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In two days from this writing my wife and I will fly to Israel via Zürich. The trip to Israel we have made many times, thank G-d, and as always there's a certain amount of pre-flight anxiety. I speak not of the anxiety of packing and being certain to remember contact lens solution, ear plugs in case my Airbnb has noisy neighbors, and loading a book onto my tablet that I can read on the plane – these mundane matters create anxiety no matter where I'm going. Nor am I concerned about the safety of my flight. Rather I am anxious about Israel and Switzerland, although for different reasons.

I love visiting Israel. Along with our deep historical and religious connection, I always feel a sense of pride at any moment where Jews are comfortable about being Jews no matter what they're doing. Whether it's driving a taxi, selling spices in the *shuq* or flying a fighter jet, it is an endless source of pride for me when a Jew feels comfortable and secure about being openly Jewish. I look forward to saying *Shabbat Shalom* to my taxi driver on Friday afternoon as he drives me to the Kotel, of saying *Shabbat Shalom* to the spice merchant who delights in enhancing my Shabbat, and of saying *Shabbat Shalom* to every

soldier I see protecting my people.

At the same time I am always fearful of those moments of intolerance and irresponsibility that seem to find me (of course, because that's what matters to me most - being tolerant and responsible). I fear the moment that in someone else's mind I am not holy enough for my

Shabbat Shalom to be answered (even though I have never encountered an Arab who would not reply to my greeting of *sabach al cher*, good morning). I fear those moments when those in control of state-sanctioned religion devalue the rights and contributions of Jews who do not believe "correctly enough". And while my faith in G-d and our IDF is strong, as I look to the west of Jerusalem or the north of the Galil or east from Tzefat I am unsettled by the proximity of madmen and their weapons.

Still and all, my time in Israel is always a joyous one. I revel in the modern miracle that is the revival of the Jewish nation, its strength and its diversity, and its democratic institutions.

There is a second fear, perhaps remote but still real. On our return flight we have the opportunity to spend a few hours in Zürich.

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Respectfully Yours...

from the desk of

Rabbi Weinbach

Flying To Israel?

What's To Worry About?!

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Date	Light Candles	Shabbat Ends
1	4:55	6:00
8	5:04	5:09
15	5:12	6:17
22	5:21	6:26



From the Editor's Desk...

as I write this article I am watching a winter storm take place. The snow that is on

the ground is only a portion of what is to come. Plummeting temperatures will turn the remaining snow into ice which, needless to say, is extremely dangerous. However, thoughts of an upcoming week in Florida and then a cruise from Miami keeps my "head above water" and helps me deal with the horrible weather we are experiencing.

We've enjoyed striking up conversations with people we've met on previous cruises whether it be at the dinner table, on an off-ship tour or just sitting around waiting for a trivia game to begin. But somehow whoever we meet does not compare to our friends here at Congregation Shaarey Israel.

We are anxious to go away and yet look forward to a safe return to where we belong.

Be safe in this cold winter!



SHALOM

Roberta



Submissions for the March issue are due by February 10th. Please *promptly* send in any articles or flyers, via e-mail, to be included in the issue.--ED.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jonathan Meister

Consider this **Scroll** Article as the Kickoff event of Congregation Shaarey Israel's Membership Campaign. While there is no formal meeting and no formal committee meeting I have just appointed each and every reader of this article as an official member of the membership committee. Being a member of this committee just as being a member of the synagogue is a commitment. My task to every member of the committee is to find one new member. Just think about it. If every person reading this article brought one new member we would have explosive growth. That growth comes with no expenditure of monies, no advertising, no mailings just the desire of each and every one of us to make our shul even greater and certainly larger than it is at present.

One thing we have is a great product. Another thing we have is the desire to be better. Take these two things and go out and sell. Question now you ask is "Why does someone want to join?" and here members, of the committee, are the talking points:

1. We are an active vibrant community of like-minded Jews (I know that like-minded Jews can be a difficult concept to grasp but hang with me for a minute).

2. When it's warm outside its nice and cool inside and when it's cold outside it's nice and warm inside (as long as no one plays with the air conditioning settings).

3. Daily minyanim. This is a critical selling point and one which we have to ensure among ourselves we continue to support. There is a time and place where each and every one of us needs and wants that minyan. Help each other out, show up for minyan and remind everyone that our shul is there for those that need to say Kaddish or just want the comfort of praying together.

