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FROM the RABBI

Beth D. Davidson

November 9-10, 1938. A day-long pogrom against German Jews that we now call “Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass,” marked a turning point in Jewish History. But Kristallnacht wasn't the beginning.

Five years earlier, in 1933, after the Nazi Party received more votes than any other party in a national election, German President Paul von Hindenberg appointed Adolf Hitler the Chancellor of Germany.



Almost immediately, Hitler began his program of state-supported anti-semitism: Jews were forbidden to work in certain professions and a government-supported boycott of Jewish stores began, with Nazi troops

stationed in front of Jewish-owned stores to warn away potential shoppers. Yellow stars and the word “JUDE” were painted on Jewish shops.

By 1935, The Nuremberg Laws were passed, depriving Jews of German citizenship, and declaring marriages and relationships between Jews and non-Jews illegal; subsequent legislation forbid non-Jews for working for Jews, and prohibited Jews from studying with non-Jews.

On occasion, Jews were rounded up and sent to concentration camps, from which they were sometimes released and allowed to return home.



10-24-15. Linda Rockenmacher receives the Sisterhood Woman of the Year award at the Annual Dinner. Co-president Ruthie Gordon is at the right. More on pages 4-5.

By September, 1938, when Germany marched into the Sudetenland, half of Germany's once proud Jewish community had left; 300,000 Jews, however, still called Germany home.

On the night of November 9, the discriminatory policies against Jews became wholesale violence: the glass windows of nearly every German synagogue and Jewish-owned store were smashed, 91 Jews were murdered, and 30,000 more were sent to concentration camps, where many of them subsequently died.

Some world leaders denounced the pogrom; reading the handwriting on the wall and realizing that there would soon

be real need, the American Jewish community responded by creating the United Jewish Appeal, the most successful fundraising organization in Jewish history.

Stephan Lewy became a Bar Mitzvah on that November day in 1938. 77 years later, Mr. Lewy will share his memories with us at Shabbat services on **November 13, 2015**. I hope many of you will join us at 7 PM that evening: to remember, to listen and to learn.

If we truly wish to “Never Forget,” we must learn from those who were there. Other members of our community whose lives were touched by Kristallnacht and

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L'Chayim October 18, 2015:

the Shoah will participate in this commemoration, as will Pastor Dawn Berry, whose recent sabbatical study focused on the French village of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon. Jews and non-Jews must remember and work together if we truly want to learn from our history.

German Jewry today will be the focal point of our Scholar-in-Residence, Rabbi Stephen L. Fuchs, at Shabbat Services on Friday, November 20, 2015.

Rabbi Fuchs is recently returned from Germany, where he led High Holy Day and Shabbat Services in communities around the country, including the town from which his father hailed.

Rabbi Fuchs will share his encounters and his reflections on this experience, offering us a view into the lives of today's German Jews.

Rabbi Fuchs will also be our guest leader at Torah Study/Breakfast with the Rabbi on **Saturday, November 21**. Beginning at 9:30 and running until 11 AM, please join us for breakfast and as we study Torah together.

RSVP to the TAY office 669-5650 if you are planning to be with us, as we need to provide Frankie Shapiro with an accurate count of how many folks she will be feeding.

Jewish history—the biblical and the modern—shape who we are and how we respond to the world in which we live. I hope you will mark your calendars now, and join us this month *as we remember and as we look forward*.

~Rabbi Beth D. Davidson



*Above, Joel Gordon & Serena Tanzer display the advance orders.
Below, Cliff Lopate and his spouse Rabbi Beth Davidson get ready to do it all.*



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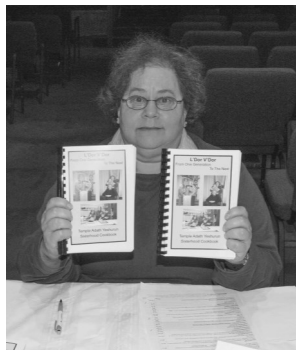
TAY's 2nd L'Chayim Jewish Food Festival 5776



Above, Co-Chairs of the Event Cate Tanzer & Ruthie Gordon.

