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Cantor's Notes

Cantor Patti Turner

This week's Torah portion is Ya'yeitzei. It begins with Ya'akov leaving Beersheva and going toward Haran.

"And Jacob went out from Beersheva and went toward Haran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and remained there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and laid down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold the angels of Gd. ascending and descending on it. And behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord Gd. of Avraham your father and the Gd. Isaac; the land on which you lie, to you will I give it, and your seed; And your seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south; and in you and in your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And behold, I am with you, and will keep you in all places where you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you, until I have done that about which I have spoken to you. And Jacob awoke from his sleep, and he said, Surely Gd. is in this place; and I knew it not." B'reishit 28:10-16

It's interesting that "angels were ascending and descending on it." That would imply that angels were already here on earth. Rabbi Meir Goldberg turns to Rashi and Ramban to answer the question, "Why were the angels 'coming down and going up?'"

Rashi explains that the angels going up were the angels of the land of Israel taking leave of Jacob, while the one's coming down were the angels of the Diaspora coming to welcome him. Ramban's (Nachmanides) commentary explains that G-d was showing him that regular people didn't have direct divine

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Prez's Menschen-ings

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday, surrounded by loved ones to share in the joy of the holiday. We have a lot to be thankful for at Ner Tamid. We are a warm and caring community that shares in each other's joys, and occasionally sorrows as well. There has been a lot going on within the Congregation. We have had two Bar Mitzvahs, a wedding, and a new baby on the way (congrats to Bobbi & Joel Goodman on their soon-to-be second grandchild).

We have a new Torah (lovingly used before us) that will be arriving very soon. As many of you know, we have been talking about, and fund raising for, a second Torah for some time. The Board authorized the purchase of a Torah a few months ago, and our search has been fruitful. The Torah is about 95 years old, and has a very nice (read easy to read) type style. It is similar in size and weight to our current scroll. We will let everyone know when it is coming as we will have a Celebration to welcome it to Ner Tamid.

Oren Kagen was called to Torah for his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday morning, Nov. 22nd. He did an outstanding job. Mazel Tov to Oren and his family.

There are a lot of things going on at Ner Tamid in the coming weeks and months. On Friday night, December 19th, at 6:30PM will be the start of our Chanukah Celebration with a Pot Luck Dinner (dairy) followed at 7:30PM by the Chanukah service. Please bring your Chanukiah with candles to light. Saturday January 3rd, at 10:00AM, we will have a Torah Service as the Torah Study Group completes the study of Bereshit (Genesis). We will continue having a periodic guest Rabbi on Friday, January 16th, with Rabbi Jordan Parr leading services. The next night, Saturday, January 17th, will be a late afternoon Torah Study at 5:30PM followed by Bring Your Own Dinner (dairy) at 6:45 and Israeli Folk Dancing led by our own Shelley

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Educational & Upcoming Events

✧ Chanukah Service and Pot Luck Dinner, Dec. 19th✧ Torah Service, Jan. 3rd✧ Guest Rabbi Parr, Jan. 16th✧ Israeli Folk Dancing, Jan. 17th

✧ Every Shabbat, 7:30 PM, Friday Night Services.

✧ Every Shabbat 10:00 AM, Shabbat Morning Service, 10:45 AM Torah Study.

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Congregation Ner Tamid's CARE COMMITTEE brings a "neighbor helping neighbor" approach to providing aid and support to congregants who need help during difficult times. We offer help with cooking because of illness or accidents; and provide assistance to families in mourning or with other special needs.

If you know of an individual, or family, in the C-N-T community who can use our assistance, or if you want to join our team, please e-mail: KAThy Friedberg at: KAT@CongregationNerTamid.org

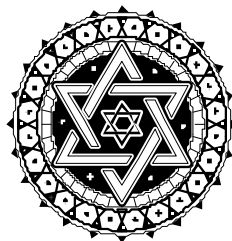
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☆ If you are unable to provide Oneg on your assigned date, please find a replacement for yourself or feel free to send in a donation or drop items off beforehand. Thank you!

When providing Oneg, please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- An inexpensive, small centerpiece would be appreciated. Vases will be provided for flowers.
- Oneg suggestions include a sheet cake or two dozen cookies as well as fruit, nuts, trail mix or vegetables.
- Juice and wine will be provided.
- Paper products and silverware will be provided.
- Set up should be done before Services, but, if necessary, can be done quietly during Services.
- Clean up includes emptying trash cans, sweeping and mopping floors, washing and putting away all items used, and wiping down countertops.

