

# ***The Shofar***

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UPCOMING  
EVENTS

THE  
MACCABEATS

FESTIVAL OF  
LIGHTS  
HANUKKAH  
SHABBAT



# HANUKKAH AT SHEARITH



## 20s & 30s The Maccabeats Pre-Game

**December 14 | 12pm**

*Thirsty Lion Gastropub*

Pre-game with your 20s & 30s friends before heading to The Maccabeats concert at 3pm!

**Cost: \$15/per person**

*Includes 1 drink, appetizers, and ride to Shearith (concert ticket sold separately)*

Questions? Contact Michelle Refoua at [mrefoua@shearith.org](mailto:mrefoua@shearith.org).



## New Member Reception

**December 14 | 2pm**

*Topletz Auditorium*

Join us for a warm and festive gathering as we welcome all new members who joined our community over the past year! Enjoy a relaxed cocktail hour with delicious food and drinks before The Maccabeats concert.

Families are encouraged to attend! We will provide a variety of engaging activities designed especially for the little ones, and each family will receive a small Hanukkah gift in celebration of the first night of the holiday.

Questions? Contact Michelle Refoua at [mrefoua@shearith.org](mailto:mrefoua@shearith.org).



## The Maccabeats Pre-Hanukkah Concert

**December 14 | 3pm**

*Aaron Family Main Sanctuary*

Often traveling with little more than the shirts on their backs and the ties on their necks, The Maccabeats have entertained and inspired audiences around the globe, from Alabama to New Zealand and everywhere in between. Using nothing more than the unadulterated human

voice, a polished presentation, and a touch of Jewish humor, this beloved a cappella group is able to connect with fans of all backgrounds and ages.

Kids, get ready for some Hanukkah fun! We'll be handing out glowsticks to light up the show, and everyone will go home with chocolate Hanukkah gelt and a wooden dreidel to keep the celebration going.

Questions? Contact Sandi Burt at [sandib@shearith.org](mailto:sandib@shearith.org).



## Festival of Lights Hanukkah Shabbat

**December 19 | 6pm**

**Shabbat-in-the-Round | Topletz Auditorium**

Celebrate the Festival of Lights at our joyful, congregation-wide Hanukkah Shabbat-in-the-Round. All Shearith K-5 families are invited to join this spirited, percussion-filled service. Midway through, Rabbi Adam Roffman will lead everyone to a festive community dinner featuring latkes, sufganiyot, and other delicious treats.

## Hanukkah Heroes Shababa | Fonberg Family Chapel

Join Rabbi Wallach for a Hanukkah-themed Shabbat full of fun and heroics. Come dressed as a Maccabee or your favorite hero, then stay for a community dinner and creative crafts like Maccabee shield making.

**7pm | Hanukkah Shabbat Dinner | Kaplan Auditorium**

Questions? Contact Rachel Newman at [rnewman@shearith.org](mailto:rnewman@shearith.org).





YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO  
**THE MARVIN M. & MARILYN S. SIGEL**  
PURIM CELEBRATION



OMG YOU  
GUYS.  
THIS IS GONNA  
BE, LIKE,  
AMAZEBALLS.



# QUEEN ESTHER'S

## GLAMOROUS

# BAT MITZVAH

**3.1.26 | 10:30AM**  
**AARON MAIN SANCTUARY**

(Oh yeah? My parents got married in there too.)



Congregation  
Shearith Israel

**TIARA OPTIONAL. RSVP REQUIRED.**

# ADULT LEARNING

## TUESDAYS WITH TORAH AND RASHI

with Rabbi Avi Mitzner

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday | 1pm

*Sardas Beit Midrash & Zoom*

Join us as we take a close and in-depth look at the Torah with the help of Rashi's commentary.

Contact Theresa Hurt at [thurt@shearith.org](mailto:thurt@shearith.org) to RSVP for this class.

## TORAH ON TAP

with Rabbi Ari Sunshine

12/2, 1/20, 2/17 | 7pm

*Topletz Auditorium*

Join us for an exciting exploration of how Torah intersects with everyday life!

Scan the QR code to RSVP for December's Torah on Tap.



## WOMEN'S TORAH STUDY

with Rabbi Shira Wallach

Wednesdays | 12pm

*Sardas Beit Midrash*

In her new book, *The Madwoman in the Rabbi's Attic: Rereading the Women of the Talmud*, Gila Fine leads us through thoughtful analysis of common portrayals of women in literature that pervade not only the Talmud, but classic Greek mythology, Shakespearean literature, and more. Join this warm and embracing learning community; beginners and veterans are all welcome.