4. Programming and that means monthly Friday night dinners (go find a kosher restaurant in the tri state area where you can get a three course meal with extras including wine for \$30 a person), Yom Tov events, weekly classes with clergy, Holiday programs and so much more.

5. A weekly Kiddush as well as a Kiddush club (the second is optional but lots of fun for those who want it).

6. A very active Sisterhood and Men's Club.

7. The opportunity to worship in a beautiful shul – I challenge you to find any shul in Rockland

or the surrounding area with the aesthetic beauty of our building.

8. A truly inexpensive Congregation to join with no building fund, discounted membership in the first two years.

9. Most importantly, the opportunity to build long-term relationships that are good for the soul. When selling this, think about your own relationships with members of the shul and some of the wonderful bonds that have been created in the last ten years of this Congregation as well as in its predecessor congregations. Without being a part of this Kehillah these relationships would not have come to fruition.

For too long people use every excuse in the book not to join a shul. It is our job to sell them on the need to be part of a Jewish community. We can make the religious argument, we can make the social argument, we can make the financial argument. Whichever one or all you choose it is not a choice of self-interest but rather a choice of working together as part of this committee. The committee has no agenda other than looking to preserve our past, present and future. This is not an easy task and there is much work to be done. Yet as I stated at the beginning of this article just the idea of each of us bringing one person can lead to explosive growth. Yes we have an Executive Board, a Board of Trustees, a Long Term planning committee, various fund raising committees through branches like Sisterhood and Men's Club but this is the most important committee you can be on to make a difference for our shul. My belief is that if we all just give a moment or two of thought as to people we know, whether casually or quite well we can find someone to speak to about coming in for a service, a dinner, an event. The key thing is to get them in the building. We came into the building for services or events and we stayed so there must be something to the product. Each of us must market the product meaning the shul to which we have committed.

Now that we are all on this committee you may ask when we have our next meeting since reading this is the first. Actually, we meet twice a day seven days a week. Try your best to be there but not to worry I won't take attendance.



THE CANTOR'S CLOUD by Cantor Menachem Bazian Spirituality

The air was clean and crisp. The sky was clear blue. The sky was brightening with the light of morning as I stood among mountains on a trail with no one around. My phone told me that sunrise was just a little bit ahead and I stood drinking in the wonder of *Hashem's* beauty. And I started reciting the *Shacharit* prayers. The *Talmud* teaches us that the best time to begin the *Amida*, the silent devotion, is at the precise moment of sunrise. I had hoped that precisely sunrise, I would see the sun peek over the mountains as I recited the *Amida*. It didn't work out quite that way. The mountains were too high and official sunrise happened behind the mountain, but I recited the *Amida* at the proper time in a beauty I have encountered seldom in my life.

It was during our vacation in Arizona. Chana and I did something we have rarely done before. We went on a trip without a secondary reason. It wasn't "a vacation for the kids," and it wasn't "we have a wedding," or "we're going to visit family." It was a trip for the two of us to say a temporary goodbye to a hectic lifestyle and enjoy each other's company. We got a lot more.

I had expected the beauty. Having been to Scottsdale/Phoenix on business, I had seen the mountains before. The clear skies and temperate weather had convinced me that it was a good place to revisit with some time to look around. Chana was intrigued by my descriptions and was enthusiastically looking forward to the trip. We had to reschedule it three times before we actually got to go so you can imagine just how much we were anticipating the adventure.

From the moment we touched down in Phoenix, the sheer majesty of the beauty was overwhelming. During our first day trip to Tombstone, the word we kept uttering, sometimes even exclaiming, was a simple "wow". The Desert has a majesty so magnificent that just driving through it was

an experience in and of itself. By the time we had made the trek to and from Tombstone, we had thought we had truly experienced G-d's grandeur. But, as it turned out, we were only just beginning.



We were driving and, in the distance, we saw a mountain. On a lark, I asked Chana if she minded if I just drove in the direction of that mountain. She smiled and was up for a little adventure and we just drove. Now, here's the interesting part. Somewhere I made a turn. I do not even remember making the turn but I must have made it because, when we started our "adventure", I was on one street and somewhere along the line we wound up on another. In any event, we found ourselves on Fourth street and drove until we reached the end. It ended at the Fourth Street Trailhead, a park that led on a mountain trail. It was late in the afternoon, but we decided to take a hike on the trail. We finished our hike with about a half hour to go to sunset and I really wanted to see a sunset with those mountains, but we were exhausted from hours on the road. I promised myself, however, that I would return in the morning to see the sunrise.

