



HAMAKOR המקור

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Farewell 2022 2023 Here we come!

Check out all the wonderful things UH has in store for the new year.



Shabbat Schedule

In-Person, Zoom, Livestream and Facebook

January 2023

Friday, January 6
14 Tevet 5783

Vayechi

6:30 p.m. - Shabbat Evening Service
Children & Adult Birthday Blessings
7:30 p.m. - Dessert Oneg

Saturday, January 7

9:00 a.m. - Torah Study
10:30 a.m. - Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, January 13
21 Tevet 5783

Shemot

6:30 p.m. - MLK Shabbat

Saturday, January 14

9:00 a.m. - Torah Study
10:30 a.m. - Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, January 20
28 Tevet 5783

Vaera

5:30 p.m. - Tot Shabbat
5:45 p.m. - Shabbat Nosh
6:30 p.m. - Shabbat Evening Service
Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, January 21

9:00 a.m. - Torah Study
10:30 a.m. - Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, January 27
6 Shevat 5783

Bo

6:30 p.m. - Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, January 28

9:00 a.m. - Torah Study
10:30 a.m. - Shabbat Morning Service

B'Mitzvah of Nova Berger

Child of Stacy and Eric Berger

February 2023

Friday, February 3
13 Shevat 5783

Beshalach

6:30 p.m. - Shabbat Evening Service
Children & Adult Birthday Blessings
7:30 p.m. - Dessert Oneg

Saturday, February 4

9:00 a.m. - Torah Study
10:30 a.m. - Family Shabbat Service

Friday, February 10
20 Shevat 5783

Yitro

6:30 p.m. - Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, February 11

9:00 a.m. - Torah Study
10:30 a.m. - Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, February 17
27 Shevat 5783

Mishpatim

5:30 p.m. - Tot Shabbat
5:45 p.m. - Shabbat Nosh
6:30 p.m. - Shabbat Evening Service
Anniversary Blessings

Saturday, February 18

9:00 a.m. - Torah Study
10:30 a.m. - Shabbat Morning Service

Friday, February 24
4 Adar

Terumah

6:30 p.m. - Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, February 25

9:00 a.m. - Torah Study
10:30 a.m. - Shabbat Morning Service

Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah



Nova Berger
January 28, 2023
10:30 a.m.



MLK Shabbat


JANUARY 13 @ 6:30 P.M.

Join us for UH's annual Dr. Martin Luther King remembrance and celebration service. Special guest speaker will be St. Louis County Police Officer Micah Shelton. Officer Shelton will speak on his personal perspective as an African American police officer in our community today while touching on the Ferguson events as a law enforcement officer. Officer Shelton will also offer his perspective on the Birmingham riots and Dr. King's post riot perspectives. Officer Shelton is currently one of the recruiters for prospective St. Louis County Law Enforcement candidates and will be available after the service to answer questions about careers in law enforcement.

SHABBAT ALIVE!

with UH Artist-in-Residence Rick Recht

Friday, March 3 @ 6:30 PM





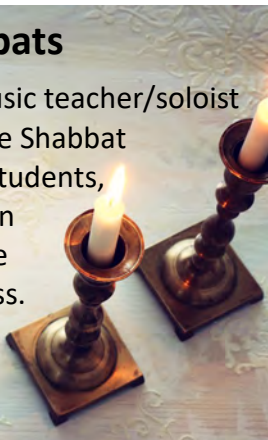
January & February Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JANUARY 1	2 UH Offices and School Closed	3 1PM Crochet/Knit Group	4	5 10:30AM Adult Hebrew 11:30AM AGA 1:30PM Book Club	6 6:30PM Shabbat Service 7:30 PM Dessert Oneg	7 9AM Torah Study 10:30AM Shabbat Service
8 4:30PM UH Upper Class	9 2:30PM Chair Exercise—in person	10 1PM Crochet/Knit Group	11 7:30 PM Whiskey & Wisdom	12 10:30AM Adult Hebrew 11:30AM AGA	13 6:30PM MLK Shabbat Service	14 9AM Torah Study 10:30AM Shabbat Service
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22 9AM RS K-5 11:30AM RS 6-10	23 2:30PM Chair Exercise 7PM Focus Israel	24 1PM Crochet/Knit Group 7PM Kolot Yisrael: A Conversation about Israel	25 6PM Intergenerational Game Night	26 10:30AM Adult Hebrew 11:30AM AGA	27 6:30PM Shabbat Service	28 9AM Torah Study 10:30AM Shabbat Service B'Mitzvah of Nova Berger
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Family Shabbats

Together with our clergy and music teacher/soloist Greta Rosenstock, we'll celebrate Shabbat "camp style." Our hope is that students, especially, will help participate in our service. The February Service will be led by UH's 6th grade class.

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.
February 4 and April 1



3rd Friday of the Month
5:30 p.m.
Spielberg Chapel

This short service (30 minutes) is just right for our little ones ages zero to six. Come for the service and stay for the Shabbat nosh afterwards.

January 20
February 17

March 17
April 21

May 19



Clergy Message



Rabbi David Reinhart

While the Jewish new year, Rosh Hashanah, was 4+ months ago, we are lucky to have another chance to start fresh with the secular New Year and celebrate all the possibilities it brings. For, marking time throughout the year is an important way to give added significance to our lives. Birthdays, holidays, lifecycle events, simchas,

Shabbat!, and, of course, the new year are all opportunities to uplift our spirits, imbue meaning in the moment, and reaffirm our values, individual and communal. This is a main impetus for people to make New Year's resolutions. While we can resolve to do things – eat healthier, exercise more, get organized, be kinder to our siblings, learn a new hobby, etc. – at any point in the year, these things feel more important, more appropriate, and more meaningful at this time of year, as we mark a new beginning.

Four months ago, at Rosh Hashanah (well, really at Yom Kippur), in the spirit of the Jewish new year, I asked everyone to raise their hand and say “*Hineini* – I am here,” and, since then, many of you have answered that call. Sukkot and Simchat Torah, Chanukah Shabbat and Mascots and Menorahs were joyous opportunities to celebrate together! It has been wonderful seeing you at lifecycle events, from baby namings to b’nai mitzvahs, and even at funerals, when the support of community is so essential. Our small group initiative, Creative Connections, is up and running, and new groups are being created (like the recent start of a Photography Group, welcoming people of all camera orientations, from phone to film and DSLR). Our book club, classes, Stitch ‘N a Prayer group all continue to be opportunities to gather at United Hebrew. UH’s first Intergenerational Board Game Night was endless fun; Whiskey and Wisdom (on Wednesdays, the second of each month) already has a strong following; DIY Holidays has created festive crafts and community; and our first two Voices of UH: A Conversation with the Clergy were wonderful successes. This is all in addition to the regular activities of our Saul Spielberg Early Childhood Center, our religious school, the UH Ducks and Upper Class, and, of course, our weekly Shabbat services and Torah study. These and more are the moments we have said “*Hineinu* – we are here,” and I have so appreciated getting to know you all through them.