If you are aware of a special occasion [anniversary, birthday, graduation, etc.] and would like to provide Oneg on a date not scheduled for yourself, please feel free to contact the Oneg provider scheduled and make arrangements with them. Kat@CongregationNerTamid.org



The Harlan S. Friedberg Memorial Yahrzeit Plaque is a thoughtful way to remember loved ones who have departed from us but will never be forgotten.

Memorial Plates, each with a light to be illuminated for the Yahrzeit, are available that can be inscribed with up to three lines of personal engraving which may include the departed's name, Hebrew name, if desired, and the Hebrew and Gregorian dates.

The cost of each Memorial Plate is \$180.00. The ten times Chai will provide for the continued funding of additional Memorial Yahrzeit Plaques, as they become necessary, as well as the cost of the individual Memorial Plates and engraving.

If you have someone's name that you would like to have placed on the Yahrzeit Plaque, please contact Randy Friedberg or any member of the Board. Much as the Mourner's Kaddish is a spiritual reaffirmation to the goodness of life, so shall these Memorial Plates be a visual reaffirmation and tribute to the goodness of our loved one's lives.

Israeli Folk Dancing

Israeli folk dancing (Hebrew - עַם יִשְׂרָאֵל, tree,koo,dey 'am, dances (of the people)) is a form of dance usually performed to songs in Hebrew, or to other songs which have been popular in Israel, with dances choreographed for specific songs. Israeli dances include circle, partner, line, and individual dances. As almost all dances are intentionally choreographed, and the choreographers are known and attributed, the reference to these dances as "folk dances" is sometimes controversial among the general folk dance community.



Folk dancing on Shavuot

History

The Jews have a long dance history. The Bible and Talmud refer to many events related to dance, and contain over 30 different dance terms.

Israeli folk dances were created as a way of helping to create a new Israeli culture in the land of Israel, combining elements from other dance cultures with the music and themes of modern Israel. Most of the dances could be danced by young and old, and celebrated the pioneering spirit. Others were created for professional or semi-professional performing dance groups. Israeli folk dancing is a popular recreational activity in Israel and has also spread over time to other countries around the world.



Israeli folk dancing

Rivka Sturman, who immigrated to Palestine in 1929, observed that children were being taught German songs in kindergarten and decided it was important for them to have songs and dances that reflected the culture of their own country. She joined a newly formed organization sponsored by the Histadrut that devoted itself to the creation of folk dances. Sturman, who

had a background in modern dance, became one of the most prolific folk dance choreographers in the country. From 1942 to 1983, she created, taught, and performed more than 90 dances, many of which are considered Israeli classics.

In 1944, Gurit Kadman organized a First Fruits dance pageant to celebrate the Jewish holiday of Shavuot at Kibbutz Dalia. That same year, she organized the first folk dance festival at the kibbutz, which became a regular event.

Like many types of European folk dance and country-western line dancing in the U.S., each Israeli folk dance has a fixed choreography (sequence of steps) and is danced to a specific piece of music. The yotzer, or choreographer, selects a piece of music, usually from one of the genres of Israeli music, and arranges a set of steps to fit with that music. The formation of the dance might be a circle, couples, trios, or short lines, as well as a group/line formation as in country-western line dancing.

The movements themselves are varied, in many cases drawing on older Jewish and non-Jewish folk dance traditions. Major folk influences include the Hora, which is originally a Romanian folk dance form, the Temani, Atari, the Hasidic (Eastern European Jewish) dance tradition, and other Eastern European folk dance traditions. There are many debka-type Israeli folk dances; the debka is originally an Arabic folk dance form of the Middle East. Some dances show primarily a single influence. For example, the dances Hora Chadera (1972) and Eretz, Eretz (1974) harken back to the Hasidic dance tradition. Some dances combine elements from multiple folk dance traditions, or from folk and non-folk sources. The dance Ma Navu (1956) combines folk dance influences (e.g., the Yemenite step) with movements from ballet. Some Israeli dances—this is more common in the newer dances—have few if any folk elements. Prime examples are Yo Ya and Zodiak, which are done in disco format (i.e., with all dancers facing in the same direction) and have movements almost entirely from jazz dance; purists might consider such dances stylistically outside the limits of folk dance.