Chana was not quite as adventurous the next morning and so, I found myself alone on that trail.

I believe that G-d does things for a reason. It was no accident that we found ourselves unexpectedly on that street that led to that trail. And, as a result, I was treated to what I can only describe as a spiritual experience. At that moment, when I was *davening* on that empty trail with only the beauty of nature around me, I felt a peacefulness that I have rarely encountered in my life. I felt the presence of *Hashem* all

THE CANTOR'S CLOUD

(continued)

around me and my words in my *davening* had a greater meaning on that day than they normally have.

Later that week, Chana and I visited with my nephew for *Shabbos*. On Friday night, he and I visited a shul for evening services. I was *davening* in a strange shul with the only familiar face belonging to my nephew. When we got to *L'Cha Dodi*, the congregation sung an unfamiliar tune. I kind of followed along until I got the tune and I sang along. Once again, in that moment, I felt a feeling of peace and connection like I had felt on the trail.

Those two experiences have gotten me thinking about the nature of "spirituality." What does it mean to have a "spiritual" experience? I was speaking with my nephew at the *Shabbos* table and I asked what the purpose of *Torah* and *Mitzvos* was and he responded, "to bring us closer to *Hashem*." But what does that mean? It sounds good, but what does it mean to actually be closer to *Hashem*? How does that translate in the real world?

These are questions that have been pondered by minds much greater than mine. I am not a philosopher so perhaps my realizations are too simplistic and maybe even wrong. Still, they are mine and perhaps they have value.

There is a commonality between those two

experiences. On the trail, I felt one with the world and at peace with myself. At that Friday night services, as the shared song of the *L'Cha Dodi* washed over me, I felt one with the congregation and at peace with myself. Perhaps that is when we can feel *Hashem's* presence the most.

When we recite our prayers, we ask that *Hashem* bless his people with peace. In the world we live in, we know that peace is a hard commodity to find. Still, we can find it within ourselves, our families and our communities, if we only try. When we have that peace, when we can feel comfortable with ourselves, our community, our people and the world, then perhaps we can be open to feel the presence of *Hashem*, and gain the understanding that there is something larger than us. That, I think, is what being closer to *Hashem* means. If we can be cognizant that He exists, that there is a force larger than us in the world, how can we be arrogant? Perhaps the answer is that peace can bring a feeling of oneness with *Hashem* which, in turn, can only lead to greater peace. Can we ask for more?

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SISTERHOOD MESSAGE

President Audrey Meister

Jt's already February, but the dark winter months have not stopped our Sisterhood activities. We miss our "snow birds" and look forward to seeing them back in the Spring!!!

On January 10, Sisterhood held its regular meeting. This meeting was "Cooking with Yocheved." If you didn't attend, you missed something special. Those of us who were there, had a wonderful time and learned more than just some great recipes. The recipes for what was cooked and shared will be sent to all at a later date. Again THANK YOU YOCHAVED!!!!

Our February program on Thursday, February 21 at 7:30 will be another learning fun experience. We will be making beaded jewelry, led by Louisa Depaola. Watch for the flyer containing more of the details.

To our men in the Congregation: Check out our gift shop for Valentines' Day.

Another of our on-going fund raisers is Shoprite Cards. They are available from Peggy in the office or through Evie Maher (eviemaher@optonline.net). You can make the checks out to Sisterhood. These cards are available all year. They do not expire, and are good at any Shoprite. You pay the face value and the Sisterhood gets a cash rebate.

Saturday, January 26 is/was our Bingo night. The more that attend, the bigger the cash prizes can be. It's lots of fun to join friends, (men are always invited), to socialize and laugh together. Light refreshments are always served (at no extra cost). \$10 for two cards.

Saturday, February 9 at 7pm is our movie night. The movie this month is entitled *The Monuments' Men* starring George Clooney, and Matt Damon. It was the greatest art heist in history. It is about how a group of volunteers recovered art stolen during the Holocaust. Contact Dale 845-357-3021 or Sheree 845-304-4060 for reservations. Light refreshments are always served at Sisterhood functions.