As we enter 2023, I once again want to remind us of this value: the power of saying “*Hineini* – I am here.” As I said at Yom Kippur:

By raising our hand and saying, “*Hineini* – I am here,” we count ourselves in, each of us, as individuals. Reluctantly, joyously, out of habit, out of desperation, whether we’re lost or whether we’re home, in that moment, we recognize that we are not alone. For, *hineini* is a response. Something or someone calls us to relationship, to belonging. And, by saying, “*Hineini*,” by being present, we affirm connection.

Moreover, in doing so, we not only count ourselves in, but we count, and we are counted on. Relationships, meaningful relationships, require this mutuality. Those around us hear our affirmation, our response to their call, as we hear theirs. *Hineini* becomes both call and response, and, thus, our reciprocal “*hineini*”s, as they reverberate throughout shared space, meld together into a resounding “*Hineinu* – WE are here.” We become part of something larger than ourselves, greater and with more creative potential – a moment, an experience, a partnership, a team, a community.

In my six months at United Hebrew, I have seen and felt how true this is in our community, and I cannot express the importance of this value enough. In a world where division is increasing and isolation is becoming more common, we need community and relationship more than ever. So, again, I ask, I invite you, to raise your hand and say “*Hineini* – I am here.” Let’s find a way to connect.

Now, in January, I hope we might all include this in our New Year’s resolutions, to keep saying “*Hineini*.” Coming up we have Tu B’shvat, Purim, and Passover, all with their unique celebrations and multiple opportunities for engagement. Reach out to participate in one of our Creative Connections groups or even start your own! Join Rabbi Rosenberg for DIY Holidays. Join Cantor Eichaker for the Amateurs of the Great Assembly. Join me for Whiskey and Wisdom and the Intergenerational Board Game Nights (next one is January 25th). Join all three of us for Voices of UH: A Conversation with the Clergy. And, once again, of course, join us to celebrate Shabbat! There are so many ways for us to engage, connect, and further strengthen our community. So, let’s say “*Hineinu* – We Are Here!”

Happy New Year!



President's Message

Remarks from Annual Meeting 12/18/22



Sheryl Bauer

As 2022 comes to a close, I want to update you on some of our key activities during this past year.

We began the year with the unveiling of our new logo. Thanks to an Onboard Grant, the Branding Committee engaged with Novella, an outside marketing company,

to design a modern logo that also highlights our rich history. Thank you to Cori Neidenberg for leading this effort.

Also, early in the year, our Rabbinic Search Committee was very active as we went through the process of identifying a successor for Rabbi Bellows, who moved to a new congregation in June. We could not be more delighted that Rabbi Reinhart joined our clergy team in July. His energy, creativity and passion for our membership make him a perfect match for United Hebrew. Thank you to Naomi Barasch and Paul Kravitz for co-chairing this committee, and to Rabbi Reinhart for choosing UH.

In April, we honored Rabbi Rosenberg for 10 years as Senior Rabbi at UH and Rabbi Kaplansky for 50 years in the rabbinate and it was a fun filled weekend with a special celebration at Meadowbrook Country Club. Thank you to Marcy & Rick Cornfeld and Leslie & Barry Yoffie for co-chairing this wonderful event, and to Rabbi Kaplansky and Rabbi Rosenberg for your continued service to UH.

In July, we were excited to welcome back the Shabbat nosh and reintroduce the dessert oneg. If you have not already, please join us for the oneg after the service on the first Shabbat of each month, while the nosh occurs before the service on the third Shabbat of each month. Please consider sponsoring one of these events in honor of a special birthday, anniversary, loved one, or just do it for your fellow congregants. Thank you to Elayne Grossberg and the Kitchen Crew for coordinating the food, setup and cleanup.

Preschool and Religious School began the fall with some new curriculum, updated classrooms and renovated teachers' lounge. Our staff is dedicated to the wellbeing and education of our younger members. Thank you to Lauren Lourie, Lee Rosenberg, Laura Wildman and Angie Klenke for your dedication and leadership in our schools.

In October, we shared that Cantor Eichaker will be retiring in August 2024, after 25 years of dedication to UH and spiritual leadership through his music and many lessons. Cantor Eichaker enriches all of us in so many ways, from the seniors down to the preschoolers, and he is eager to share his vast knowledge on so many subjects. He is a tough act to follow, so we are starting early and a Cantorial Search Committee has been formed. Thank you to Simcha Lourie and Rob Levinson for co-chairing this committee. We look forward to honoring Cantor Eichaker in 2024.

November was the culmination of several months of rewriting our UH By-laws, which were 30 years old. Thank you to Naomi Barasch for leading this challenging project, and thank you to our leaders and staff who contributed to this effort.

Besides these events that I highlighted, our focus for 2022 was on our six year strategic plan that was created in 2021 by our long range planning committee. The plan focuses on three major categories, which are (1) Revenues & Expenses, (2) Membership Retention and Engagement and (3) Building & Facility.

Revenues & Expenses

- We introduced a new structure for the Scroll of Honor to incorporate many of the events and donation opportunities at UH. This new structure was well received by our congregants, and increased our revenue by more than \$65,000.
- The Development Committee, chaired by Lexie Goldsmith, launched a campaign to increase participation in the Legacy Circle. In addition, Avi Mazzeo was added to the UH staff as a part time development administrator.
- After extensive research, our Investment Committee, led by Mike Ferman, recommended a move of our endowment accounts from Alpine Investments to Raymond James. This has proven to be a good move, especially during this volatile year.
- Our bookkeeper, Beverly Boucher, along with Cori Neidenberg, Alyssa Banford, Elayne Grossberg and Esther Olson, and Treasurer, Rob Ormont, have worked hard to simplify our accounting structure, automate our membership records, coordinate expenditures with each department and communicate with congregants.
- In August, the St. Louis AJC staff became full time tenants at UH, and are renting some unused office space. In addition, we have seen an increase in kiddush luncheons and room rentals by outside groups.
- As you may know, we are hoping to sell 11 acres of our cemetery. We have an interested buyer, but are in a holding pattern on this sale due to requirements from U. City and necessary rezoning which have stalled the sale.