Yemenite dancing

Yemenite dancing is based on the Yemenite step (Tza'ad Temani), a dance move consisting of a three-step sequence executed in place with a short pause on the final step ("quick, quick, slow"). The step can be done to the right, left, forward and back.

Hora

The hora is a circle dance that predates the State of Israel. It was introduced here by Baruch Agadati in 1924. Adapted from the Romanian hora, it has become an icon of Jewish and Israeli folk dance. It can be performed to many of the traditional klezmer and Israeli folk songs - archetypally to the music of Hava Nagila. This is the most common dance done at Jewish life cycle joyous events such as weddings and Bar and Bat Mitzvahs.

In its pioneer version, the hora was done at a whirling, breakneck pace. Each dancer's arms were around the shoulders of those flanking him, with the circle spinning so fast that dancers were sometimes lifted off the ground. The dancing often continued for hours.



Dancing the hora on a Kibbutz

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Allison at 7:30PM. As you can see, there is a lot happening!

With the cooler weather that is settling in on us, please help us help those that are in need. We have a large Tzedaka box in the Sanctuary for staple food items, coats and blankets. Please bring anything that you can and place it in the box. We will be taking these items to Jewish Family Service to help those in need.

Please remember to support our other Community Service activities (see page 9) including our new association with the Amazon Smiles program.

Come experience what sets Ner Tamid apart.

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Shalom,
Randy

Weekly Parshas

Vayishlach

Genesis 32:4 - 36:43

Jacob prepares for the worst as he anticipates having to confront his brother Esau upon his return home. He divides his household into two groups so that if Esau and his troops set upon one, the other might escape. He also sends a succession of valuable gifts to Esau in the hope of appeasing him.

The night before their “reunion” Jacob wrestles with a man (actually an angel) and defeats him. This stranger blesses him with a new name, Israel, the meaning of which is “he who prevails with God”.

Jacob’s fears regarding his brother turn out to be unfounded. Esau embraces him with affection and offers to escort Jacob’s family. Jacob declines the offer; Esau returns to Seir, and Jacob eventually settles in Shechem, a town named by its chieftain, Hamor, in honor of his son.

Jacob’s only daughter, Dinah is seduced by Shechem. The only circumstance under which Dinah’s brothers will allow them to marry is if all the Shechemite men undergo circumcision. Surprisingly, they agree. While they are recuperating, Simeon and Levi, Dinah’s brothers, slay them all to avenge their sister’s dishonor.

Jacob departs Shechem, journeying to Beth El, the site of his vision of the heavenly staircase. God’s promise to him is reiterated and his name Israel is re-confirmed. Rachel dies near the city of Bethlehem while giving birth to Benjamin. Jacob reunites with his father, Isaac. Isaac dies at the age of 180, and is buried by his two sons in the Cave of Machpelah.

The sidra ends with a genealogical listing of the descendants of Esau.

Vayeshev

Genesis 37:1 - 40:23

Jacob’s favorite among his twelve sons is Joseph. The favoritism is so blatant that it causes resentment among the brothers – a resentment that is only exacerbated by Joseph’s dreams of

grandeur. Joseph gets his comeuppance when his brothers strip him of the multi-colored coat given to him by his father, and throw him into a pit. He is subsequently sold by his brothers to Ishmaelites and winds up in servitude in Egypt. The brothers dip Joseph’s coat in blood, leading Jacob to believe that Joseph had been killed by a beast.

The narrative of Joseph’s life is interrupted by the story of Judah and his sons. Judah’s eldest son married Tamar, but this son soon died. In accordance with the custom of levirate marriage, the next son, Onan, was to marry Tamar in order to produce a male heir for his deceased brother. Onan refused to be a party to this, and he too died. Judah fearing that Tamar was the cause of both sons’ deaths was reluctant to let his youngest son marry her. Disguising herself as a cultic harlot, Tamar seduced her father-in-law, Judah, and bore twins. Judah admitted his error in not requiring his youngest son to enter in levirate marriage with Tamar.