*At lower right, part of the serving team poses before the start:
From left, Judy Wolff, Reva Miller, Emilie Kaplan,
Cate Tanzer,
Nancy Frankel,
Cliff Lopate,
Ann Licciardello-Hersher.*

*Below, D.G. Krasner sells
Sisterhood Cookbooks.*



A big thank you to all who volunteered and came out to support TAY's fall fundraiser this year. Co-chairs Ruthie Gordon and Cate Tanzer were very encouraged to see the flood of people entering the social hall: many congregants, and other people from the Jewish community—as well as people who were just curious about traditional Jewish food.

Maybe it was the cold weather and the tantalizing smells coming from the kitchen, but the lobby was packed by noon as people were waiting for the doors to open.

They purchased rye bread, challahs, knishes, Sisterhood cookbooks—as well as every last matzah ball, brisket-and deli-stuffed sandwich, stuffed cabbage and kugel. The food was almost gone within the first hour and a half of opening the doors. The only downside was some late-comers weren't able to purchase everything they wanted.

"Next year, we will make much more food and have plenty more knishes, rye breads and challahs," says Ruthie Gordon.

"We will also sell more frozen options such as trays of kugel and stuffed cabbage and matzo ball soup, in addition to the 1-lb. packages of brisket we had this year," she added.

Cate Tanzer and Ruthie Gordon chaired the event, and everyone helped, as you can see.

All in all it was a great festival! Looking forward to next year's 3rd Annual L'Chayim Jewish Food Festival November 6, 2016. Save the date.

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Silk, Glass, Art, Paper,
Jams, Felt, Jewelry,
Handbags, Baby Items,
Knits, Doll Clothes,
Gifts, Chanukah items
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November 15, 2015

Sunday

10:00AM-3:00PM

Sisterhood Woman of the Year 2015

Below, Margie Hodes hugs Millie Eisman at the Sisterhood Annual Dinner on 10-26-15.

The Sisterhood is pleased to announce that **Linda Rockenmacher** was presented the Woman of the Year award at its annual paid-up dinner on Monday October 26, 2015.

As a long-standing member, Linda is considered a foundation of the Temple Adath Yeshurun community. Linda has been active as a member of the TAY Board of Directors, the TAY Sisterhood and a steering committee liaison for the Interfaith Women of New Hampshire programs. She is a regular attendee in Torah and Adult Study, and has been involved in the Membership Committee, Caring Committee, Neighbors Feeding Neighbors program, and the Brotherhood's Mitzvah Program.

In presenting the award, Co-President of the Sisterhood Ruthie Gordon noted, "Linda is kind, gracious and generous with her time. She consistently steps up to serve our community when she is called upon. We are very lucky to have her as a part of our temple family."



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Sisterhood Annual Dinner 2015



Honey Weiss, Mary Ellen Bilech, Fran Short, Emilie Kaplan, Nancy Kudler, Arlene Fishbein, Rita Davis. All Sisterhood pictures by David Rosenzweig.



Judy Wolff with Carol Sternberg standing behind her, Nancy Frankel, Rabbi Beth Davidson, with Debra Garlin standing to her left, and Mandy Frank on far right.



Jean Schlager, Libby Koocher, Ruthie Gordon & Cate Tanzer (both standing), Deb Benton, Karen Rothstein.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Sisterhood members gathered on October 26 to share an outstanding completely home-made vegetarian Greek dinner prepared by Janine Katsigianis. Even her bread was amazing!



This was followed by the presentation of our Woman of the Year Award of which I am the proud recipient. A Powerpoint talk about the History of Jews in Greece completed the program after which

we enjoyed Janine's wonderful pastries. *[Editor's note: You can get the gist of Linda's presentation on pages 8-11 of this Bulletin.]*

Our members enjoyed the Rosh Chodesh celebrations last year, so we plan to offer four of these again this year. The first will be on Saturday, **Nov. 14** at the home of JoAnn Meyers in Goffstown where we will share a potluck meal followed by a program by Rabbi Beth.

The person hosting the event determines the number we can accommodate so attendance has to be limited. If you are willing to host one of these please contact me. The only requirement is that your home must be cat-free (our Rabbi is very allergic to cats).

On **Sunday, November 15**, we have our main fundraiser, the Fine Crafts Fair. Karen Rothstein has filled all the tables with a wonderful array of craftspeople again this year and we hope to have lots of shoppers for this event. It's an enjoyable way to get your holiday gifts and benefit the temple at the same time. Our Judaica Shop has many new items in stock and will remain open longer hours up to Chanukah.