Membership Retention & Engagement

- To better serve the needs of our congregants, Sari Levy was added to our staff as Membership Engagement Manager. Through the efforts of Sari and Cori, we established Creative Connections, which are small interest groups. To date, five groups are active and more will be formed as congregants come forward with suggestions and participants.
- Three focus groups, facilitated by Lindsay Melnick and Paul Kravitz, were held in early 2022, to gain feedback from congregants of various age demographics. This information is being used for program planning as well as the Creative Connections groups.
- The Membership Engagement Committee, chaired by Judy Babitz with sub-committees chaired by Judy Berger, Shirley Gorman, Gail Kramer, Elaine Spielberg, and Suzy



Remarks from Annual Meeting 12/18/22 Continued

Weber is in full swing, with active participation. New UH members are acknowledged and welcomed. The Shalom Squad greets congregants on Shabbat. The Caring Committee makes healing blankets for the sick. Congregants receive holiday cards and friendly phone calls and notes. This committee exemplifies the welcoming side of UH.

Building and Facility

- An assessment of our building was completed in May by real estate consultants, to help us plan for building expenditures and maintenance.
- In July, Alyssa Banford joined our staff as Senior Director of Business Operations. She is tackling many of the facilities issues that need extra attention.
- In late October we had a leak in the youth lounge, which was caused by a faulty toilet. Thanks to the quick thinking of Rabbi Rosenberg, Dale Schwartz, Lee Rosenberg and Lauren Lourie, restoration was brought in to address the immediate issue. Other areas of concern in the lower level were also addressed while the damage from the flood was being repaired.
- The roof is aging, and a roofing company was hired to seal problem spots and drains. This should extend the life of our roof by several years.
- Fiber optics was installed to improve our Wi-Fi and Livestreaming. And speaking of Livestreaming, thank you to our amazing tech team, led by Art Zemon, for their time and help to keep our membership and visitors connected for our many services and programs.
- Lastly, many maintenance projects have happened around the building and campus, with more to come.

As 2022 comes to a close, I want to give a special thank you to our UH staff and clergy. I have a greater appreciation for how hard they all work, and how many different hats they all wear.

In addition, I want to thank the UH officers, Executive Committee and full Board of Trustees. This is a dedicated group of individuals, who give their time and expertise to lead this congregation. I want to give a special thank you to the following individuals who are completing their tenure of service.

- Naomi Barasch who has served as secretary for 6 years
- Paul Kravitz who is stepping down as vice president, after having previously served as VP and Board member
- Adam Herman who is stepping down as Assistant Treasurer, who also had previously served as treasurer and Board member
- Stacy Rolfe who is completing her four year leadership role on the Board

As I look at 2023, my mission is twofold. First, I would like to see more congregants engage in our various programs, services, events and activities. We welcome your suggestions and need your help for UH to be better and stronger each year. Second, I would like to grow our congregational revenue, through increased

participation on the Scroll of Honor and Legacy Circle, greater partnership commitments and increased fundraising efforts.

I know these are very ambitious goals, but with your help, we can accomplish so much. As you have heard me say, we do not belong to United Hebrew. United Hebrew belongs to us, and it is up to us to care for its future.

Thank you.

Sheryl J Bauer



2023 Board of Trustees and Clergy who attended 2022 Annual Meeting

Congratulations to UH's 2023 United Hebrew Officers and Board of Trustees

President: Sheryl Bauer

Vice President: David Kaiser

Vice President: Arnie Sair

Vice President: David Spewak

Treasurer: Rob Ormont

Assistant Treasurer: Larry Weinberg

Secretary: Lindsay Melnick

Board of Trustees

Fran Balk, Cheryl Banashek, Ben Cherry, Murray Fishman, Carolyn Satz, Barry Sharon, Helene Sherman, Bob Sterneck, Jim Susman, David Wallace, Corey Wallis and Bruce Weingart

Active Life Members

Ed Becker, Rick Cornfeld, Paul Flotken, Phil Frischer, Ron Gieseke, Lexie Goldsmith, Burton Greenberg, Steven Laiderman, Dan Raskas, David Rosenstock, Larry Steinman, Stan Towerman, Steven Toybes, Lee Wielansky, Alan Wolff and Leslie Yoffie

Thank you to Naomi Barasch, Adam Herman, Paul Kravitz and Stacy Rolfe who have completed their term of office.



Treasurer's Report Remarks from Annual Meeting 12/18/22

Rob Ormont

On behalf of the officers, I would like to thank all of you for attending this year's annual meeting. During last year's meeting we mentioned the disruption of COVID and the financial impact it had on UH as a result. Although COVID conditions have somewhat subsided, we are now faced with global economic headwinds such as high inflation, rising oil, the war in Ukraine and supply chain issues. So for the second year in a row, unfortunately it is unfair to say we are operating as "business as usual". When I took over as treasurer in January, I wanted to accomplish three primary goals:

1. Maintain fiscal financial responsibility for both the United Hebrew and UH Cemetery Operating Budgets with the objective of reducing the overall deficit over time
2. Reduce the line of credit balance
3. Grow the Endowment fund balance

Reduce the overall UH operating deficit.

As of June 30, 2022 (FY21-22) we finished the year at an Operating deficit of \$47k relative to an operating budget deficit of \$177k, or \$130k favorable to budget. This is primarily attributable to exceeding expectations in dues and scroll of honor (as a result of our revamped annual membership structure), better than expected fund raising efforts, several employee positions open on both the synagogue and school sides, and overall continued cost containment of our expenses.

For the current fiscal year 22-23, we approved an operating budget deficit of \$100k. And I can inform you that we are slightly ahead of pace relative to the budget. Many of you may be asking if we finished the year at a deficit of \$47k why do we have a budget deficit of \$100k? As members of the Board, it is our responsibility to engage in continuous improvement and business optimization, requiring an ongoing evaluation of our organizational structure and resource requirements. With that said, we were able to hire more staff to ensure folks are working on the right things utilizing their strengths and expertise to help UH continue to prosper. Other components that weighed in include payroll increases for our staff, increases in insurance, benefits, etc.

As of June 30, 2022, the Cemetery Budget finished the fiscal year at a net operating surplus of \$31k, primarily due to the 2 for 1 sale. For fiscal year 22-23, we approved a nominal loss of \$2k. We are still in the process of selling 11 acres of land at our UH cemetery and if approved could create a nice financial windfall.

Reduce the Line of Credit

The line of credit balance at the end of the fiscal year was approximately \$1.1m. As many of you may know, the Fed has raised interest rates 4 consecutive times by 75 basis points in the second half of the year alone, a pace not seen in 4 decades.

Inflation remains elevated, reflecting supply and demand imbalances related to the pandemic, higher food and energy prices, and broader price pressures. In conjunction with our investment committee, led by Mike Ferman, and our investment advisors we determined it would be best served to reduce our line of credit exposure and elected to pay down our line of credit by \$300k leaving us with a current balance as of today of approx. \$800k. So where did we get that money? With the help of Adam Herman and his firm, Wipfli, we applied and were granted the Employee Retention Credit. The employee retention tax credit is a broad based refundable payroll tax credit designed to encourage employers to keep employees on their payroll and whose businesses were affected by COVID. We have received over \$321k to date of the total \$543k plus interest for tax years 2020-2021. When we receive our last payment of \$222k we will again discuss with our investment advisors and determine whether to pay down line, deposit the refunds in the endowment or perform some mix of both.

