

# HCRJ

FEBRUARY 2019

## HOUSTON CONGREGATION FOR REFORM JUDAISM



### A Driving Range for the Philanthropist

A number of years ago, a congregant who was frustrated with dues, handed me a check for \$86.00 and told me that he was covered for the year. "Covered for what?" I asked. He explained that he only attended synagogue a few times a year and that the check should cover the amount his presence consumed in terms of running the temple's utilities and maintenance.

This incident was one of the strangest dues related interactions I have ever had, as this individual's sense of congregational support was extremely ill-conceived. That said, the exchange does, indeed, reflect a strange tension between the concept of being part of a congregational family and a "pay to pray" mentality that many in the Jewish community have come to resent.

Congregations, like so many other institutions for cultural and communal gatherings, have many sources for support. Some of this support comes in the form of annual dues and project-specific pledges. Other ways to support a synagogue is through sponsorships and underwriting. Still others choose to support congregational efforts by volunteering. Each kind of support is valued, and each is essential to the health and mission of the institution.

Our Second Annual HCRJ Golf Tournament is part of a much broader effort to generate a culture of giving. While golf is the current means for cultivating support, the tournament itself must be seen in light of a much greater mission. We are trying to develop a culture of philanthropy whereby each of our members considers himself/herself to be personally invested and emotionally tied to the future of the congregation.

One does not need to play golf or bingo or mahjong to be a supporter or a volunteer. One does not need to be in attendance at the next gala or fundraiser, to feel connected. One does not need to be a donor or an underwriter to feel appreciated and valued. While all of these are absolutely essential to our financial bottom line, they are only part of the philanthropic mindset.

We want everyone in our community to feel connected and committed to a shared congregational mission. Through our innovative programs, services, events and more, our goal is to reframe every effort we make as one that is rooted in a culture of giving in which personal resources, finances, time and energy are all welcome and extremely appreciated – and where everything we do, everything we give and everything we develop is entrenched in a desire to build a congregational culture of goodness, graciousness and gratitude.

Our hope is that, over time, attitudes, like the one mentioned at the beginning of this article, will no longer exist and, as we grow as a community, a culture of collective responsibility will become a driving force for our future.

### HCRJ Annual Fundraiser Donations

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would like to make a donation in the amount of: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would like to be a sponsor (details on sponsorship levels can be found at [www.hcrj.org/hcrjopen/sponsor](http://www.hcrj.org/hcrjopen/sponsor))



Payments can be made at [www.hcrj.org/hcrjopen](http://www.hcrj.org/hcrjopen).  
You may also send a check made payable to HCRJ to 801 Bering Drive, Houston, TX 77057.

**To sign up to play, please visit [www.hcrj.org/hcrjopen](http://www.hcrj.org/hcrjopen)**

## February Calendar

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| 1  | 6:00 PM  | Tot Shabbat                                      |
|    | 6:15 PM  | Family Dinner                                    |
|    | 7:15 PM  | Family Shabbat                                   |
| 3  | 9:00 AM  | Religious School Family Breakfast                |
| 4  | 10:00 AM | Senior Chai Yoga                                 |
| 6  | 10:00 AM | Senior Chai Mah Jongg                            |
|    | 1:00PM   | Senior Chai Pencil Drawing Class                 |
| 8  | 7:15 PM  | Shabbat Services (AJC Shabbat Around the World)  |
| 9  | 10:30 AM | Sage Goldman's Bat Mitzvah                       |
|    | 8:00 PM  | Boomers and Friends: <i>Tuesdays with Morrie</i> |
| 10 | 9:30 AM  | Religious School                                 |
|    | 2:00 PM  | <i>Prison Dogs</i> Film                          |
| 11 | 10:00 AM | Senior Chai Yoga                                 |
| 12 | 7:00 PM  | Board Meeting                                    |
| 13 | 10:00 AM | Senior Chai Mah Jongg                            |
|    | 1:00 PM  | Senior Chai Pencil Drawing Class                 |
| 15 | 7:15 PM  | Shabbat Services                                 |
| 16 | 8:00 AM  | Food Bank Social Action Project                  |
|    | 10:30 AM | Reid Sline's Bar Mitzvah                         |
| 17 |          | NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL                              |
|    | 9:00 AM  | Yom Limmud at Beth Yeshurun                      |
| 18 | 10:00 AM | Senior Chai Yoga                                 |
| 19 | 11:30 AM | Knitzvah Group                                   |
| 20 | 10:00 AM | Senior Chai Mah Jongg                            |
| 22 | 7:15 PM  | Shabbat Services                                 |
| 24 | 9:30 AM  | Religious School                                 |
| 25 | 10:00 AM | Senior Chai Yoga                                 |
| 26 | 10:00 AM | Senior Chai Brewery Tour                         |
| 27 | 10:00 AM | Senior Chai Mah Jongg                            |