Back in Egypt, Joseph had become the most trusted and favored servant of Potiphar, one of Pharaoh’s officials. Joseph comes to the attention of his mistress; repeatedly rejecting her advances, she exacts revenge by accusing him of attempted rape. Joseph is imprisoned. He wins the favor of his jailer, who gives him a position of responsibility. Joseph correctly interprets the dreams of two of Pharaoh’s jailed servants: the baker who will be executed, and the butler, who will return to Pharaoh’s service. Joseph implores the butler not to forget him upon his release, for he has been imprisoned unfairly.

Miketz

Genesis 41:1 - 44:17

Pharaoh dreams of cows being consumed by cows, and sheaves being replaced by sheaves. The dreams leave him puzzled and anxious. He demands to have someone interpret his dreams, but all the royal experts in such matters are at a loss as to what the dreams portend. The wine butler remembers Joseph’s ability to interpret dreams from their days in prison together. Pharaoh orders that Joseph be brought into his presence immediately.



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Joseph explicates dreams: seven years of bounty will be followed by seven years of famine. Pharaoh elevates Joseph to second in command of the whole country with the mandate to prepare for the famine while produce abounds.









During the famine, which extended beyond the borders of Egypt, ten of Joseph’s brothers come to Egypt to buy food. Joseph recognized them, but they don’t recognize him. Joseph accuses them of being spies and puts them through a series of unpleasant experiences in order to get them to bring his brother Benjamin to Egypt on their next trip to obtain provisions. Despite grave misgivings, Jacob ultimately accedes to his sons’ demands to have Benjamin accompany them to Egypt. There Joseph frames Benjamin for stealing his special wine goblet, and has him arrested.











Vayigash

Genesis 44:18 - 47:27

Judah approaches Joseph and delivers an impassioned plea, asking that Benjamin, who was framed for having stolen Joseph’s chalice, be allowed to return to their aged father. Judah offers himself in place of his youngest half-brother. At this point Joseph can no longer contain himself and he reveals his true identity to his brothers. Joseph reassures them that their role in his disappearance was God’s will: it has