Please contact Melissa Barton at [mbarton@shearith.org](mailto:mbarton@shearith.org) to join the Women's Torah Study mailing list.

## INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

with Rabbi Matt Rutta

Wednesdays | 7pm

*Rotating Locations*

This year-long class provides a wonderful opportunity for Jews and those considering conversion to learn about Judaism's most important concepts and practices. Topics include sacred Jewish texts, holidays, lifecycle events,

Israel, the Holocaust, and basic Hebrew reading. The class is taught in rotation with and meets at our partner Conservative synagogues, Anshai Torah and Beth Torah, as well as in the Sardas Beit Midrash.

**\$180 per person/\$270 per couple.**

Contact Theresa Hurt at [thurt@shearith.org](mailto:thurt@shearith.org) to RSVP for this class.

## CHAI MITZVAH MUSSAR SERIES

with Rabbi Ari Sunshine

Wednesdays, 12/3 & 12/17 | 7pm

*Sardas Beit Midrash*

Mussar literature emphasizing character development as a means of emulating God has spanned centuries, but it became a movement with actual practices for cultivating character under the leadership of Rabbi Israel Salanter during the 19th century. Join Rabbi Ari Sunshine this year as we delve into the Jewish spiritual practice of Mussar by focusing on a different virtue, or *middah*, each session. The course will meet for six sessions in the fall, and part two of the course will feature six sessions in the winter/spring.

Contact Theresa Hurt at [thurt@shearith.org](mailto:thurt@shearith.org) with any questions.

Scan the QR code to register!



## THE MEANING OF LIFE

with Rabbi Matt Rutta

Wednesdays, 1/14-2/11 | 7pm

*Sardas Beit Midrash*

Rabbi Rutta will be teaching a five session class on the Meaning of Life. We will try to answer the biggest unanswerable questions in existence (and raise a lot more questions), such as our purpose for being here, whether or not we have free will, why bad things happen to good people, and many others.

Contact Theresa Hurt at [thurt@shearith.org](mailto:thurt@shearith.org) with any questions.

Scan the QR code to register!



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## THURSDAYS WITH THE RABBIS

with Rabbi Adam Roffman

2 Thursdays a Month Beginning 1/8 | 1pm

*Sardas Beit Midrash*

This year, on Kol Nidre, we challenged each member of our community to find the answer to the age-old question: "Why be Jewish?" Together, we'll explore some possible answers and trace the evolution of these ideas across two millennia of rabbinic text. We'll also take the time to explore how these texts speak to us personally and how the choices we make (or don't make) in response bring these ideas to life.

Contact Melissa Barton at [mbarton@shearith.org](mailto:mbarton@shearith.org) to RSVP for this class.

## PROGRAMS & SERVICES

### SPIRITED STUDY

December 4 | 7pm

Address Provided Upon Registration

Join us for a fun and lively Watch Party as the Dallas Cowboys take on the Detroit Lions in Detroit! Come enjoy great company, game-day dinner and drinks, halftime Torah study, and all the excitement of Thursday Night Football.

Free to attend but space is limited!

Questions? Contact Michelle Refoua at [mrefoua@shearith.org](mailto:mrefoua@shearith.org).



### WHO KNOWS ONE? WITH MICAH HART

January 10 | 6pm

Kaplan Auditorium

Get ready to laugh, cheer, and soak up all the Jewish pride with Micah Hart and his hit interactive game show, Who Knows One? What began as a pandemic passion project has become a wildly popular phenomenon that brings Jewish geography to life like never before.

With heart, humor, and high-energy connection, Micah invites the Shearith community to play, schmooze, and discover just how small (and wonderful!) the Jewish world really is. Enjoy light snacks during the show, and make the evening extra special by joining us beforehand for dinner

and a joyful community Havdalah.

Whether you're one degree or six degrees apart, you're sure to feel the magic. And who knows—if you're lucky, you might even be crowned "The Chosen One."

(Recommended for 18 years & above)

Questions? Contact Rachel Newman at [rnewman@shearith.org](mailto:rnewman@shearith.org).