Continuing to provide gourmet breakfasts for members, Frankie Shapiro will again bring a breakfast for the Torah Study participants on Saturday, Nov. 21—when our scholar-in-residence for the week-end, Rabbi Stephen Fuchs, will join us.

[Ed. Note: No room for more pics. Everyone was smiling. All pics by D.Rosenzweig.]

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Principal's Message

Stephen Dolman

As the change in seasons approaches, one thing remains constant: Religious School will be on **Tuesdays, 3:45 to 5:45**; and **Sundays, 10:00 to noon** (weather permitting). We must make Religious School more of a priority in our lives and let the weather be the only variable that affects our attendance.

We have the best teachers but they cannot teach if you are not here to learn. What you learn today will make it easier for you as you approach your Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

There are many exciting things that will be happening in our school in the next two months. This includes The December 13 Chanukah party. The Brotherhood is planning a magical party.

In **grade K-1** the students continue to work on the Hebrew words for the parts of the body. As the Chanukah holiday approaches the children are learning the blessings for lighting the candles and are doing projects for the holiday.

In **grade 2** the children are working on the meaning and customs of the Sabbath. They are learning the blessing for the lighting of the candles, drinking of the wine, and eating of the challah. They are making Sabbath boxes for their unit about Shabbat. With the holiday season not that far away they have begun discussing Chanukah. In Hebrew they are continuing to learn their letters and to use this knowledge to read words.

In **grade 3-4** Hebrew they are learning the *v'ahavta* and reviewing the *Sh'ma*. They are also working on Chapter 2 in their *Time For Prayer* Workbook 2.

In **grade 3-4** Judaica students are in the midst of creating a bulletin board that will "ELECTRIFY AND IGNITE" your knowledge of the following Torah

Blessing the Dawgs



Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015. It was cold, but they were there. From l. to r.: Mom and Emilie Kaplan and Pres. Alan Kaplan, Rabbi Beth Davidson and Debra Garlin. In front of her Michael Yellin and their two daughters,

Portions: The Great Miracle, God's Gift, The Courage of Two, Joshua Fights For Freedom, Deborah's Help, and Samson's Purpose.

3rd and 4th grade challenge to congregants: Find the message or moral of each story and what it brings to your life.

In **grade 5-6** Hebrew the students are reviewing the V'ahavta and learning the blessings for before and after Torah readings. They also are learning to chant the blessings for before and after the Haftarah.

Along with the Torah and Haftarah blessings, 5th and 6th graders are learning to read the Yotzer and Maariv Aravim blessings for the Shabbat morning service. The students continue to work in the *Time for Prayer* Workbook 3, Chapter 2.

For **grade 5-6** Judaica class, students have been researching prophets, what it means to be a prophet, discussing

and comparing prophets from long ago with modern-day prophets. They have broken into groups and created an advertisement for help-wanted :

PROPHETS WANTED: SEE BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE OF MRS. MILLER'S CLASSROOM FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND AN APPLICATION. [Seriously, adults are sought who might be willing to interview for the position of "prophet."]

In **grade 7** the students are studying The Tannach and discussing theology as they prepare their liturgy for their Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

NO SCHOOL on This DAY:

TUES Nov. 24

SUN Nov. 29

SUN Dec. 27

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PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER, 2015

Audrey Gallant K-1
Simon Ratinoff K-1
Miriam Waldman K-1
Mariana Utell 2nd
Zosia Yellin 2nd
Zofia Rosenfield 4th
Julia Waldman 4th
Ariana Bell 5th
Jacob Herlicka 5th
Elliot Frank 6th
Tzipora Yellin 6th
Ryan Rosenberg 7th

Religious School Upcoming Events

Beginning in **November**: President Alan Kaplan will begin our music program with the students at school.

Sunday, November 15: We will be having Religious School at the Currier Art Gallery for a special event on the building blocks for art and a tour of the gallery. The students will also be making cards and prints for the holiday season.

Sunday, November 22: Mark Lazer, an Israeli educator and facilitator, will meet with our Religious School students to present a workshop on Israel. Mark's workshop is supported by a grant from the Jewish Federation.

Sunday, December 13: The Brotherhood will be hosting their annual Chanukah party. Yummy-in-my-tummy latkes will be served—with some hot dogs on the side. There will be games, music, and a surprising magical entertainment for the community. A fun day for ALL, the party starts at 11 AM, after students spend the first hour of Religious School with their teachers.