Coming in the not too distant month of March is Shalach Manos. Our wonderful Roberta Leitner will be chairing the committee.

Volunteers are needed!!! A flyer will be forthcoming with more details.

Remember, Sisterhood has a commitment to the synagogue every year. It is with your help that we make that commitment!

Every second Thursday of the month, weather permitting, there is a Sisterhood meeting at 7:30pm. I hope to see as many of you as possible there!

P.S. I would like to share this with you. I came across a section of the *Jerusalem Post* magazine, when I was in Israel in October. It was in a section called Reflections, and was entitled "The People in the Street" (written by Devorah Waysman). We are bonded by birth, by choice, by belief. It creates a link, invisible perhaps but, when needed, we will help each other. Devorah is 87 years old. She made *aliyah* from Melbourne Australia 47 years ago, and is the author of 14 books. The people in the street she speaks of are the people in Israel, but it could be anywhere in the world. She ends the article with this lovely poem, it touched my heart and I want to share it with you:

*The people in the street...
Watch their passing parade
It has a certain melody
Almost a serenade
Look at all the faces
Each one is quite unique
Some are smiling, some are sad,
Some proud, some are meek
White-haired are the elderly
The young brunette or blonde
Their names are quite unknown to me
And yet I feel a bond
They all pass by my window
It makes me feel complete
To know that I am one with them...
The people on the street.*



MEN'S CLUB MESSAGE

President Mark Pfeffer

Winter has finally settled in. The Men's Club hopes to encourage you reading this message to leave your warm and cozy dwellings and join in some interesting and meaningful experiences. We have never enjoyed hibernation and the Men's Club would like to invite congregants, members and friends of all ages to join us in some of these pursuits. If you have escaped the New York winter for a more southern region, or are travelling to another part of the world, have a wonderful and healthy trip, and come back to us with renewed energy and interesting tales. January 21 marked the holiday of Tu B' Shevat, the beginning of the growing season in Israel. Let this be the beginning of a season for us to get more involved in the activities of the Men's Club, Sisterhood, and the Congregation.

Last month our Men's Club message encouraged people to explore some of the cultural activities and events in the New York area. **The Jewish Museum** was contacted. A guided tour can be arranged if twenty people are interested in learning about what that Museum has to offer. Please contact the Congregation office at 845-369-0300 if you wish to be part of a guided group experience to the Jewish Museum. A **Bagels & Lox** brunch can be included provided by *Russ & Daughters*, a kosher lunchtime venue if people so desire. **The Museum of Jewish Heritage** offers a similar outing for a group. Self-guided tours are available for smaller groups of interested people. A few people have expressed an interest in travelling to **Ellis Island** to the Immigration Building and Museum. Please contact the office if you have an interest in this activity. The **Touro Synagogue** or *Congregation Jeshuat Israel*, is a synagogue built in 1763 in Newport, Rhode Island. It is the oldest synagogue building still standing in the United States, the oldest surviving Jewish synagogue building in North America. A day trip to travel to Newport, Rhode Island to visit this museum would be a fascinating springtime outing. Tours are not available before mid-April. If you are interested in any of these trips let the office know as we shall check there first and talk to you about organizing tours to some of these venues. Let's explore and share some of these experiences together.

Right now we are asking you to join us in our **Annual Calendar Sweepstakes**. This is a major fundraiser and for a mere \$10.00

you get many opportunities to win cash. The cost of one chance to win is \$10. When you buy more numbers you get a greater number of chances to win. Each additional number is only \$10. (\$100 gives you ten chances to win, each day). Remember, each number you buy is returned into the daily drawing, for an additional chance in the next day's drawing. The drawings are from March 1 to June 30. Buy Sweepstakes chances for yourself, your partner, your children, and grandchildren. You can offer your co-workers, friends, family and other social connections you know, an opportunity to join in. Remember, ***You Must Be In it, To Win It.***

Coming up soon is the *Yom Hashoah*, **Yellow Candle Project**. By buying and lighting a Yellow Yahrzeit candle we are transforming memory into meaning and educating several generations to not forget the Holocaust. We hope you will join us again, in lighting a Yellow candle.

We are still working on the opportunity to play **Military Bridge** and hope that it will be placed back on the agenda as a joint Men's Club and Sisterhood activity for the Spring.