### MLK MUSICAL SHABBAT SERVICE

January 16 | 6pm

Beck Family Sanctuary

Join us for a soulful, uplifting Shabbat experience in with Hazzan Itzhak Zhrebker, Trish Hodge & One Voice Gospel Choir, and our Shearith Choirs for a night of harmonious celebration. After the service, enjoy a delicious Shabbat dinner and continue connecting with our vibrant community.

Registration information coming soon!

Questions? Contact Sandi Burt at [sandib@shearith.org](mailto:sandib@shearith.org).

## AFFINITY GROUPS

### PRIME

Prime Dinner

January 5 | 7pm | Location TBD

Shearith Prime is a vibrant community for adults in their 50s and 60s-ish, offering a range of enriching programs and social events. We gather to celebrate Shabbat and holidays, building connection and joy. Whether it's social gatherings or group travel, join us to create lasting memories and forge meaningful friendships.

Prime Miami Beach Getaway (SOLD OUT)

January 29–February 2 | Miami Beach

Shearith Prime is heading to Miami Beach for a four-night getaway! Together, we'll celebrate Shabbat, discover Miami's rich Jewish heritage, and enjoy delicious meals at some of the city's top kosher restaurants.

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## 20s & 30s

Our community is dedicated to bringing together Jewish individuals in their 20s and 30s. Whether you're new to the area or looking for a deeper connection, we've created a place for you to grow, connect, and thrive.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Michelle Refoua at [mrefoua@shearith.org](mailto:mrefoua@shearith.org).

Scan the QR code to join the 20s & 30s WhatsApp group!



## COLLEGE CONNECTION

College Connection helps Shearith Israel stay connected to our young adults by sending care packages during the High Holy Days and Purim, filled with festive treats and letters from Shearith leadership.

Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and guardians are encouraged to sign up any student who is away from home, whether they are in college, grad school, a gap year, military service, vocational training, or a certification program.

If you have any questions, please contact our College Connection Chairs, Stacy Barnett at [stacyrbarnett@yahoo.com](mailto:stacyrbarnett@yahoo.com) or Melissa Ridzinski at [melissa.ridz@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.ridz@gmail.com).

## GEN-X CHAVURAH

This affinity group at Shearith is intended for the target audience of Shearith members age 45ish-59ish. We are looking to provide more opportunities for congregants in this demographic to get together, rekindle old friendships, and make new ones. We will meet at Shearith for Minyan at 6pm before heading to a pre-selected restaurant for dinner.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mindy Rosenfeld at [mindy@mindycharski.com](mailto:mindy@mindycharski.com) or Deborah Fisher at [debierio@yahoo.com](mailto:debierio@yahoo.com).

Scan the QR code to join the Gen-X Chavurah WhatsApp group!



## ISRAEL BOOK CLUB

**Last Saturday of Every Month | 1pm**

*Sardas Beit Midrash*

Our book club is a community dedicated to exploring Jewish life and values, with a focus on the modern state of Israel. We focus on books about Israel's history and culture, covering a wide variety of artists, poets, legal experts, political leaders, military heroes, and masters of literature. In addition, we link in many topics concerning world Jewry, such as the Sephardi exodus from Arab lands, "woke" anti-Semitism, and the Jewish world of Alexander Hamilton. We aim to create an engaging, respectful space for all members to share and grow.

## JEWISH HISTORY CLUB

**First Saturday of Every Month | 1pm**

*Sardas Beit Midrash*

Join us on the first Saturday of every month as we delve into the rich tapestry of early Jewish history. Our discussions are open to everyone, whether you're a history buff or simply interested in learning more.

Please contact Ilana Pomeranz at [ilanapiano@yahoo.com](mailto:ilanapiano@yahoo.com) to RSVP and to learn more. While the meeting is free and open to all, your RSVP ensures we can accommodate everyone comfortably.

## PILLARS

Several dedicated members of our community have come together to create Pillars, a vibrant initiative offering engaging programs and events for adults 70+. Rooted in the values of wisdom, maturity, and forward thinking, Pillars is inspired by Hazak, the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's organization for mature adults. Events are shaped by the interests and input of our members and take place throughout the year. We have recently had amazing luncheons with musical guests! If you're interested in helping to put on these events, please contact Michelle Refoua at [mrefoua@shearith.org](mailto:mrefoua@shearith.org).



## 4th Grade Shabbat

**December 5 | 6pm | Topletz Auditorium**

All Shearith 4th Graders and their families are invited to a heartwarming Shabbat evening of connection, celebration, and community, a wonderful chance for children from WFRS or Jewish day schools to meet new friends and share in the joy of Shabbat.