Peter Pan Musical at MCTP



In the MCTP production, pictured above, Peter—played by Nen Horan of Sandown—locks eyes and weapons with Captain Hook—played by Mark Murai of Bedford. Photo by Tom Anastasi.

TAY members will once again grace the stage of another Manchester Community Theatre Players (MCTP) production.

Peter Pan will be performed at the MCTP Theatre (formerly the Federation building) on **November 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, and 22.**

Our TAY members include director **Alan Kaplan**, company manager **Steve Short**, fight choreographer **Arielle Kaplan**, **Tzipora Yellin** as Slightly, **Jess Miller** as Spike, **Brooke Flanders** as Star Dancer, and **Zosia Yellin** as Mountain Spirit.

Director Kaplan promises flying, fun, and fantastic music.

Based upon Sir James M. Barrie's 1904 play about the boy who refuses to grow up, the show begins in the London nursery of Wendy, John, and Michael Darling, where three children are visited by Peter Pan.

With the help of his tiny friend, the fairy Tinkerbell, Peter takes the three children on a magical flight to Never Land. This enchanted island is home to Peter, Tink,

the Lost Boys, Tiger Lily and her Native American nation, and the scheming Captain Hook who is as intent on defeating Peter Pan as he is on escaping the crocodile that once ate Hook's hand after Peter Pan cut it off. The tick-tocking croc so loved the taste of Hook that he continues to pursue him.

When asked what people will love about Peter Pan, Steve Short said, "What's not to love? The littlest ones will clap when Tink is revived and be thrilled by Fairy Dust. Older kids will love the cast members flying about the stage, and adults will fondly remember the first time they saw this iconic treasure. Whether you remember Mary Martin, Cathy Rigby, or Disney's version of Peter Pan, each of us has a favorite moment. I've never grown up, so..."

Director Alan Kaplan says, "Far superior to the Portsmouth summer play. Bring your grandchildren."

Tickets are still available, so please go to www.mctp.info for more...info.

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A History of Jews in Greece

by Linda Rockenmacher

[Editor's Note: On Oct. 26, 2015, the Sisterhood had its paid-up member annual dinner and celebrated with an especially delicious Greek menu. Linda Rockenmacher prepared this overview and presentation of the history of Jews in Greece. It is reprinted here by popular request.]

Greece is a relatively small country in the Mediterranean Sea. About one fifth is made up of islands; no part is more than 85 miles from the sea. Some Greek islands are located only a few hundred miles from Israel. Athens, Ionnina, Thessaloniki, and Rhodes (see map below) are the areas on which I am going to focus on in this presentation.



Judah Maccabee

The land that is now Syria was then part of the extended Hellenic kingdom previously conquered by Alexander the Great. Judah Maccabee led the orthodox Jews to defeat the Seleucid king, Antiochus IV, an event we celebrate on Chanukah.

At the time of Judah Maccabee there were many less orthodox Hellenistic Jews living in the area. While they maintained their monotheism, they were attracted

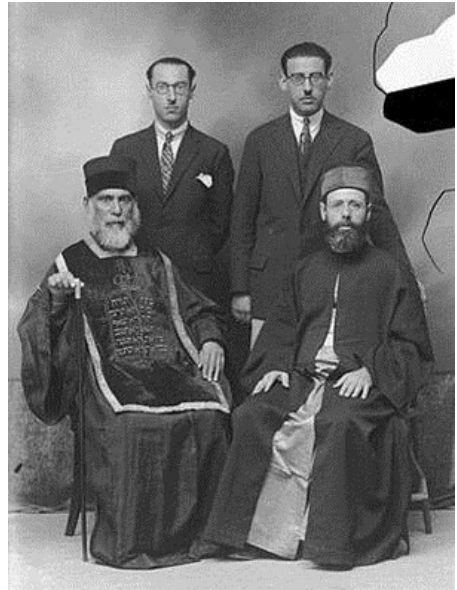
to the Greek culture and learned to speak Greek, which was the language of commerce in the region at that time. Many of them relocated to Greek cities along the Aegean coast.

These early Greek Jews developed a culture that to the present day remains distinct from that of the Sephardic or Ashkenazi communities. They became known as

Romaniote Jews, a Hellenized Latin term meaning that they lived in the empire of the "second Rome" or Greece.