## Family Shabbat

### Family Shabbat: February 1

Tot Shabbat: 6:00PM

Dinner: 6:15PM

Family Services: 7:15PM



**Menu:** Smoked brisket, chicken, red beans, dirty rice, salad, mac-n-cheese and nuggets

### The Bark Mitzvah is Back

Sunday, March 24

11:30AM to 1:30PM

Join us for an afternoon for your dogs with a Bark Mitzvah blessing, pet vendors, food trucks, music and more. In celebration of Purim, we encourage all dogs to come in costume!



## 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



### Save The Date:

**3rd Annual Mah Jong Game Day**  
**Sunday, April 28, 1:30-4:30pm**

### Knitzvah Mitzvahs : 2009-2019

The Knitzvah group has been meeting for almost 10 years. The following is a list of some of their contributions to the needs of the community.

- Caps for premies
- Helmet liners for soldiers
- Hats and scarfs for children and adults
- Baby afghans
- Lap Robes for Nursing Home residents
- Scarfs for Special Olympics participants
- Scarfs for "Foster Care for Success" students
- Lap Robes made with 8" knitted or crocheted squares
- Hats for needy children – some as far away as California
- Baby Lovie blankets for children who have suffered abuse, a program sponsored by the Thread Alliance
- Nests for baby bird rescues

We have knitters and crocheters and people who are learning. Some help finish projects by sewing squares together or just providing moral support. We would love to have you join us. We will be meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 11:30 am in the Naman Social Hall. Our next meeting is February 19<sup>th</sup>.



## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

### Honors and Memorials Fund

In memory of Reuben Schneider  
From **Robert and Anita Eigler**  
In honor of Joel and Sheryl Androphy  
From **Dolph Simon**  
In memory of Rose Miller  
From **Julia Miller**  
In memory of Gus Herrman  
From **Julia Miller**  
In memory of Morris Lewis, Jr.  
From **Julia Miller**  
In honor of Miriam Graber's 80th Birthday  
From **Jennis Kauffman**  
From **Irv and Barbara Black Levine**  
In memory of Dr. Herb Fred  
From **Dr. Stafford Cohen**  
From **Michael Levine**  
From **Kenneth and Loretta Toppell**  
In memory of Betty Sapsowitz  
From **Nancy & Alan Shelby and Family**  
In honor of a speedy recovery for Richard Rosenberg  
From **Fran and Ben Podell**

### Mitzvah Day

From Barbara Bennett

### Religious School

In memory of Elba N. Madebach  
From **Mike and Gary Nathanson**  
In memory of Annette Hrkel  
From **Julie and Paul Herman**

### Music Fund

From **Sheldon and Joan Camenson**

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Philip Reuben Schneider  
From **Sandy Lusky**  
In honor of the baby naming of Meghan Ivy Lehman  
From **Tracy and Paul Lehman**  
In memory of Michelle Maloney  
From **Paula Marks and Family**  
In honor of Bruce Shelby  
From **Virginia Key Hughes**  
In memory of Dr. Herb Fred  
From **Judy Fred**  
From **Janis Frank**  
From **Stuart and Debbie Goldman**  
In memory of Betty Sapsowitz  
From **Eddie and Trina Schukar**

### General Operating

From **Ricky and Steve Mikelman**  
From **Ted and Maria Johnson**  
In honor of Amy and Peter Shaper  
From **The Marix Family**  
In honor of Rabbi Gross and Justin Deutsch  
From **Norman Miller**

### Arrangements Fund

In memory of Dr. Herb Fred  
From **Michael and Amy Lawch**

### Good Works Fund

In memory of Ana Lugo  
From **Theresa Velez**

## Welcome New Members

Marilee Steiner

### **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

### February Oneg Sponsorships

**February 1:** Open to Sponsor

**February 8:** Sponsored by the Goldman Family in honor of Sage Goldman's Bat Mitzvah

**February 15:** Sponsored by the Sline Family in honor of Reid Sline's Bar Mitzvah

**February 22:** Open to Sponsor

Sponsorship donations can be made online  
at [www.hcrj.org/donations](http://www.hcrj.org/donations) or by calling  
the temple office at 713-782-4162.