## Hanukkah Heroes Shababa

**December 19 | 6pm | Fonberg Family Chapel**

Join us for a Shabbat filled with Hanukkah fun and heroics! Come dressed as a Maccabee or your favorite hero and celebrate the Festival of Lights with Rabbi Wallach and your Dor Chadash friends. We'll explore stories of bravery, learn about the heroes of Hanukkah, and enjoy creative activities like Maccabee paper shield making and other arts and crafts.

## Havdallah Movie Night

**January 10 | 6pm | Topletz Auditorium**

Close out Shabbat with a *KPOP Demon Hunters* Movie Night! Enjoy pizza, snacks, and a meaningful Havdallah before kids dive into a demon-slaying movie in Topletz and parents join the Who Knows One event in Kaplan Auditorium. Bring your battle-ready pajamas, blankets, and team spirit for an unforgettable night!

## K-5 Family Service

**January 17 | 10:30am | Fonberg Family Chapel**

Join your Shearith friends for a special Shabbat experience for students & their families in grades K-5, offering a warm, welcoming, and relaxed service. After the service, enjoy fun activities and a delicious lunch sponsored in your honor. Come celebrate, learn, and lead together; we can't wait to see you there!

## Shababasaurus

**January 23 | 6pm | Fonberg Family Chapel**

Join us and Rabbi Wallach for an especially fun Shababasaurus with all your Dor Chadash friends where we will make some dino-mite memories and roar with joy! After the service, enjoy a family friendly lunch and a T-rexcellent Shabbat friendly activities. Be sure to RSVP

to this complimentary program to receive your very own dinosaur mask, ready to decorate with Shabbat-friendly materials.

## 7th Grade Shabbat

**January 30 | 6pm | Fonberg Family Chapel**

All Shearith 7th graders and their families are invited to a special Shabbat gathering with meaningful and fun family services, games, and learning, followed by a delicious dinner. Whether you attend WFRS or a Jewish day school, it's a great chance for kids to meet classmates and for parents to build connections.

## Disney Shababa

**February 20 | 6pm | Fonberg Family Chapel**

Join Rabbi Wallach, Rabbi Roffman, and your Dor Chadash friends for a magical Shababa filled with joy, connection, and enchantment. Come dressed as your favorite character from a storybook, fairy tale, or your imagination, and celebrate the magic within as we welcome Shabbat together.

## K-5 Family Service

**February 28 | 10:30am | Fonberg Family Chapel**

Join your Shearith friends for a special Shabbat experience for students & their families in grades K-5, offering a warm, welcoming, and relaxed service. After the service, enjoy fun activities and a delicious lunch sponsored in your honor. Come celebrate, learn, and lead together; we can't wait to see you there!

## Rabbi Shira Wallach

Senior Rabbi

## Melissa Barton

Youth & Family Coordinator

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**Dor Chadash** is Hebrew for "new generation," which is formally known as Shearith's Family Center. Families with young children (Infants - Pre-K) come together to explore, celebrate, and grow in their Jewish identity at Shearith Israel.



**Bonim**, which means "builders" in Hebrew, is Shearith Israel's dynamic program dedicated to connecting our youth with synagogue life. Aimed at kindergarten through 5th grade, Bonim focuses on fostering friendships and a sense of belonging within our synagogue and community.

## Mark Your Calendars!

### 4th Grade Shabbat

December 5 | 6pm  
Topletz Auditorium

### 2nd Grade Family Program

December 7 | 11am

### 4th-6th Grade Rabbinical Advisory Session 4

December 14 | 10:30am

### The Maccabeats

December 14 | 4pm  
Aaron Family Main Sanctuary

### Hanukkah Shabbat-in-the-Round

December 19 | 6pm  
Topletz Auditorium

### Havdallah Movie Night

January 10 | 6pm  
Topletz Auditorium

### 6th Grade Family Program

January 25 | 11am

### 4th-6th Grade Rabbinical Advisory Session 5

January 25 | 11am

### 7th Grade Shabbat

January 30 | 6pm  
Fonberg Family Sanctuary

### Tu Bishvat Celebration

February 1 | 10:30am

### Hamantaschen Bake

February 8 | 10:30am

### 4th - 6th Grade Rabbinical Advisory Session 6

February 8 | 11am

### 3rd Grade Siddur Ceremony

February 22 | 11am

### K-5 Family Service

February 28 | 10:30am  
Fonberg Family Chapel

### Sarah Lipinsky


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# SISTERHOOD

SIsterhood supports our shul, the Weitzman Family Religious School, Israel, and so much more!