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	1 KISLEV 9	2 KISLEV 10	3 KISLEV 11	4 KISLEV 12	5 KISLEV 13 7:30 PM Services: <u>Cantor Patti Turner</u> Oneg: <u>Marcy & Alan Prager</u>  5:02 PM	6 KISLEV 14 Parshat: <u>VaYishlack</u> פרשת וישלח Genesis 32:4 - 36:43 <u>10:00 AM Shabbat Service</u> <u>10:45 AM Torah Study</u>  6:10 PM (18 min)
7 KISLEV 15	8 KISLEV 16	9 KISLEV 17	10 KISLEV 18	11 KISLEV 19	12 KISLEV 20 7:30 PM Services: <u>Brittini Coe</u> Oneg: <u>Hilda Pritsker</u>  5:04 PM	13 KISLEV 21 Parshat: <u>VaYeshev</u> פרשת וישב Genesis 37:1 - 40:23 <u>10:00 AM Shabbat Service</u> <u>10:45 AM Torah Study</u>  6:12 PM (18 min)
14 KISLEV 22	15 KISLEV 23	16 KISLEV 24 <u>Erev Chanukah</u> (1 light)	17 KISLEV 25 <u>Chanukah</u> (2 lights)	18 KISLEV 26 <u>Chanukah</u> (3 lights)	19 KISLEV 27 <u>Chanukah Service</u> (4 lights) 6:30 PM Pot Luck Dinner (Dairy) 7:30 PM Services: <u>Cantor Patti Turner</u>  5:06 PM	20 KISLEV 28 <u>Chanukah</u> (5 Lights) Parshat: <u>Miketz</u> פרשת מיקץ Genesis 41:1 - 44:17 <u>10:00 AM Shabbat Service</u> <u>10:45 AM Torah Study</u>  6:15 PM (18 min)
21 KISLEV 29 <u>Chanukah</u> (6 Lights)	22 KISLEV 30 <u>Chanukah</u> (7 Lights)	23 TEVET 1 <u>Chanukah</u> (8 Lights) <u>Rosh Chodesh</u> <u>Tevet</u> ראש חודש טבת	24 TEVET 2 <u>Chanukah</u> Ends at sunset <u>NEWSLETTER</u> <u>DEADLINE</u>	25 TEVET 3	26 TEVET 4 7:30 PM Services: <u>Cantor Patti Turner</u> Oneg: <u>Dr. Suzy Smith</u>  5:10 PM	27 TEVET 5 Parshat: <u>VaYigash</u> פרשת ויגש Genesis 44:18 - 47:27 <u>10:00 AM Shabbat Service</u> <u>10:45 AM Torah Study</u>  6:19 PM (18 min)
28 TEVET 6	29 TEVET 7	30 TEVET 8	31 TEVET 9 <u>New Years Eve</u>			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 TEVET 10 <u>Asara B'Tevet</u> <u>עשרה בטבת</u> <u>New Years Day</u>	2 TEVET 11 7:30 PM Services: <u>Cantor Patti Turner</u> Oneg: <u>Renée & Larry Spritzer</u>  5:15 PM	3 TEVET 12 Parshat: <u>VaYechi</u> <u>ויחי</u> פרשת Genesis 47:28 - 50:26 <u>10:00 AM Torah Service</u>  6:24 PM (18 min)
4 TEVET 13	5 TEVET 14	6 TEVET 15	7 TEVET 16	8 TEVET 17	9 TEVET 18 7:30 PM Services: <u>Cantor Patti Turner</u> Oneg: <u>Cantor Patti & Ray Turner</u>  5:21 PM	10 TEVET 19 Parshat: <u>Shemot</u> <u>שמות</u> פרשת Exodus 1:1 - 6:1 <u>10:00 AM Shabbat Service</u> <u>10:45 AM Torah Study</u>  6:29 PM (18 min)
11 TEVET 20	12 TEVET 21	13 TEVET 22	14 TEVET 23	15 TEVET 24	16 TEVET 25 7:30 PM Services: <u>Guest Rabbi Parr</u> Oneg: <u>Shelley Allison</u>  5:27 PM	17 TEVET 26 Parshat: <u>Vaera</u> <u>וּאֵרָא</u> פרשת Exodus 6:2 - 9:35 <u>5:30 PM Torah Study, Havdallah</u> <u>6:45 PM BRING YOUR OWN DAIRY DINNER</u> <u>7:30 PM Israrli Folk Dancing</u>  6:36 PM (18 min)
18 TEVET 27	19 TEVET 28 <u>Martin Luther King, Jr.</u>	20 TEVET 29	21 SHEVAT 1 <u>Rosh Chodesh Shevat</u> <u>ראש חודש שבט</u> <u>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</u>	22 SHEVAT 2	23 SHEVAT 3 7:30 PM Services: <u>Cantor Patti Turner</u> Oneg: <u>Mara & Michael Bergel</u>  5:33 PM	24 SHEVAT 4 Parshat: <u>Bo</u> <u>בּוֹ</u> פרשת Exodus 10:1 - 13:16 <u>10:00 AM Shabbat Service</u> <u>10:45 AM Torah Study</u>  6:42 PM (18 min)
25 SHEVAT 5	26 SHEVAT 6	27 SHEVAT 7	28 SHEVAT 8	29 SHEVAT 9	30 SHEVAT 10 7:30 PM Services: <u>Cantor Patti Turner</u> Oneg: <u>Ariala & Jeff Belkoff</u>  5:40 PM	31 SHEVAT 11 Parshat: <u>Beshalach</u> <u>בְּשַׁלַּח</u> פרשת Exodus 13:17 - 17:16 <u>10:00 AM Shabbat Service</u> <u>10:45 AM Torah Study</u>  6:49 PM (18 min)

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allowed him to save Egypt from starvation during the famine which will continue for another five years, and it will allow him to bring their entire family from Canaan to Egypt where they will have sufficient food. The brothers embrace; all is forgiven.

Joseph lavishes gifts upon his brothers and sends wagons to convey Jacob and the Israelite household to Egypt. On the way down to Egypt Jacob stops at Be'er Sheva, where God assures him that his descendants will return to Canaan.

The reunion between father and son is quite emotional. Joseph presents his father and several of his brothers to Pharaoh, who extends an invitation to them to settle in Goshen.

The famine becomes more and more severe. When the people have no more money with which to buy food, they

exchange their cattle and their land for provisions. Many move from the countryside to the city to be close to the food storage and distribution centers. Those who remain on the land are permitted to till it as long as they remit one-fifth of their produce to Pharaoh's treasury. The Israelites, living apart from the Egyptians, prosper in Goshen.