Grow the endowment

This goal is a bit more challenging as it is more heavily impacted by the global economy and other factors not necessarily in our control. Up until 2022 we have been fortunate that the market and economy have flourished and has helped our endowment grow by double digit gains. This year however we have seen the S&P 500 down over 14% YTD. The good news is that by working closely with investment advisors and sticking to our risk averse investment philosophy we have been able to outpace market performance with UH's YTD performance down 11%. Our endowment balance at the end of the fiscal year was \$7.8m and as of Nov 30th it is at \$7.7m .

Of course none of these achievements would be possible without the support, dedication, passion and leadership of our officers, Board of Trustees, clergy led by Rabbi Rosenberg, and our professional staff. This Team effort allows us to continue to offer amazing programs for all of you to enjoy with your families. And remember, United Hebrew will always be here for you and your family so it is up to us to make sure it stays financially strong for years to come.

As Treasurer of United Hebrew, I would like to remind you that your 2023 partnership commitments were sent out on November 23. I encourage you to consider increasing your annual commitment or becoming a member of the Scroll of Honor which includes benefits like the reception that took place prior to this meeting, 2 tickets our annual fundraiser and discounts at the UH gift shop! It is up to all of us together to make sure United Hebrew is here for years to come.



United Hebrew Irene Fox Ruach Award

Presented to Robert Feldman

Remarks by Rabbi Rosenberg at UH's 2022 Annual Meeting

After the 2009 High Holy Days, with Milton Rudy, our 30 year *Ba'al Tekiah*, retiring, we were left wondering what we were going to do. A *Ba'al Tekiah*, is the person who literally, "owns the sound of the shofar blast," the person appointed to blow the shofar. What we knew then is that shofar is an art form, and the person who blows it, is responsible for meeting the needs and expectations of the community for an emphatic and memorable moment. We knew that this was a weighty task and we had to find the right person. But where does one find such a person, skilled in shofar blowing?

I think it was a phone call, an email, or we passed each other in the school hallway, I'm not sure, but Robert Feldman, stepped forward and offered his services. Robert, Tracy, Jacob and Maya had been members of UH for a few years. Robert let us know that he had been trained as a *Ba'al Tekiah* by his father, Paul. Robert's father, Paul, of blessed memory, I believe, had been a *Ba'al Tekiah* in their own community.



Rabbi Brigitte Rosenberg, Robert Feldman and Sheryl Bauer

Rosh Hashanah 2010, Robert ascended the bimah steps and took on the responsibility of sounding the shofar for our community for the very first time. I can only imagine that moment for him, and the moment for the congregation. All ears are literally turned toward him, waiting, wondering, will he be able to do what the previous *Ba'al Tekiah* was able to do? The answer? A resounding yes!

For the past twelve years, Robert, has dedicated himself to enabling all of us to fulfill the mitzvah of hearing the sound of the shofar. His *tekiah*, *teruah*, and *shevarim* are beautiful, but it is his *tekiah gedolah*, that has many of us, each year, looking at our watches to see how long it and he will last.

One of the blessings of Robert being our *Ba'al Tekiah*, is that for many years his parents were able to join us for the holidays and the master could see his student, doing what he'd been taught so long ago. What a blessing for parents to see their child dedicate himself to an important communal responsibility. This past year, after Paul died, Robert contacted me, not sure that he would be able to sound the shofar this year. He worried about the emotions and not being able to complete the task. We decided it would be a game day decision, and Robert showed up both Rosh Hashanah mornings, and in his *tekiah*, *teruah*, and *shevarim*, one could hear his emotional, mournful cry.

Robert, you are truly a blessing to our UH family. And unlike any of our other recipients of the Irene Fox Ruach Award, you truly bring the "ruach" the air, the wind, the spirit, with the breath you give each year to sounding of the shofar. Thank you, for being a shining example of what it means to be responsible to and for the community, and to live the traditions of your own family – *I'dor vador* – by being a *Ba'al Tekiah*! Here's to many more years of your ruach uplifting and helping to sustain the spiritual life of our UH family!

"Sounding the shofar has always been a part of my family. My grandfather always sounded the shofar for our synagogue in El Salvador... and from there that's where my dad learned to blow the shofar. Eventually, during the Civil War we moved to the United States, Dallas, TX, where my parents, along with a few other families helped start a new Conservative synagogue and my dad was the shofar blower... I never really realized how important it was until I got older and I recall that every high holidays when it was time to go up to the bimah, he would let me hold the shofar..."

"This has been a really wonderful and rewarding experience for me. I want to thank the congregation as a whole for making this possible. My dad got to see me do it, my mom who is here today, my kids, and it's a dream come true. I got to stand on the bimah and see my kids behind me, watching me from the stairs and that's a memory I will always have and the part that a lot of you don't know is that every year when I blow the shofar, there is a whole congregation in El Salvador watching."

-Robert Feldman



Announcements

United Cemetery Association Appoints New Director



The *United Cemetery Association (UCA)*, manager of the *B'nai Amoona*, *Chevre Kadisha*, and *United Hebrew* cemeteries in University City, announces the appointment of Rabbi Binyomin Mazer as its new Executive Director.

He steps in as its longtime director, Barry Needle, retired at the end of December. Mr. Needle served as the UCA Executive Director since its inception, a total of 24 years.



Rabbi Mazer, originally from Northern California, earned his B.A. degree at Yeshiva University in New York. He has also studied in Israel and most recently served as community chaplain for *Jewish Family Services* and *SSM Health* in St. Louis. He is known for his sincere care for others and his ability to guide individuals and families during challenging transitions. Earlier employment experience includes serving as a sales manager and Mashgiach. Rabbi Mazer and his wife, Tziporah, reside in University City along with their five children.

Levy Fellows

Congratulation to Arnie Sair and David Kaiser who recently completed the Levy Fellows representing United Hebrew Congregation. Levy Fellows is a new board leadership program through the Jewish Federation of St. Louis' Millstone Leadership Initiatives.



Arnie Sair and David Kaiser being congratulated by Mont Levy.

SAVE THE DATE!

Purim 2023

February 22 at 7:30PM

March 1 at 7:00PM

March 3 at 6:30PM

March 4 at 12:00PM

March 5 at 11:00AM

March 5 11:30AM-1:00PM

March 6 at 7:00PM

March 6 at 7:30PM

March 7 at 10:30AM

March 8 at 7:30PM

March 10 at 6:30PM

DIY Holidays: Purim

Hamantaschen Bake

Shabbat Alive!