## Brag and Boast



**Mazal Tov to Lee and Lisa Herman** on the marriage of their daughter, Helen to David Murphey. Helen is also the granddaughter of Gloria Herman.



**Mazal Tov to Marvin and Ann Lerner** on the birth of their granddaughter, Aviana. Aviana is the daughter of Brandt and Ilyssa.



**Mazal Tov to Kay and Fred Zeidman** on the birth of their grandson, Yariv Zeidman. Yariv is the son of Jay and Anat Zeidman.



**Mazal Tov to Justin Williams** who was honored at the Scout Court on January 20, 2019.



**Mazal Tov to Sage Goldman**, daughter of Rachelle and Chris Goldman and granddaughter of Kay and Barry Russ, who will become a Bat Mitzvah on February 9, 2019.



**Mazal Tov to Reid Sline**, son of Deanna Sline, who will become a Bar Mitzvah on February 16, 2019.

### Our heartfelt condolences...

On the death of Annette Hrkel, mother of Ken Cohen and his wife, Sheryl, and grandmother of Kaleigh, Reagan, Reid and Pierce, who passed away December 17.

On the death of Charles David Reed, brother of Howard Fireman and his wife, Marilyn, who passed away on December 25.

On the death of Norma Leah Morgenstern, mother of Ray and his wife, Jill, and grandmother of Helen and Lielle Morgenstern and Cassie and Jared Gonzales, who passed away on December 29.

On the death of Dr. Herb Fred, husband of Judy, father of Stuart, Michael and Nancy and stepfather of Daniel, Lisa, Stefani and Gregory, who passed away December 30.

On the death of Betty Sapsowitz, mother of Laura Shelby and her husband, Bruce, and grandmother of Riley and Jaron who passed away January 10.

On the death of Jo Ruth Kaplan who passed away January 18.

**May the memory of our beloved ones always remain a blessing to those who were graced by their presence.**



### Reid Sline's Mitzvah Project

For my Mitzvah project, I am collecting pet items to give to the non-profit rescue organization PugHearts of Houston. I hope you will be generous

enough to give bowls, harnesses, leashes, food, toys, crates, bath towels, or other pet items in the box I am putting in HCRJ. Alternatively, you could go to Pughearts.com and either donate money or adopt an adorable little puggers of your own. I wouldn't blame you if you did. Thank you in advance, Reid Sline





## **AJC Shabbat Around The World**

**Friday, February 8, 7:15pm**

Join HCRJ and AJC in attending Shabbat with Consuls General of France and Italy.



For more than 70 years, AJC Houston has enjoyed cultivating relationships with local diplomatic corps, and on this Shabbat, we look forward to sharing some of these relationships with you. These diplomats will share how their countries are combating anti-Semitism in Europe, strengthening ties with Israel, and how their Houston-based citizens are connecting with the Jewish community. This unique experience will also showcase the vibrancy of the Jewish community to our international partners.

Both Consuls General will speak at services and cover topics such as European anti-Semitism, migrant issues, and Europe's relations with the West.



Alexis ANDRES took up his post as Consul General of France in Houston on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. He holds a M.A. in History and graduated from the Institut d'Etudes politiques in Strasbourg, France and also studied in St Louis at the University of

Missouri. He joined the Ministère des Affaires étrangères after receiving his degree from the Ecole nationale d'Administration in 2001. Alexis ANDRES held positions at the Ambassade de France in Hanoi, in Berlin and most recently in Algiers, where he served as counselor for cultural affairs. He also spent time in Lorraine, as sous-prefet for the district of Luneville. Born in 1972 in Epinal in the Vosges area, Alexis ANDRES is married to Emmanuelle and they have 6 children.



Counselor Federico Ciattaglia graduated from the University of Rome "La Sapienza" in 1999 with a degree in Political Sciences. Federico Ciattaglia joined the Italian Foreign Service in 2002. His first assignment was at the European Integration Department. From January 2006 to July 2010 he served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Italy in Doha (Qatar). In July 2010 he was assigned at the Consulate General of Italy in Barcelona (Spain) as Consul. From April 2013 to January 2015 served as Consul General of Italy in Benghazi (Libya). In February 2015 he returned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation as Deputy Chief of the Central Visa Department. From July 2015 he served at the European Union Department first as Acting chief and (on May 2016) as Chief of the Department responsible for Justice and Home Affairs as well as the migratory flows towards the Union. From October 15th, 2018 Federico Ciattaglia was appointed Consul General of Italy in Houston. He is fluent in English, Spanish and French.