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providence by G-d, rather G-d watches them with angels. So angels were going up as if to tell G-d what is happening here, and coming down to do His will, as it were. G-d however, was on top of this ladder to show that Jacob was so great that G-d would watch him directly without angels in between them.

The idea of angels "coming down to do Gd.'s will" makes me think of something the mother of one of my friends once said to me. She said, "You never know when someone you meet might be your guardian angel." That's as good of a reason to be kind to everyone I meet, as ever I have heard!

May we always be kind to one another, both our friends and the stranger amongst us, so that we too may know that no matter where we are, Gd. is in that place and is watching over us.

Jewish Jokes!

Three wise women

What would have happened if three wise Jewish women had gone to Bethlehem instead of three wise men? They would have: -

- asked directions.
- arrived on time.
- helped deliver the baby.
- hired someone to clean the stable.
- made a brisket.
- and brought practical gifts.

And what would they have said to each other after they left?

- "Did you see the sandals Mary was wearing with that shmatta?"
- "That baby doesn't look anything like Joseph!"
- "Virgin? I knew her in school!"
- "Can you believe they let all of those disgusting animals in there?"
- "I heard that Joseph doesn't have a

job."

- "And that donkey they are riding has seen better days!"
- "We'll just see how long it will take to get your brisket dish back."

The prayers

Sadie was a Reuters journalist. One year, she was assigned to their Jerusalem office and her apartment overlooked the Wailing Wall. On her first morning, as she was getting ready to go to the office, she looked out her window and saw an old man praying vigorously, his head bobbing up and down rapidly. So Sadie, seeing an interesting story in the making, went down to talk to him.

Sadie asked him, "How often do you come here to pray?" "Every day," he replied. "I have come here to pray on this spot every day for the last 20 years."

"You come every day to the

wall? What are you praying for?" Sadie asked. The old man replies, "I pray for peace in this angry world in the morning. Then I go home, have my lunch, and come back in the afternoon. Then I pray for a world free of illness and disease."

Sadie is amazed. "How do you feel coming here every day for 20 years and praying for these things?" she asks.

The old man looks at her sadly. "Like I'm talking to a wall."



Shalom, *Hilda & Kathy*

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Yahrzeits

December

- 1 - Issac Isenberg, Grandfather of Mark Pierce
- 2 - Allen Eisner, Father of Lee Borron
- 6 - Stanton "Duke" Isenberg, Brother of Bobbie Goodman
- 9 - Jacob Schwartz, Grandfather of Kathy Friedberg
- 10 - Ida Lou Erber, Mother of Marilynn Lepley
- 11 - Isadore Freed, Grandfather of I. D. Freed
- 15 - Joseph Flushman, Father of Howard Flushman, H 23 Kislev
- 22 - Reuben Werlin, Grandfather of Marilyn Freed
- 23 - Lorraine Wilharm, Step-Mother of Jessica Miller
- 25 - Tessie Shosid, Grandmother of Marilyn Freed
- 31 - Marilyn Freed, Wife of I. D. Freed

January

- ? - Bernard Hochman, Father of Mara Bergel
- 18 - Harry Friedberg, Grandfather of Randy Friedberg
- 23 - Abraham Goldberg, Grandfather of Kathy Friedberg
- 25 - Glenn Morrison, Father of Betsy Cook
- 28 - Fannie Schwartz, Grandmother of Kathy Friedberg
- 28 - Jack Kurzban, Father of Marcy Prager
- 30 - Gertrude Goldberg, Grandmother of Kathy Friedberg



Anniversaries

December

- 21 - Rebekah & Mike James

JANUARY

- 20 - Jessica & Cary Miller



Birthdays

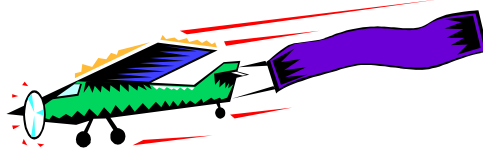
December

- 1 - Taly Drimer Kagan
- 9 - Bobbie Goodman
- 9 - Jeremy Johnson
- 11 - Micah Friedman
- 12 - Aaron Turner
- 12 - Eryn Putman
- 14 - Avery Andrews
- 14 - Randy Friedberg
- 18 - Jessica Archer
- 18 - Dr. Suzy Smith
- 23 - Kathy Friedberg
- 28 - Cary Miller