Beauty Pageant: Unpacking Book of Esther

Purim Shpiel

Purim Carnival

Adult Purim Bar

Megillah Reading

Study of Megillah

Whiskey & Wisdom

Disney Shabbat

*Mishloach Manot
(Purim boxes)
information coming
soon!*



Membership Engagement

Membership Engagement Committee

A lot has been happening with our hard-working membership engagement committee and we'd love to have you join us! We are looking for congregants to join our **Shalom Squad** where we will help greet people at services, special programs, and events at United Hebrew and within our community. It's a great way to get to know new people as well as reconnect with friends. Our **new member welcome committee** delivers Challah when new members join and ensures everyone feels welcome and at home at UH. Did you get a Happy New Year card at Rosh Hashanah? That was thanks to our amazing **membership outreach committee**. Our **caring committee** has been hard at work knitting or crocheting blessing blankets and scarves as well as writing notes of care to congregants. The Membership Engagement Committee has been doing a lot, is looking to do even more, and would love for you to join!

The next meeting is **Wednesday, January 25 at 6:30pm**. Please contact **Judy Babitz** at judybabitz@aol.com to join this hard-working committee!

Creative Connections

Make new friends or deepen existing relationship by join one of our several small interest groups, collectively called Creative Connections. Below are the groups that have started or are about to launch. Do you have an idea for a Creative Connection group? We'd love to hear from you! Contact Judy Babitz at judybabitz@aol.com

Preschool Age Parent Group

Questions about potty training? Wondering where the best play spots are? Not sure why your kid won't eat vegetables? Need help navigating the Pre-K sports world? Then this small group is for you! We will share experiences, information, and insights about raising young children while forming friendships and connections with parents in the same stage of life. And we might even do a bit of wine tasting while we discuss! Please contact Lindsay Melnick at lwehmer10@yahoo.com if you are interested in joining.

Crafting

Calling all those creatively-minded! We are putting together a group of people who like to craft for a weekday, once to twice-a-month gathering at Pinspiration in the Chesterfield Valley. We will work on a project and grab a nosh from a nearby restaurant, all abilities and experience welcome! Come with friends or meet some new ones. Projects start at \$15. If you are interested, please contact Jenny Stempel at JLStempel@gmail.com.

Getting Ready for Retirement

The Getting Ready for Retirement Group has had 2 meetings and will be meeting again Jan 8th. The group ranges for men 50 and older. We are a mix of retirees and people who are still

working and may not retire right away. We are excited about the opportunities the group can lead to new friendships with a diverse group of members who can share ideas and strategies to navigate today's increasing challenges. Our goal is to be a mutual support group that can share ideas on approaching retirement and how to make good decisions on finances, health, activities and dealing with the future; and what that might bring for each of us dealing with multiple issues around caring for ourselves, families, and older relatives. We are going to be meeting monthly where every other meeting will be topical and social. We will also be looking to do some volunteer work in the coming months. Contact Craig Bleyer for more information on the group at 314-402-5103 or email csbleyer@gmail.com

UH Prime Timers

If you are a single UH member 65 or older, please join us for "**UH Prime Timers**". We have fun, socialize, and enjoy the companionship of both new and familiar friends. Please join us as we have fun and enjoy our Prime Time together! Contact Judy Berger at 314-374-5199 or Marilen Pitler at 314-225-9723, with questions or to join the group.

Photography Group

This group will meet monthly on the second Sunday of the month at 1 pm at a place selected by the group members. Anyone with an interest in photography and a camera, from a smartphone on up, is welcome. For more information, please contact Susan Keyes at wilkeypro@aol.com.

Climate Change

Would you like to be part of a group that helps the environment? Are you a concerned citizen? Or, do you have knowledge/expertise in renewable energy, carbon reduction, conservation, etc. All are welcome! Let's come together to learn about the issue, take action, and join others in the St. Louis community to help stop climate change. **Our first meeting will be at UH on February 26th, 1pm.** For more information or to join the group, please contact Diane Bleyer at bleyerd@hotmail.com or 314-402-3078.

A Stitch and a Prayer

Crochet and Knitting Group

Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Kaplansky Center

Join Stitch and a Prayer to knit or crochet Blessing Blankets for UH members in need of healing and warm scarves for clients at the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry. Scarves are quick and easy to make and in high demand this time of year. All skill levels are welcome. The group meets every Tuesday, from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Kaplansky Center.



Upcoming Programs

Adult Education Opportunities

Our adult education classes are multi-access, both virtual and in-person.

Shabbat Morning Torah Study *Cantor and Rabbis*
Saturday mornings 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Each week we will explore the portion for that Shabbat and discover intricacies of the text, discuss lessons for our lives today, and wrestle with questions.

What's a Mitzvah? *Rabbi Rosenberg*
2nd Monday of the Month (no Jan.) 10:30 a.m.
We explore *Sefer Hachinuch*, a book written in 13th century Spain, to serve as a guide to understanding mitzvot. Each one of the 613 is explained - the how to's, the why, and who is obligated to observe/follow each mitzvah. We will utilize the text found online at https://www.sefaria.org/Sefer_HaChinukh

Women's Bible Study *Rabbi Rosenberg*
1st Tuesday of the Month (no Jan.) 10:30 a.m.
New participants welcome! This year, given our UH theme of *Kolot Yisrael*, we'll study the voices of Israeli women. We'll explore the many and varied female voices that have been significant in the life of pre-State Israel and the State of Israel from 1948 until today.

Adult Intermediate Hebrew *Suzy Weber*
Thursdays 10:30 a.m.

Amateurs of the Great Assembly *Cantor Eichaker*
Thursdays 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Currently, we are studying and discussing our Progressive liturgy through the CCAR publication "*B'chol L'vavecha*". We are beginning our deep exploration of our Amidah (19 benedictions). Newcomers are always welcome and will find our divergent topics highly stimulating and timely.

Voices of UH: A Conversation with the Clergy
Saturdays 12:00 p.m.
February 11 (God) and April 1 (Israel)



A Conversation About Israel
January 24, February 28, March 28, April 25 & May 23
7:00 p.m. on Zoom

In celebration of Israel's 75th year of independence, join us monthly for what we hope will be a lively discussion about Israel. From peoplehood to politics, democracy, peace, Judaism, Christianity, Druze, and Islam, we will explore the complexities and the nuance that make up the world's only Jewish State.
January 24 Topic: Support for Israel – conditional or unconditional? What does that mean? Discussion of this article: <https://arza.org/being-israel/>. RSVP on the UH website for the link.