## **BOOMERS and friends**

**Saturday, February 9 at 8:00PM**  
**Tuesdays with Morrie**  
**A.D. Players George Theater**

*The truth is, once you learn how to die, you learn how to live.* With little time on his hands, sports journalist Mitch Albom makes an obligatory visit to a college professor, Morrie Schwartz, now dying from ALS. This impromptu meeting changes everything. One lunch becomes weekly interviews together in a race against the clock. Based on real life events and the *New York Times* best-selling book, *Tuesdays with Morrie* allows us to discover what living truly looks like. Tickets are \$28 per person and can be purchased at <https://hcrj.org/event/boomersattuesdays>.

## **Film Screening: Prison Dogs**

Sunday, February 10 at 2:00PM



Houston Congregation for Reform Judaism is excited to be partnering with the ReelAbilities: Houston Film & Arts Festival again in 2019! We will be screening the ReelAbilities film, *Prison Dogs*, at HCRJ in advance of the festival on Sunday, February 10 at 2pm.

*Prison Dogs* focuses on the impact of a unique dog training program that gives two of the most marginalized populations in our society — prison inmates and veterans suffering with PTSD — a second chance. The film captures in detail how the powerful relationship between humans and animals can restore the lives of those deemed impossible to save. Lives are saved both behind bars and at home for those newly returned from the battlefield. It is a story of hope, one that not only posits that people can change, but illustrates a very real way in which it can be done.

Refreshments will be provided at the screening. Sign up with Justin at 713-782-4162 or [admin@hcrj.org](mailto:admin@hcrj.org).

Produced by the Jewish Family Service Alexander Institute for Inclusion in collaboration with the Houston's Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, the ReelAbilities Houston Film & Arts Festival takes place from February 12-21. It is a free city

**ReelAbilities** HOUSTON  
FILM FESTIVAL

## **Social Action Project**

**Saturday, February 16, 8:00AM to 12:00PM**

**535 Portwall Street**



Join our social action group as we return to the Houston Food Bank to volunteer! The Houston Food Bank provides 79 million nutritious meals to food pantries, soup kitchens, senior centers and other agencies, feeding 800,000 people each year. Our responsibilities will include inspecting, sorting and repackaging donated food items for community distribution. This is a project appropriate for all ages! To join us, please contact Justin at 713-782-4162 or [admin@hcrj.org](mailto:admin@hcrj.org).



*HCRJ volunteering at the Houston Food Bank on Saturday, January 6, 2018.*

## **Senior Chai** Living Life over 60

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](mailto: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](mailto:hcrj@hcrj.org).



### **Purim Lunch and Learn**

**March 12, 12:15PM to 1:45PM**

The YMCA and HCRJ's Senior Chai program will once again be joining together for a hands-on learning experience. Come learn about the Jewish holiday of Purim from Rabbi Gross and then make hamantaschen, a jelly filled cookie traditionally eaten on Purim. This program is designed to engage guests of all faiths. Open to the community and no cost to attend.



### **St. Arnold's Brewery Tour and Tasting**

**February 26, \$20 per person, 10:15AM to 1:30PM**

Looking for a fun way to spend a couple of hours on Tuesday, February 26? Join us for a tour of St. Arnold's brewery and a beer & cheese tasting. We will meet at HCRJ and after a light breakfast will take a bus to the brewery. The tour lasts approximately half an hour, closed toe shoes are required for the tour and there will be some stairs.

Following the tour, Houston Dairy Maids will lead us through a beer and cheese pairing. Additional beer can be purchased at your own expense. To register, visit [www.hcrj.org/events/brewerytour](http://www.hcrj.org/events/brewerytour)

### **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.

### **Interest Group: "How to Sell your Chachkas"**

**Wednesday, February 6 at 10:30am**

Ever considered selling on ebay? Craigslist? Nextdoor? Amazon? Garage sale? Offerup? But you don't know how to start? Ron Zaguli will share his secrets with us on how to sell your things SAFELY on these sites. Learn how to tell if it's worth selling or whether you should just donate it. Come early for bagels and coffee and bring a friend. Sign up with Justin at 713-782-4162 or [admin@hcrj.org](mailto:admin@hcrj.org).