Join SIsterhood as our membership drive is underway! Scan the QR code to register or renew your membership today!



As a member, you'll gain access to curated opportunities for connection and growth – from engaging in Special Interest Groups to social events that bring our community together.

SIsterhood members can join our SIGs (Special Interest Groups). Here are just a few:

Book Club - Contact Susan Erlich at [susehrlich@gmail.com](mailto:susehrlich@gmail.com)

Mahjong Group - Contact Marna Edenson at [mtedenson@gmail.com](mailto:mtedenson@gmail.com)

Yarn Yentas - Contact Dora Rudberg at [dsrudberg@gmail.com](mailto:dsrudberg@gmail.com)

Young Women's Social Group - Contact Sandy Somer at [sandysomer@yahoo.com](mailto:sandysomer@yahoo.com)

## Trivia Night

Trivia Night will be held on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 6:30pm at Shearith Israel. Our emcee will be Scott Nason. Come and test your trivia knowledge. Dinner and spirits will be served. Limit 4 per table. Open to the community.



Scan the QR code to join the fun!

## The Gallery

**Sale Dates: December 14**

Save 20%, and enjoy tax-free shopping!

## SIsterhood Shabbat

SIsterhood Shabbat will take place on January 17, 2026, followed by kiddush lunch sponsored by SIsterhood. After lunch we will have a special speaker, Erika Bruce. Contact Michele Loewenstein, [michlo55@hotmail.com](mailto:michlo55@hotmail.com) to learn more.

## Mah Jongg Tournament

Mah Jongg Tournament will be held on Sunday, February 15, 2026. For details contact Debbie Weinstein, [hweinst451@aol.com](mailto:hweinst451@aol.com) or Shayna McKim, [shayna.weinstein@yahoo.com](mailto:shayna.weinstein@yahoo.com).

## SIsterhood Recap:

### Break the Fast

SIsterhood sponsored a delicious Break the Fast at both Shearith Israel and Beit Aryeh.

### Major Fundraising Event

Our Major Fundraising Event, featured Laurie Bricker, author of *My Grandmother's Ring*, was on November 5, 2025. Laurie discussed Galveston history and the 1906 Hurricane. The evening consisted of appetizers, dinner, book signing, and a raffle. Thank you, Harrian Stern and Debbie Weinstein, for a wonderful evening.

## We are in the process of planning:

Charcuterie Board Class with Jen Sunshine on March 5  
Each Tiny Treasure will receive a plush Shabbat Toy from SIsterhood on April 11

Torah Fund Brunch honoring Meryl Nason will be Sunday, April 26, 2026. Torah Fund supports future rabbis, cantors, and religious educators in all 5 Conservative seminaries around the world. For additional information contact, Susan Duitch, [susanduitch@gmail.com](mailto:susanduitch@gmail.com).

And so much more!

 [www.shearith.org/sisterhood.html](http://www.shearith.org/sisterhood.html)

 [sisterhood@shearith.org](mailto:sisterhood@shearith.org)

 [www.instagram.com/shearith\\_sisterhood/](https://www.instagram.com/shearith_sisterhood/)



## Diaper Drive Recap – October

Our Social Action Committee proudly participated in the annual Diaper Drive for Jewish Family Service of Greater Dallas!

Families visiting the JFS Food Pantry received a month's worth of groceries, diapers, and wipes at no cost.

Thanks to your generosity, we collected 1,164 diapers and 1,158 wipes!



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 [tammygreenbergrescue@gmail.com](mailto:tammygreenbergrescue@gmail.com)

## GET INVOLVED - VOLUNTEER AT SHEARITH!

Our community thrives because of the passion and dedication of our volunteers. Whether you have a few hours a month or just want to help with a single event, there are countless ways to make a difference.

From greeting new members and organizing programs to ushering during services or joining a committee, there's a place for everyone to get involved. Volunteering is a great way to meet others, deepen your connection to the community, and support the shul in meaningful ways.

Interested? Let us know! We'd love to match you with a role that fits your interests and schedule!