January

- 2 - Brady Robinson
- 3 - Mark Pierce
- 7 - Dylan Sorrells
- 8 - Deborah Miller
- 10 - Rachel Davis
- 13 - Victor Putman
- 14 - Brandi Geltmeier
- 16 - Elliott Ross
- 20 - Andrew Pritsker
- 20 - Rex Thumann
- 22 - Karen Jennings Pierce
- 25 - Mardi Moon
- 28 - Mason Putman
- 30 - Jeffrey Belkoff

Publicity



Your assistance is needed. A Publicity Committee is being formed to help get the word out that Ner Tamid is one of the best kept secrets in the Metroplex. We don't want to be secret anymore. We need some ideas, some writing and some placement to get the word out.

Please contact:

Randy Friedberg at randy@CongregationNerTamid.org
if you can give us a couple of minutes of your time.

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Cut out and mail with contribution to Congregation Ner Tamid, P.O. Box 112772, Carrollton, Texas 75011-2772.

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___ in memory of ___ in honor of ___ honoring the Yahrzeit of ___ speedy recovery of ___ in appreciation of

Honoree: _____

Fund: _____

Name: _____

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| ☆ <u>Rabbinic Fund</u> | ☆ <u>Temple Beautification Fund</u> | educational requirements for the school. |
| ☆ <u>Building Fund</u> | ☆ <u>Caring Congregation Fund</u> – Supports programs of caring for our members and Community. | ☆ <u>Maimonides Fund</u> – for members in dire need. |
| ☆ <u>Ark Fund</u> – Maintains and/or remodels the Ark. | ☆ <u>Temple Endowment Fund</u> – Supports the general programs and events of the Temple. | ☆ <u>General Fund</u> – Supports the administrative costs of the Temple, i.e. Rabbi, facility maintenance, etc. |
| ☆ <u>Torah Fund</u> – Repair our Torah & acquire another Torah | ☆ <u>Harlan S. Friedberg Memorial Fund</u> – Maintains and adds to the Yahrzeit Plaque. | ☆ <u>Bertha Kurzban Music Fund</u> – provides for the Congregations needs in all areas involving music. |
| ☆ <u>Prayer Book Fund</u> | ☆ <u>Lee Mirowitz Memorial Fund</u> – Provides educational computer software. | ☆ <u>Cantor's Discretionary Fund</u> – Distributes funds to individuals, community causes or worthy institutions as determined by the Cantor. |
| ☆ <u>Rabbi's Discretionary Fund</u> – Distributes funds to individuals, community causes or worthy institutions as determined by the Rabbi. | ☆ <u>Marilyn Freed Memorial Fund</u> – Provides for | |
| ☆ <u>Religious School Fund</u> | | |

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Shirley Stillman and Family

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Bertha Kurzban Music Fund from:

Inez Kaufman wishing a Happy Birthday to Richard Kurzban

The Prager Family wishing a speedy recovery to Aunt Marla Kursban

Community Service



Please support our on-going Community Mitzvah Projects:

- ☆ Collect staple food items, coats and blankets for Jewish Family Service (contact Randy Friedberg)
- ☆ Collect manufacturer coupons for Military bases overseas (contact Marilynn Lepley)
- ☆ Donation bottles for a variety of community & outreach service organizations.

Misheberach
Blessing of Healing

*The Friedberg / Moon families wish Refuah Shlema
~ complete healing to all who need healing and /or
prayers.*

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Congregation Ner Tamid **Mission Statement**

Congregation Ner Tamid is dedicated to preserving and strengthening Jewish values, through communal worship, education and community service. We offer an atmosphere of warm involvement and welcome all families and individuals interested in participating in the community of the congregation. We interpret and practice Judaism according to Reform principles and embrace the Reform movement's commitment to diversity, outreach, inclusiveness and social justice.



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Are you, or do you know of someone, interested in a small, but active, and most of all, friendly Reform Jewish Congregation that has been in existence since 1984 and is located in the heart of the Dallas Metrocrest Community? Well, that describes CONGREGATION NER TAMID! For information email Kathy Friedberg, Membership Committee Chairperson, at kat@congregationnertamid.org.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS:

- FAMILY
- SINGLE PARENT
- SINGLE PERSON
- STUDENT
- JUNIOR
- ASSOCIATE

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Interested? . . . Talk to us!