2023

January 5 ***We Came, We Saw, We Left*** by Charles Wheelan
February 2 ***The Nesting Dolls*** by Alina Adams
March 2 ***The Guest Book*** by Sarah Blake
May 4 ***Beneath a Scarlet Sky*** by Mark Sullivan
June 1 ***Hamnet*** by Maggie O'Farrell
July 6 ***Unthinkable*** by Jamie Raskin

**UH Book Club meets on the first Thursday of the month
In the Spielberg Chapel.**



7:30 p.m. in the Messing Auditorium
February 22 - Purim
March 29 - Passover
April 26 - Israel/Yom Ha'atzma'ut

Enjoy an adult's night out creating "on-trend" decorations and more to help beautify and celebrate Jewish holidays in your home! Drinks and projects provided!

\$18 per person/session

Register on the UH website or by calling 314-469-0700



January 11, February 8 and March 8
7:30 p.m. in the Kaplansky Center

Come for the whiskey; stay for the Torah! Or the other way around. We'll do a little bit of learning, enjoy some good whiskey, and, most importantly, meet new people and be in community!
Register on the UH website or by calling 314-469-0700

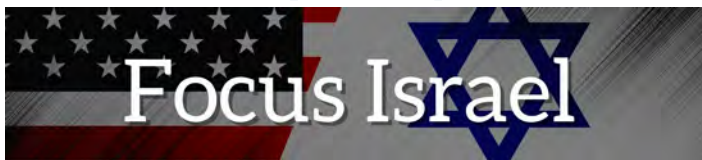


Wednesdays, January 25 & February 22
6:00 p.m. in the Kaplansky Center

Join United Hebrew for an Intergenerational Game Night!
Bring your favorite games or play one of ours. Pizza and drinks provided, bring a dessert to share.
Register on the UH website or by calling 314-469-0700



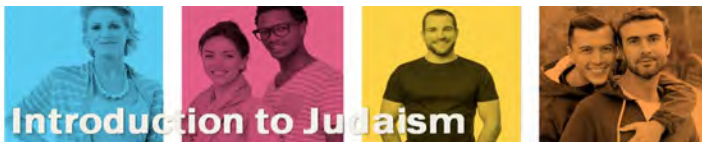
Upcoming Programs



Focus Israel UH is happy to schedule a meeting for Monday evening, **January 23 at 7pm**. It will be our first program in a long time and our first in-person gathering since the pandemic began. Inbar, our new Shin-Shin, will join us to talk about her life in Israel. It will be great to be together. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone welcome!

RSVP to Sari Levy at slevy@unitedhebrew.org.

And there's more! On Monday, **February 13, at 7pm**, FIUH presents an evening with Rabbi Rosenberg who will discuss Israel's new government. Everyone welcome!



Hosted by the Reform Congregations of St. Louis

Whether you are curious about or considering Judaism or still looking to answer those questions you've had since your days in religious school, Introduction to Judaism is a place to ask your questions, learn multiple perspectives, and discover what is most meaningful to you in Judaism. Open to all, this course is perfect for interfaith couples, those raising Jewish children, spiritual seekers, individuals considering conversion, Jews who want a meaningful adult Jewish learning experience, and those who simply want to learn more about Judaism. You will explore holidays, lifecycle celebrations, prayer, theology, sacred texts and more with St. Louis area Reform Jewish Clergy. The course will meet for 16 sessions on Tuesday evenings beginning February 7 from 7pm-9pm at UH. The cost of the course is \$72 per household. Registration includes the course book, *Honoring Tradition, Embracing Change: Introduction to Judaism Sourcebook Reader*. Register on the UH website.



Mondays at 2:30 p.m. on Zoom

January 9-in person, January 23 and 30 via zoom

February 6-in person, February 20 and 27 via zoom

Join us for an exciting and fun 50-minute movement class on Zoom with Joyce Hochberg, who will lead an EASY and safe chair exercise routine to upbeat music. No experience is necessary, just wear comfortable, easy moving clothes and closed-toe shoes. As always, please check with your physician before exercising. Contact Angie at 314-434-3404 or aklenke@unitedhebrew.org for a link to the class.

Joyce's UH Fitness/Wellness Corner

Winter workout tips:

1. Physical exercise in the winter months requires more nutrients - balance protein with carbs.
2. Feeling blue? Step outside on sunny days. Sunlight is linked to more energy for working out. No sunshine? Turn on lights in your home and give yourself a good morning stretch and walk in place to upbeat music for 15-30 minutes.
3. Home based activities--walking, stretching, running in place, cycling, yoga, Pilates, jumping rope, dancing, stationary floor cycle.
4. Tune in to YouTube workouts for cardio, weight training, and stretching.
5. Turn on the radio to upbeat music and dance, dance, dance.
6. Most of all be kind to yourself. Take time off, kick up your feet and enjoy some hot chocolate and a good movie and enjoy your family



Upcoming Programs



5th Annual Winter Outreach Drive

As temperatures drop across the St. Louis region, those experiencing homelessness bear the brunt of the brutal cold. For the past four years, the Jewish community has come together to gather winter clothes, warm outerwear, and shoes to donate to those in need. In January and February 2023, you can participate in the 5th annual Winter Outreach, a joint project of the St. Louis Rabbinical and Cantorial Association (STLRCA) and the Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis.

Desired donations include coats, hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, socks, underwear, blankets, towels, washcloths, boots, men's hoodies, and men's sweatshirts. Donations can be dropped off at UH and placed in one of the red collection bins in the chapel lobby.

Backpack Buddies & The Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry

United Hebrew is proud to support the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry as well as our own Backpack Buddies program that benefits students at Hanna Woods Elementary and their families. Your donations to both are appreciated. Non-perishable food items can be placed in the grocery carts or red bins located at the sanctuary entrance and on the school side of the building.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to UH's Backpack Buddies, you may do so at www.unitedhebrew.org

Jewish Summer Camp

Happy 2023! It is time to start planning for Summer – How will you DO JEWISH? The best ways to keep and strengthen a Jewish connection is by going to a Jewish Summer Camp! Then after your Sophomore year, head to Israel! Want to discuss your options, call the School office and speak with Lee or Laura.

