Myron Appel
1/5 Ralph Naden
1/5 Roberta Samsky
1/6 Dora Salomon
1/6 William Hurwitz
1/6 John Landa
1/7 Bess Silverman
1/7 Dorothy Pollack
1/7 Harry Gross
1/9 Alvin Ross
1/10 Raymond Schepps
1/12 Morris Lait
1/13 Irving Appelbaum
1/13 Margaret Veta
1/15 John Biro
1/15 Sheldon Kaufman
1/15 Joseph Fireman
1/17 Joel Zaritzky
1/19 Gertrude Greenfeld
1/20 Fannie Roth
1/21 Paul Brochstein
1/22 Morris Lewis
1/23 Frank Bearden
1/24 Shel Mitelman
1/24 Tobe Berman
1/25 Sarah Nathanson
1/25 Ben Shaw
1/25 Jerome Schwartz
1/26 Ernest Weil
1/29 Maurice Blinkoff
1/29 Mildred Munson
1/29 Armand Roos
1/30 Sheila Newar
1/30 Robyn Retsky
1/31 John Scattiglio
1/31 Edna Bennett
1/31 Shirley Strauss

You are invited to join HCRJ
 for our monthly



December 7 and January 4
 Dinner 6:15 pm
 Sabbath Services 7:15 pm

\$5.00 per person

Please feel free to bring a side dish to show off your culinary talents.

**December Family
 Shabbat Menu**

Brisket, latkes, veggies,
 chicken nuggets and
 mac-n-cheese.



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