Contact Michelle Refoua at [mrefoua@shearith.org](mailto:mrefoua@shearith.org).



# FOUNDATION



## Foundation

Congregation Shearith Israel

The Foundation is a significant source of annual financial support to Shearith Israel.

The Foundation's importance cannot be understated, as the money it distributes to the Synagogue is designed to be significant in size and predictable in terms of frequency and stability, in perpetuity. The Foundation's assets are invested, and a portion is distributed to the Synagogue. These characteristics allow Shearith Israel's leadership to prepare more precise budgeting for the Shul's immediate operating needs and creates the additional benefit of more accurate short, intermediate, and long-term strategic planning.

Supporting the Shearith Israel Foundation combines the 'short and long game' through an Immediate Gift and/or Planned Giving with a Legacy Gift.

Thank you for partnering with us to support the future at Shearith!

Please contact Kyle Queal, COO, at [kqueal@shearith.org](mailto:kqueal@shearith.org) or 214-361-6606, or Larry Kohn at [lkohn1@airmail.net](mailto:lkohn1@airmail.net) if you would like to learn more!

## MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS

### DECEMBER

Steve Kruger - 86  
Harold Pinker - 87  
Edie Singer - 87  
Inna Long - 91  
Ethel Zale - 92

### JANUARY

Klara Goldman - 86  
Hannah "Hank" Pollock - 86  
Andrea Weinstein - 86  
Rena Silverberg - 88  
Shelly Weinstein - 88  
Terry Romberg - 90  
Malcolm Mazow - 91  
Marlene Kreditor - 94  
Bella Garber - 98  
Gisela Swento - 98

### FEBRUARY

Janis Falk - 85  
Steven Toback - 85  
Steven Aaron - 87  
Joseph Viroslav - 87  
Lyndal Gibson - 90  
Sally Genecov - 91  
Marvin Noble - 91  
Naomi Dunn - 93

# B'NEI MITZVAH



**Tyce Barnett Goldberg**

**December 6, 2025 | Beck Family Sanctuary**

Tyce is the son of Melissa and Zach Goldberg; grandson of Carol and Larry Goldberg and Susan and Mack Hall of Lubbock, Texas; great grandson of Barry Soloman. Tyce attends Richardson North Junior High School and is the brother of Tessa, Beau and Rhett Goldberg.



**Kessler Morgan Kelly**

**January 10, 2026 | Beck Family Sanctuary**

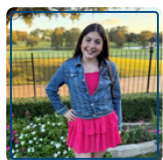
Kessler is the son of Roni Proter Kelly and Shawn Kelly, z"l; grandson of Sharon and Larry Kelly of Texarkana, Texas and Shlomit and Jerry Proter. Kessler attends Parish Episcopal School and is the brother of Baer Kelly.



**Rebekah Ellen Newburn**

**January 24, 2026 | Beck Family Sanctuary**

Rebekah is the daughter of Rachel and Josh Newburn; granddaughter of Anna Bette and Oscar Newburn and Jean and Stephen Sand of Centreville, Maryland. Rebekah attends George Bannerman Dealey Montessori Academy and is the sister of Nathan Newburn.



**Eliana Grace Yochananov**

**January 31, 2026 | Beck Family Sanctuary**

Eliana is the daughter of Julie and Aharon Yochananov; granddaughter of Katya and Avichai Yochananov of Holon, Israel and Laurie and David Sokolsky; great granddaughter of Shirley Sokolsky of Boca Raton, Florida. Eliana attends Ann and Nate Levine Academy and is the sister of Amelia and Briella Yochananov.



**Asher Saul Franklin**

**February 7, 2026 | Beck Family Sanctuary**

Asher is the son of Amanda and Mark Franklin; grandson of Robin Stoller and Bruce Zucker and Linda and Gordon Franklin of Sugar Land, Texas; great grandson of William Ham of Sugar Land, Texas. Asher attends Parkhill Junior High School and is the brother of Lainey Franklin.



**Ari Alper Barnett**

**February 14, 2026 | Beck Family Sanctuary**

Ari is the son of Stacy and Darren Barnett; grandson of Miriam Lewis Barnett and Mitchell Barnett, z"l and Sandy Pakin and Sherwin Pakin, z"l of Chicago Illinois. Ari attends Parish Episcopal School and is the brother of Zeke and Cody Barnett.