United Hebrew is committed to support every high schooler in going to Israel. There are significant scholarships available to help make this a reality. Apply by January 31, 2023 for scholarship from the Spielberg Israel Fund. <http://bit.ly/SIFUH>

UH also has a limited amount of funding for Jewish Overnight Summer camps through the Mehlman Fund. Apply by January 31, 2023 at <http://bit.ly/uhcampaund>

Questions and comments are welcome, contact the Director of Youth Engagement and Youth Groups Advisor, H. Lee Rosenberg by email h.leerosenberg@unitedhebrew.org, phone 314-469-0700 x265, Facebook (UH Ducks), Instagram or Twitter @UHducks



Perpetual Memorials

THE CONGREGATION EXTENDS ITS SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF

MARTIN PAUL ALTMAN
Brother of Harvey Altman

MARILYN BABITZ
Mother of Bryan (Judy)
Babitz
Grandmother of Andrew
(Diana) Babitz
Grandmother of Daniel
(Katelyn) Babitz
Grandmother of Joseph
(Alison) Babitz
Grandmother of Amy
(Weston) Manley

**DR. MARVIN MARSHALL
BECKERMAN**
Father of Lori (Stephen)
Raskin

CAROL ANN BLINDER
Mother of Kevin (Carol)
Blinder
Sister of Sidney (Toby)
Brenner

MARK ALLEN DOW
Husband of Betsy (Rand) Dow

**ROSELLEN "ROSIE"
FEINSTEIN**
Wife of Mark J. Feinstein

HARVEY FENSTER
Father of Neal (Dana) Fenster

JEROME DAVID FRIEDMAN
Brother of Susan (Don)
Siegel

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1/1/23-1/7/23

Jacob Murray Albert
Carolyn Sue Altman
Jack M. Arber
Nettie Bailin
Joseph Barg
Geraldine S. Barnholtz
Nancy Jane Berger
Morris Berk
Samuel Bing
Clara Block
Lillian Blumenfeld
Ethel Simon Blustein
Sarah Brooks
Harry Cohen
Lena K. Cohen

Harriet Cohen
Rosanna Geishi Culp
Ann Lynn Cytron
Libbe Feigenbaum
Morris Flotken
Joseph C. Friedman
Harry W. Gast
Jack B. Gentle
Lena Gidlowitz
Lottie Claris Glickman
George Goldberg
Abe Goldstein
Cecelia Golluber
Samuel Gomberg
Rose B. Green

Charles S. Gross
Abe Handelman
Harry Jasper
Jacob Kotler
Max Kusmer
Alex Lepowitch
Ida Levitt
Sylvan Levy
Louis P. Malpe
Bernard Martin
Perry L. Mehlman
Roswell Messing, Jr.
Helen Packman
Gertrude "Trudy" Paley
Kenneth I. Pollack

Sam Portney
Rose Posen
Adeline Eichenberg
Poslosky
Samuel Potashnick
Jane F. Richter
Frieda B. Roudman
Fannie M. Rovin
Albert Saifer
Bess Schneider
Morris Schneider
Sophie Schneider
Max Scholer
Ruth Seigal
Sol Sincoff

Estelle Goodman
Siteman
Herman Sokolik
Eva Esler Thesen
Rebecca Wagner
Margaret Wald
Florence
Weinschelbaum
Clara Evans Weisman
Louis J. Wenneker
Genie Jasper White
Rose Pastel Wolff
Jeanne E. Zemliak

1/8/23-1/14/23

Joan Abrams
Esther Alper
Nathan Barg
Lee Baris
Lucille Berger
Harry Birenbaum
Belle Block
Bernard Bornstein
Eva Cohen
Bernard "Bernie" Cohen
Betty Lander Cowan
Morris Eisner

Gloria Stern Ellis
Sigmund Esler
Hyman Feldman
Geri Lynn Fox
Stan Friedman
Palmir Gilbert
Jack Gilden
Nathaniel M. Glick
Ida Goldberg
Edna H. Goldenberg
Bess Catlin Green
Marcus Z. Hymes

Harry Kaiser
Esther Koplin Katz
Jacob Koplin
Anna Kretchmar
Bessie Kusmer
Mitchell Alan Lending
Gustav Levy
Francine Mariam
Roswell Messing, Sr.
Bertha A. Miller
Ludwig Muhlfelder
Sue Pfeiffer

Jacob Sanofsky
Lucille J. Shanfeld
Loretta Mae Schulman
Anna Siegel
Shea Silberberg
Elma Sincoff
Joe Sirkin
John J. Starr
Rose A. Stone
David Strauss
Marion Strauss
Herman Strifling

Jeanette Susman
David J. Unger
Minnette K. Weinstein
Arnold Weintrub
Ben Weisman
Bettie J. Wohl
Eugene L. Wolff
Anne Wolkowitz

1/15/23-1/21/23

Leopold Abraham
Miriam (Mary) Abrams
Lawrence L. Ashinoff
Sylvia R. Bierman
Theodore Birke
Jo Ann Bierman Black
Louis S. Block
Marvin Blum
Lillian Bolozy
Arthur Eugene Brimer
Nathan Burack
Charles Carl
Isaac Cohen
Blanche Sievers Cohen
Lena Cohnberg
Benjamin Coplan

Frances Cremer
Paul B. Davis Jr.
Eli Ettlinger
Regina R. Feigenbaum
Judith A. Finkelstein
Lillian Rachel Flegel
Jack Gittelman
Max L. Goldberg
Elaine Goldstein
Renee Kligman
Goodman
Phyllis Greenberg
Oscar Greenwald
Joan Claire Hoffman
Anita Iskiwitsch
Morris Jaffe

Frank Kahn
Jack G. Kaiser
Gustav Katcher
Lawrence Kling
Emil Koplin
Ann Kopman
Celia Z. Kotler
May Kramer
Aaron Abraham
Lebedun
Jerome Sylvan Levy
Mary C. Mamroth
Theresa Marglous
Leon Markovsky
Alex R. Mendelson
Minnie Millstone

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Ida Polinsky Orenstein
Lucille K. Pattiz
David Podolsky
Sarah Raben
Minnie Romansky
Sadie Rosenthal
Dee Flotken Rosenthal
Benjamin G. Rubin
Leonard Sanofsky
Rose Bobbye Sarasohn
Beulah S. Schneider
David Seslen
Fannie Brilliant
Siegelman
Betty M. Silverman

Alice Sincoff
Irvin Sokolik
Morris Stern
Ida Mae Stone
Jules B. Stone
Carol Haffner Strauss
Marshall H. Tamarkin
Lucy T. Vittter
Rebecca Warshasky
Allen A. Weintrop
Jennie Werner
Balbina Wild
Louis Wolkowitz
Beverly June Yavitz
Clara E. Yawitz
Harvey Zucker

1/22/23-1/28/23

Philip Albert
Anita S. Alexander
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Armin L. Bain
Samuel Barnholtz
Harry Berger
Abraham Berk
Fred Bomze
Rachel F. Brilliant
Samuel J. Bronstein
Leah H. Coffman
Rose Florence Coplan
Rose Feldman
Irvin Fisher

Dr. Lawrence Friedman
John J. Gersmann
Ely Glazer
Martha Glazer
Celia Goldblum
Louis Gollin
Jayne K. Goodman
H. Paul Goruch
Suzanna Hammerman
Ethel Jasper
Arthur Weil Johnson
Harry B. Kaplan
Dr. Milton Kardsch
Berkley Kirschman