**RSVP for all programs to [hcrj@hcrj.org](mailto:hcrj@hcrj.org)**

### **NEW PROGRAM: HCRJ is Starting a Group for Men 60+**

A significant volume of recent literature has made us aware that close friendships often contribute to a happier more fulfilling life. We've also learned that developing a social network comes naturally to most women...for men, successful social networking is more challenging. This is especially true for retirees. As such, HCRJ is forming a group for guys sixty and older. Many men have found that such groups become a place that meet their intellectual and emotional needs. HCRJ is extending an invitation to men ages 60+ to join us in forming our group. The hope is to create an environment where men freely express themselves and close friendships are formed. As in Vegas, our credo will be "what's said in the men's group stays in the men's group"! HCRJ will provide refreshments and lunch. We are working on setting the first meeting date, but if you are interested in attending, please contact Melissa Wolfson at [hcrj@hcrj.org](mailto:hcrj@hcrj.org)



## Welcome our New Director of Lifelong Learning: Mike Mason

This year, the HCRJ Religious School has been blessed as Fran C. Brochstein served as our Interim Director of Education. Our entire congregation is extremely grateful to Fran for the work she has done with our teachers, students and parents. Her time with us has been instrumental in helping us envision a new and exciting direction in our approach to Jewish learning and has enabled us to find a spectacular soul to direct it.

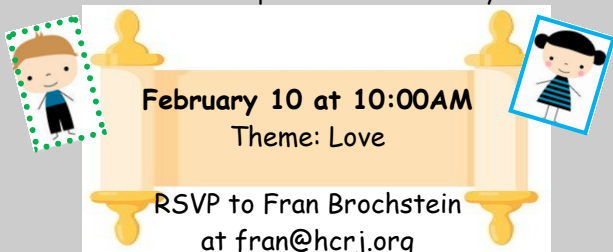
HCRJ is excited to welcome Mike Mason as our new Director of Lifelong Learning. Mike comes to HCRJ with nearly 15 years of experience in Jewish education. He has an MSW from the University of Southern California and a M.A. in Jewish Communal Service from Hebrew Union College. For the past 8 years, he has been the Director of Youth Education at Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos Hills, California (a large, cutting-edge Reform congregation in the heart of Silicon Valley). Mike is an extraordinary educator, a multi-talented musician, a prolific podcaster and a super-fun soul to be around.

We are so thankful to have Mike as the newest member of the HCRJ professional staff, and he is looking forward to getting to know everyone in our congregational family. Mike is married to Rabbi Erin Ellis Mason, Chief Program Officer at the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center, and they have 3 children Zachary, Eliza and Aviva. We are looking forward to getting to know all of them.

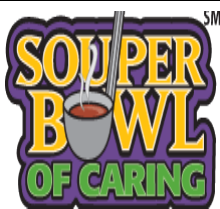
Over the coming months, as we prepare to expand our educational programming, Mike and Fran will be working together to ensure a smooth transition. Although Fran's role will be changing, she will still remain present and active within the HCRJ community, our Religious School and our B'nai Mitzvah Program. Please join us as we extend a big thank you to Fran and a warm welcome to Mike!

## **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 free and open to the community.



Rabbi Gross and HCRJ's littlest ones at Havdallah in Pajamas.



## **Souper Bowl of Caring**

Souper Bowl of Caring is a national movement of congregations, schools, community organizations and compassionate individuals caring for others on Super Bowl weekend. Souper Bowl of Caring equips and mobilizes youth to positively impact their communities by collecting money or food on or near Super Bowl weekend. 100% of the collections are donated directly to the charity of each group's choice.

We are collecting change at Family Shabbat on Friday, February 1 and Religious School Family Breakfast on Sunday, February 3 to be donated to the Souper Bowl of Caring. Join us to help those who are less fortunate.



## **Escape the Room: Calling all 8th and 10th Graders**

Join us Sunday, March 3 from 11:00-1:00PM as we try to survive the human world in outer space! Our spaceship was hijacked on the way to Mars with life preserving crystals that the humans need to survive. Work together to prevent the team from being jettisoned into outer space with no ways of rescue and, even worse, the colony on Mars will perish!

Pizza and snacks will be provided if you make it out alive! RSVP to Michelle Renfrow at [hcrjyouth@hcrj.org](mailto:hcrjyouth@hcrj.org) if you plan to stay for lunch.