**Samuel Benjamin Alexander**

**February 21, 2026 | Beck Family Sanctuary**

Samuel is the son of Rachel and David Alexander; grandson of Judith and Jeff Alexander of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Gail and Abraham Laker. Sam attends Parkhill Junior High School and is the brother of Maya Alexander.



**Griffin Anan Lazebnik**

**February 28, 2026 | Beck Family Sanctuary**

Griffin is the son of Michelle and Roe Lazebnik; grandson of Rina and Noam Lazebnik of Cleveland, Ohio and Beth and David Orlove of Delray Beach, Florida. Griffin attends Highland Park Middle School and is the brother of Phoenix Lazebnik.

## Shofar Sponsorship

Melissa and Zach Goldberg in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Tyce.

Julie and Aharon Yochananov in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Eliana.

Amanda and Mark Franklin in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Asher.

Rachel and David Alexander in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Sam.



## NEW MEMBERS

Molly Aaron & Evan Rosen  
Victoria & Asriel Agronin  
Anna Becker  
Kevin & Sabrina Burck  
Lanny & Kay Eason  
Nicole & Justin Glass  
Enrique Gritzewsky & Florencia Sur

Gregory & Linda Leftin  
Jillian & Benjamin Lipper  
Barbara Manzi  
Robyn Menter  
Ashley Hardin & Daniel Rachman  
Benjamin & Ashley Ray  
Anna Robinowitz

Joshua Rosenbaum  
Russin & Jill Royal  
Max & Kylie Smith  
Kate & Jeremy Stone  
Candy Weinberg  
Joanne Yurich

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

### DECEMBER 25+ YEARS

Dawn and Todd Aaron  
Lori and Joel Alhadeff  
Barbra and Bud Applebaum  
Beth and Michael Brown  
Lindy and Mark Girson  
Suzanne and Martin Hotchkiss  
Meryl and Scott Nason  
Karen and Bassim Nathan  
June and Dan Penkar  
Tami and Craig Prengler  
Sharon Wisch-Ray and Alex Ray  
Kimberly and Jon Ross  
Donna and Byron Rubin  
Miriam and Stewart Steinberg  
Leah and Itzhak Zhrebker

### DECEMBER 50+ YEARS

Rose and Brian Cohen  
Lynn and Barry Cooper  
Brenda and Donnie Dubin  
Reesa and David Feinstein

Mary and Stefan Krieger  
Lana and Stanley Latman  
Elaine and Melvyn Lerman  
Sharon and Chuck Levin  
Judy and Barry Rubenstein  
Carol and Alan Shlansky

### JANUARY 25+ YEARS

Beth and Laurence Konig  
Leanne and Mark Reiter  
Nancy and Barry Sadicarios  
Pila Estess and Mark Siegelman  
Karen and Martin Sosland  
Barbara and Arnie Stokol  
Loyd and Jeff Zisk

### JANUARY 50+ YEARS

Linda and Leonard Behr  
Bonnie and Mike Grossfeld  
Veronique and Hylton Jonas  
Ann and Lawrence Schiller

### FEBRUARY 25+ YEARS

Mona and Artie Allen  
Donna and Stanley Fagin  
Dena and David Fein  
Wendy and Leon Finkelstein  
Laurie and Dan Goetz  
Kathryn and Selwyn Hill  
Jill and Benton Middleman  
Christie and Kyle Morris  
Donna and Larry Olschwanger  
Francoise and Rich Olschwanger  
Kathy and Steven Schneider  
Fredell and Allan Shulkin  
Nancy and Mitchell Spector

### FEBRUARY 50+ YEARS

Jenne and Marc Becker  
Susan and Allen Luterman  
Rita and Mitchell Rasansky  
Elaine and Carl Solomon

# IN MEMORIAM

August 18–October 29, 2025

**Denise Evron**, z"l; sister of Jacques (Esther) Sardas.

**Alex Goldberger**, z"l; husband of Sondra; father of Jill Tannenbaum and Michael Goldberger; grandfather of Kyle Tananbaum and Jason Tananbaum.

**Janice Grossman**, z"l; mother of David (Kimberly) Grossman, Shari (Charles) Ornstein, and Barry (Stephanie) Grossman; grandmother of Ashley Grossman, Joshua Grossman, Miles Ornstein, Jude Ornstein, Holden Ornstein, Bobby Grossman, and Benji Grossman; predeceased by husband Fred Grossman, z"l, and sister Rosalie Friedman, z"l.