Other Men's Club Projects that have been discussed in recent meetings include re-doing a night of comedy. Several possible entertainers have been discussed, and prices and availability is still being worked out. An evening of Klezmer music has also been proposed. We'd love to hear from anyone with contacts to move these projects from the talking stage to the immediate accomplishment stage.

The Men's Club continues to schedule our meetings on the first Monday of every month. We invite all men of our congregation to come out and join us on these planning nights for we need help planning and participating in the activities proposed. Don't forget to help us with your annual dues of \$36.00. Won't you please join us, and come down to a meeting and attend our activities. The Men's Club greatly appreciates your involvement and support.



RABBI'S ARTICLE

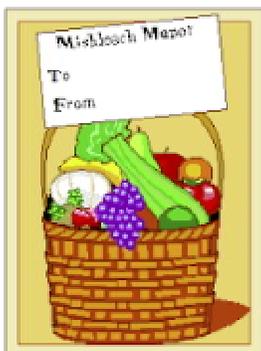
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I'm sure the city is beautiful and the chocolate is delicious, yet it will be an instant reminder that the comfort and pride I felt and being overtly Jewish just a few hours earlier now must go undercover (literally, as I trade *kippah* for hat). No Jew can travel in Europe without giving thought to the problem of renewed anti-Semitism. It's almost like taking a trip through history in reverse, going from the safety and security of Israel to the lingering insecurity of Jewish life in Europe.

How are forbearers yearned to be able to leave behind the tragedies of Jewish history and the diaspora and, at great expense and risk undertake the arduous journey to Israel. Yocheved and I will relax in our safe and comfortable seats, eat our over-salted kosher meal and watch a movie or two before touching down in The Holy Land. We will brace ourselves against the fear and disillusionment and focus on how in our times we are incredibly blessed by G-d to be able to make the journey to Jerusalem door to door in less than a day. I'll don my baseball-style cap in Zurich as we enjoy a new place. And we will pray that neither we nor the Jewish people will forget that for all of our blessings and advances we still have so far to go to fulfill the dream, a dream whose birthplace was Israel, whose residence is Israel and whose future – as promised by G-d - is Israel. What's to worry about?



**SHALACH MANOS IS COMING.
WATCH FOR INFO IN THE MAIL.**



Minyons

Weekday evenings:

Sunday-Thursday: 8 pm

Weekday mornings:

Monday & Thursday: 7:00 am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:

7:10 am

Sunday mornings: 9 am

Friday evenings: 6:00 pm



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If you have any questions, concerns, or wish to volunteer your time please contact me at 845-727-4199.

Sandra Chaitin

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your children and
grandchildren and they
too might be surprised if
they get a check in the
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A blonde was sitting in class when the
professor asked her if she knew what the
Rowe vs. Wade decision was. She sat
there for quite a while pondering this very
profound question and finally sighed and
said, "I think that is the decision George
Washington made prior to crossing the
Delaware."



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Congregant of the Month:
Louisa De Paola "Renaissance Woman"
by Julie Feldman

Be prepared to be astounded. We know Louisa DePaola as the Gift Shop Coordinator, Bingo Caller, an important member of Sisterhood as well as a major part of the local Seniors' Groups. We know that she is a fantastic crafter, making many wonderful items (some of which are on sale in the Gift Shop), and a woman with well formulated ideas. But there is so much more that you don't know about our gifted Louisa.

JF: Where did you grow up and what was your family like?

LDP: I grew up near Kingston, NY and went to Kingston High School and then eventually to New Paltz State University. I grew up with a half-brother who was ten years older than I and I had a brother and sister, the youngest of whom was 10 years younger than me, giving the children in the family a 20-year age-span. I married young and got my university degree in my thirties.

JF: What did you study and what made you decide to go into your field?

LDP: I got a degree in psychology and also studied business analysis and when we moved to New York City, I got a job on Wall Street as a business analyst with a brokerage. I worked for companies like PaineWebber, E.F. Hutton and Deutsche Bank. I eventually became an Assistant Vice President at Paine Webber. I did this for 25 years and then began to consult with major banks for another 10 to 15 years. During this period, as a form of relaxation, I began to design table cloths and opened a small store to sell them. I had someone at the store during the week and I would come in on the weekend while I was still working on Wall Street. I was in retail for 20 to 25 years before I retired in 2002. I moved to Staten Island then and opened a gift shop which I ran until 2006 when it was destroyed by a fire. A friend of mine owned a Bed & Breakfast down the street and she asked me to run it for her. I re-opened the gift shop in the B&B and did that until 2008 when I moved to Rockland to be closer to my daughter.