## BIRTHDAYS

2/2 Robert Kaminsky  
2/2 Jonathan Siegel  
2/2 Theodore Helfgott  
2/2 Charlotte Gomel  
2/3 Lharissa Jacobs  
2/9 Andrew Edison  
2/12 Kenny Friedman  
2/12 Amber York  
2/12 Sue Sue Aron  
2/12 Bradley Frank  
2/14 Dolph Simon  
2/14 Lane Kalmin  
2/14 Richard Braverman  
2/15 Rick Silverman  
2/16 Dionna Levin  
2/16 Joslyn Fisher  
2/16 Jessica Rosen  
2/16 Dennis Sucec  
2/17 Laura Sheinkopf  
2/20 Stephen Breslauer  
2/21 Jennifer Touchet  
2/22 Julie Levin  
2/25 Roberta Tucker  
2/25 Michael Siegel  
2/26 Morton Fefer  
2/26 Jaime Perkins  
2/26 Ione Moran  
2/26 Christy Tran  
2/28 Missy Bernosky  
2/28 Eric Marglous

## KIDS' BIRTHDAYS

2/2 Blythe Mogil  
2/4 Renee Shohet  
2/5 Rachael Marglous  
2/6 Alec Wigderson  
2/8 Austin Wilson  
2/8 Brett Gonzalez  
2/8 Reid Gross  
2/9 Richard Kabin  
2/9 Talya Hammerman  
2/9 Logan Wolfson  
2/10 Adalaide Eagle  
2/11 Abraham Touchet  
2/13 Maci Wilson  
2/14 Aiden Gross  
2/15 Jamie Anhalt  
2/17 Bryce Goldstein  
2/18 Michael Kabin  
2/21 Adeline Braverman  
2/21 Alexandra Pye  
2/22 Jonathan Frumovitz  
2/27 Jonah Meyer  
2/28 Celine Alvarez  
2/28 Isabel Kariel

## YARZEITS

2/1 Pearl Plotkin  
2/3 Walter Mathis  
2/4 Julie Rosen  
2/4 Bernard Rachlin  
2/4 Helen Schwartz  
2/6 Simon Sartorius  
2/7 Bertha Mayerhofer  
2/8 Simon Utay  
2/8 Harry Green  
2/11 Edith Karkowski  
2/11 Morris Lewis  
2/11 David Kassab  
2/11 Herman Schlanger  
2/12 Mildred Marks  
2/13 Esther Shelby  
2/13 Isabelle Podorzer  
2/13 Esther Shelby  
2/14 Herbert Robins  
2/15 David Roos  
2/15 Alred Rubin  
2/15 Max Silverman  
2/15 Jennie Hurwitz  
2/16 Ann Mills  
2/17 Sarah Butkin

## YARZEITS

2/17 Alma Fleckman  
2/17 Herman Fleishman  
2/19 Larry Aron  
2/20 Bertha Brochstein  
2/20 Beatrice Zeidman  
2/20 Herbert Alpert  
2/21 Carl Naden  
2/21 Harold Mason  
2/21 Mary Ann Tartakov  
2/22 Hyman Schwartz  
2/22 Esther Polunsky  
2/22 Yetta Melcer  
2/24 Shirley Kessler  
2/25 Alfred Lester  
2/25 Robert Rubin  
2/26 Hannah Frank  
2/26 Ben Schreiber  
2/26 Audrey Lawch  
2/27 Nona Marks  
2/27 Adolph Katz  
2/28 Annie Kessler  
2/28 Clara May Mace  
2/28 Don Painter

## ANNIVERSARIES

2/2 Robert & Janis Frank  
2/8 Leonard & Eleanor Chaikind  
2/9 Jack & Barbara Markman  
2/12 Mike & Amy Lawch  
2/14 Philipp & Jessica Meyer  
2/14 Stacy & Diane Crumley  
2/14 Walter & Sandra Rosen  
2/19 David & Stephanie Wise  
2/19 Dolph Simon & E.B. Berry  
2/22 Jason & Erica Frankel  
2/24 Gary & Linnea Kob  
2/26 Mel & Nancy Gross  
2/28 Rick & Georgiann Silverman



### **Memorial Plaques and Bricks**

Remember your loved ones with a plaque on the Memorial Wall or purchase a brick for the patio. Memorial Wall plaques can be purchased for \$500 and patio bricks for \$250.

To purchase a plaque or brick visit  
**[www.hcrj.org/memorialplaques](http://www.hcrj.org/memorialplaques)**

You are invited to join HCRJ  
 for our monthly



February 1, 2019  
 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.

### February Family Shabbat Menu

Smoked Brisket, chicken, dirty rice, red  
 beans, salad, mac n cheese and chicken  
 nuggets

**Steven M. Gross**, Senior Rabbi  
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**Adam Weinstein**, President

**Michael P. LeBurkien**, Rabbi Emeritus  
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