Jackie Bernard Kleban
Joseph Lasky
Frieda Levin
Blanche Levy
Roy M. Merinbaum
Jennie Miller
Goldie Gollin Millstone
Sylvia Moss
Louis Moss
Gina Moss
Essie Newman
Melvin L. Newmark
Marvin E. Nieberg
Rose Oxenhandler

Marion E. Papy
Ida Frank Pian
Sara Siegelman Polleck
Ann Poscover
Sara C. Prelutsky
Bessie Rader
Herbert Raskas
Peggy Grosberg Ross
Sidney Rubin
Stanley P. Sakowsky
Pearl Sapin
Harry Scallet
Marvin Schneider
Eva Figlure Schnurman

David S. Schwartz
Henry Schwartz
Melvin Scissors
Lazarus Seigle
Gertrude Goorman
Stein
Max Stone
Esther Thurman
Hannah Warshaw
Robert D. Wehmer
Benjamin Wexler
Samuel Zabrack

United Hebrew offers Perpetual Memorial plaques as a way for your loved one to be remembered

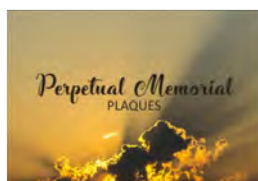
Each year on the anniversary of their death, his or her name will be read at Shabbat Services as part of the Kaddish prayer. Prior to this service, members of the family are notified of the date. In addition, the name appears in the

Yom Kippur Memorial Book with all those who have been perpetually remembered.

Each plaque is engraved with the name and English date of passing and displayed on

United Hebrew's Rabbi Samuel Thurman Memorial Wall.

The cost of a plaque is \$750. Questions or to order a plaque, please call 314-469-0700.



Perpetual Memorials

1/29/23-2/4/23

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Kay Bialock
Lee White Block
Lillian S. Brown
William "Bill" Carl
Jacob N. Crasilneck
Herman Esler
Herman Feigenbaum
Joseph Feldman
Frances Feldman
Rebecca D. Franklin
Miriam Aurnett
Frieburger
Ida Friedman

Elmer J. Gidlow
Ruth E. Goldstein
Fred A. Goldstein
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Guenzburger
Anne Sue Hilecher
Margaret Huber
Mendal Jacobs
Ida Jaffe
Freda S. Joseph
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Sara Munies
Shirley J. Pasch
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Lena Rosenblum Poger
Morris Polleck
Gary Stuart Poscover
Kay Preston
Benjamin Roman
Esther G. Rosen
Isidor Rosen

Dorothy H. Rosenblatt
Thelma Ross
Rebecca Rossen
Gertrude R. Roth
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Edward I. Roudman
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Sam Silverberg
Jack N. Simberg
Gus Slumsky
Morris Sophir

Sophia Goldblum Sosna
Virginia Spewak
Moses Stein
Blanche Steinberg
Goldie Torgove
Karen C. Towerman
Richard J. Weinstein
Eugene H. Wieder
Michael B. Winthrop
Esther Wolff
Rose Zucker

2/5/23-2/11/23

May Ruth Abramsky
Kurt Aschner
Raye Ruth "GG"
Bankendorf
Rosa Beck
Dena Berger
Zelda Bidnick
Florence Block
Gertrude Bothman
Betty Buffen
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Stanley Laiderman
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Bessie Moss
David Moulton
Lorene "Lori"
Newmark
Mary Ann Millstone
Pappas
Morris Prager
Maury E. Reichman
Maxwell J. Rodenberg
Nat E. Rosenblum

Marion Schamest
Mollie Schneider
Benjamin Schwartz
Helen Margulis Simon
Eunice P. Solomon
Debbie Lynn Soule
Sarah Steinberg
Anna R. Strauss
Monte L. Strauss
Dorothy S. Tamarkin
Jacob Urbach
Bernadine Winter
Judy Wolff

2/12/23 – 2/18/23

Shirley Askuvich
Sylvian Backerman
Jennie Baron
Samuel B. Barron
Lois L. Bauer
Elliott S. Bender
Rose Y. Biederman
Jack L. Binder
Frieda Blank
Jean B. Blanke
Jack Harris Brimer
Saul Herman Bronson
Blanche H. Burack
Mollie Cohen
Celia H. Cohen
Dorothy A. Cohen

Harriett Mae Dardick
Sarah Eisner
John Ellman
Mildred R. Feldman
Lucille Feldman
Joseph Felsen
Dr. Gerald Allen Franzel
Marcus Fuhrer
Jennie R. Gardner
Minnie Getzlow
Charles S. Goldberg
Emily N. Grafman
Joseph Greenspon
Abraham H. Grossman
Morris P. Harris
Alfred I. Harris

Rowena Henschel
Henry Hirschfeld
Regina Holstein
David S. Hyman
Celia Joseph
Bertha M. Klein
Phillip R. Kravetz
Blima Laba
Alexander Laventhal
Ronald Lending
Rachel Levy
Sylvia Adele Loomstein
Ida Magidson
Dr. Jack Mallen
Mark Mitgang
Harry S. Mosinger

David Mosinger
Phil Pizer
Dorothy L. Poslosky
Albert E. Rain
Sylvia Sidel Raymond
Louis K. Romansky
Harold Rosenberg
Rebecca H. Rosenblum
Dr. Joseph F. Roufa
Morris J. Rudman
Abraham Samelson
Rose Samelson
Sadie Schiffer
Siebert Schwartz
Mary Bassin Schwartz
Jacob Carl Selner

Charles Serenco
Bonnie Shainman
Dorothy Shanvet
Mrs. Marlene Sherman
Ann Shipper
Sheldon Solomon
Ida Sparber
Annie Stameisen
Mayme J. Stone
Samuel Tischler
Dr. Elmer Wagman
Norma Ruth
Weintraub
Ida Wexler
Eva Winterman

2/19/23-2/25/23

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Ruth C. Aronson
Dr. Donald J. Bauer
Mollie Berie
Dr. Max John Bierman
Morris Birnbaum
Jennie Blumenthal
Jean Branner
Dr. Frank Cohen
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Esther Doischman
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Clarence Goldberg
Frieda Goldberg
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Sana Guckenheim
Leon Harris

Ken Heller
Morris Hershenhorn
Jennie Hirshberg
Lillian Hurwitz
Harry C. Josephson
Hyman Kaufman
Leah Kranzberg
Gary Kunin
Sophie Harris Lending
Max Lending
Louis Lurie
Sam Marcus
Arthur Mathes
Solomon Meyer

Edgar Donald Millstone
Samuel Niederberg
Harold G. Oglander
Bess Olian
Joan Frank Plattner
Eileen Polinsky
Cecile I. Raskas
Greta Rosenberg
Al Rosenblatt
Sam Schneider
Leon S. Schwartz
Joseph Sessel
Sylvia Shapiro
Max Silverman

Fannie Sophir
Arthur Steinberg
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