JF: What made you decide to join Congregation Shaarey Israel?

LDP: In Staten Island I belonged to a traditional

conservative synagogue much like CSI. When I moved to the Airmont area, the new building had not yet been built and the Monsey Jewish Center was still meeting at the Reuben Gittleman Hebrew School. One of my neighbors in Airmont Gardens was Phil Zelazo and he brought me to services there and I joined.

JF: What is your favorite song, book, movie, piece of music, piece of art, etc. and why?

LDP: I love opera. My favorite is *Turandot*, and that was what was wonderful about living in New York City. I actually love all music, even a little rock 'n roll, especially Adele. Right now I've gotten into Pandora music on my smart home app.

JF: What is one thing about you that would surprise people?

LDP: Most people don't know how many things I've done in my life. I think I got that from my mother. After she got married, she learned to build houses. She would plan the building, obtain the materials, hire the workers, oversee the construction and then sell the house. Eighty years ago, it was unheard of for a woman to do that.

JF: What thoughts do you want to end this interview with?

LDP: My hope is that we can attract many young families. That will be the future of CSI. Several members of my own family have joined. We need more young men on the Bima and more young women in Sisterhood.





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Michael Wildes is the managing partner with the leading immigration law firm of Wildes and Weinberg, P.C. It was established in 1960 by his father Leon Wildes whose best known accomplishment was his successful representation of John Lennon in his widely publicized deportation proceedings.

Mayor Wildes serves as of counsel to several international law firms and Lincoln Center. He is an adjunct professor at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York and teaches two classes one he inaugurated on Business Immigration Law. He is a former federal prosecutor with the United States Attorney's Office in Brooklyn (1989-1993) and author of *Safe Haven in America: Battles to Open the Golden Door* (Foreword by Alan Dershowitz).

Having represented the United States government in immigration proceedings, Michael Wildes is a frequent participant on professional panels and commentator on network television and radio with regard to immigration law. He has testified on Capitol Hill in connection with anti-terrorism legislation and is internationally renowned for his successful representation of distinguished individuals and corporate clients. Some of Michael Wildes recent clients include First Lady Melania Trump, soccer icon Pele, scholars such as Lord Rabbi Jonathan Sachs and many others.

Michael Wildes was recently elected mayor of Englewood, New Jersey. He was previously a two-term mayor of Englewood, New Jersey (2004-2010), and before that a two-term Englewood Councilman (1998-2004). Mayor Wildes is a 26 year veteran of Hatzalah in Manhattan. He and his wife Amy have four children.



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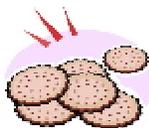


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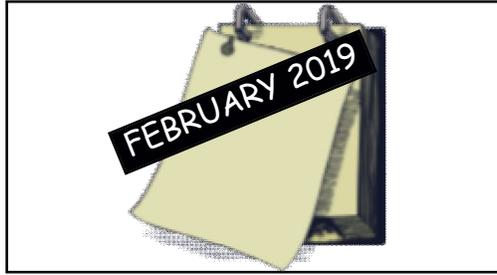
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Date	Event	Location	Time	Person Responsible
1	Services & Ann'y Shabbot	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
2	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
4	Men's Club Board	Room 2	7:00 pm	Mark Pfeffer
5	Rabbi's Class	Room 2	7:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
5	Israeli Dancing	Multipurpose Rm	8:00 pm	Karin Sachs
6	Forever Young Seniors	Multipurpose Rm	11:00 am	Barbara Kleinman
6	Jewish Appreciation	Room 2	7:30 pm	
7	Sisterhood Board Meeting	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Audrey Meister
8	Services	Sanctuary	6:00 pm	Rabbi Weinbach
9	Services	Sanctuary	8:45 am	Rabbi Weinbach
9	Movie: <i>Monument Men</i>	Multipurpose Rm	7:00 pm	Dale/Sheree
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14	Sh Bracelet Program	Multipurpose Rm	7:30 pm	Louisa Depaola
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28	Board Of Trustees	Room 2	7:30 pm	Jack Perel