**Nancy Bass Kanter**, z"l; wife of Jay Kanter; mother of Baron (Lisa Ann Smith) Kanter, and Alexis (Rob Phelan) Kanter Phelan; grandmother of Theodore and Ezra Kanter-Smith; sister of Jim Bass; sister-in-law of Zona Pidgeon, and Ray David (Denise) Kanter; cousin of Glenn Seaberry and Linda Dell Lindsey.

**Jay Leshefsky**, z"l; husband of Deborah Hacker Leshefsky; father of Lauren Leshefsky; son of Amy Leshefsky, and Ami Leshefsky; son-in-law of Merle Hacker; loved by many cousins and extended family members.

**Lita Marishak**, z"l; mother of Sherry Marishak Simon, and the late Yvette Rose "Dee Dee" Friedberg; grandmother of Liane Friedberg, Cooper Simon (Veronica France, fiancé), Hannah Simon (Keith Shannon, partner), Avery Simon (Dan Seelig, partner), and the late Andrew Friedberg; sister of Maris (Gil) Cutting; aunt of Jeshanah Cutting, and Justin Cutting.

**Jack Meyers**, z"l; husband of Bernice Meyers; father of Michael (Esther) Meyers, Marcy Meyers, and Matthew (Heidi) Meyers; grandfather of Lea and Abby Meyers, and Paz, Simon, Ruby, and Lewis Meyers; brother of Tibey Falk.

**Denny Rodgers**, z"l; husband of Ann Kahn; father of Robert (Shannon) Rodgers, Robin Rodgers, and Richard (Michelle) Rodgers; grandfather of five, and great-grandfather of six; also survived by Josh (Charlotte) Kahn, and Andrea (Gary) Cohen, and their children.

**Bert Romberg**, z"l; husband of Terry Romberg; father of Paula Romberg, Leah Harrison (Michael Axelrod), and Hannah Romberg (Scott Goldberg); grandfather of Eli Harrison; brother of Margaret (Harry, z"l) Furst; uncle of Robin Furst (David Boden), and Richard Furst, z"l; great-uncle of Richard Alfred "Augie" Furst, II, and Benjamin Emanuel "Manie" Furst (Shannon Furst).

**Samuel Rosenzweig**, z"l; son of Cecile (and the late Alvin David) Rosenzweig; father of Evan Rosenzweig; brother of the late Howard Rosenzweig; and a loving cousin and friend to many.

**Morris David Rutchik**, z"l; husband of Elaine Rubin Rutchik; father of Rikki (Kirk Rovinsky) Rutchik, Frances (Robert) Gardner, Julie (Bret) Miller; grandfather of Michael (Jen) Gardner, Jaclynn (Ben) Austein, Andrew (Lucy) Gardner, Mazelle (Adam) Cannon, Rachelle (David) Kuchinsky, Miles Miller, Libby (Matthew Hodes) Miller, Sophie (Blake) Balser, Jessica (Eran) Journo, Elizabeth (Lidor) Ettinger, and Jackie Rovinsky; great-grandfather of Austin, Conrad, Grayson, and Maverick Gardner, and Owen, Zachary, and Mia Austein, Vivienne, Elle, and Henry Gardner, Noah, Maya, and Shai Kuchinsky, Aerin Cannon, Zemirah and Zuri McKay, and Sol Ettinger.

# CANDLE LIGHTING & SHABBAT SERVICE TIMES

## December

### *Candle Lighting*

December 5	5:04pm
December 12	5:05pm
December 19	5:08pm
December 26	5:12pm

## January

### *Candle Lighting*

January 2	5:16pm
January 9	5:22pm
January 16	5:28pm
January 23	5:35pm
January 30	5:42pm

## February

### *Candle Lighting*

February 6	5:48pm
February 13	5:54pm
February 20	6:01pm
February 27	6:06pm

### IN-PERSON & ZOOM

Morning Minyan  
Monday-Friday | 7am  
Sunday | 8:30am  
Federal Holidays | 8:30am

Evening Minyan  
Sunday-Thursday | 6pm

Shabbat Morning Torah Study | 8:30am

### IN-PERSON AT DOUGLAS SHEARITH.LIVE

Friday Night Kabbalat Shabbat | 6pm  
Shabbat Morning Service | 9:30am

### IN-PERSON AT BEIT ARYEH

Friday Night Kabbalat Shabbat | 6pm

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