The Romaniote ritual tradition was unique with its own prayerbook called Mahzor Romania. They spoke Yevanic, a dialect of Greek infused with Hebrew and written with the Hebrew script. No

known speakers of this language remain today. The Romaniote community has been in decline during the past 5 centuries, with many pre-existing ones eventually becoming absorbed into the larger wealthier Sephardic communities that have now become synonymous with Greek Jewry. The Greek government recognized these Romaniote Jews as descendants of the Chosen People and provided protection until the Nazi occupation.



Romaniote Jews of Volos

The vast majority of Romaniote Jews today have now relocated to Israel, (about 5,000) mostly concentrated in Tel Aviv and in the United States (about 6,500,) most in New York City where they maintain their own temples.

Some remained in the more isolated areas of islands and in the rugged mountainous regions of western Greece including Ioannina. This city was once the largest of the Romaniote communities with about 4,000 at the start of the 20th century. Last year they gathered to commemorate 70 years since the Nazis decimated their community. In traditional dress they lit candles in memory of the more than 500 children who had been deported to Auschwitz. [See picture on top of p. 9.]

Greek Jews played an important role in the early development of Christianity,

[Cont. on p. 9.]



There may have been isolated Jews living in Greece as far back as the Babylonian exile, but the first recorded history of Jews in the present-day country of Greece was in the 4th Century BCE in Rhodes. The most familiar historic confrontation between Greeks and Jews to most of us is the Maccabean revolt.

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*Romaniote Jews of the 21st Century Remember
~Rockenmacher photo.*

particularly Paul of Tarsus, who was a Hellenized Jew [known as Saul] until his conversion to Christianity on the Road to Damascus. He was instrumental in the founding of many Christian churches throughout the Mediterranean region including Greece. His second missionary journey included proselytizing at



Painting by El Greco of Paul of Tarsus

Thessaloniki's synagogue until he was driven out of the city by the Jewish community there.

After the collapse of the Western Roman Empire, the Jews of Greece began to come under increasing attention from Byzantium's leadership in Constantinople. Some Byzantine emperors were anxious to exploit the wealth of the Jews of Greece, and imposed special taxes on them. Others attempted forced conversions to Christianity with little success.

The first Ashkenazi settlement occurred in 1376 with a migration of Jews from

Hungary and Germany to avoid persecution. Greece was ruled by the Ottoman Empire from mid-15th century until Greek Independence in 1832. The country became a haven of religious tolerance for Jews fleeing the Spanish Inquisition as well as persecution in Europe.

After 1492 hordes of Sephardic Jewish immigrants began to arrive and increase the population in the Jewish communities, marking the beginning of Sephardic Jewry in Greece. Thessaloniki be-

came the center for Jewish life in the country.

The Ottomans welcomed the Jews because they improved the economy. Jews occupied administrative posts and played an important role in intellectual and commercial life throughout the empire. They established the city's first printing press and Thessaloniki became known as a center for commerce and learning. Many times the pride and sense of cultural superiority of the Sephardic Jews led to friction with the Romaniote culture, however. As the Jewish population swelled it eventually became the majority population in 1519.

The city of Thessaloniki became one of the largest Jewish communities in the world, called also the "mother of Israel." As a result of the Jewish influence, many non-Jewish inhabitants of the city spoke Ladino, the language of the Sephardic Jews. Sea-travelers after reaching this port recalled that Thessaloniki was a city where people worked only four days while resting three consecutive days. The three major religions adhered to their respective resting days: Friday for Muslims, Saturday for Jews, and Sunday for Christians.

Because they had supported the Ottoman Empire during the Greek War for Independence, thousands of Jews were massacred along with the Turks during that conflict. Due to their position in the forefront of the trade network with Bal-

kan countries, Jewish traders had hoped Thessaloniki would be under the control of Bulgaria, but Greece won out. The Greek government won their support over time, however, and was one of the first countries to accept the Balfour Declaration. This was an endorsement by the British for the founding of a Jewish homeland.

After Greek Independence in 1832 national and economic life became increasingly centered around Athens, and many Jews began to move there, joining the small Jewish communities that had existed there since the Middle Ages.

When Bavarian King Otto I settled there he was accompanied by Max Rothschild and other Ashkenazi Bavarian Jews.

Though never politically secure, they continued to grow in numbers and became well-established. In 1904 the Etz Hayyim synagogue was built.



Max Rothschild

In 1934 many Zionist Jews from Thessaloniki made aliyah to Palestine, settling in Tel Aviv and Haifa. Among them were 500 dockworkers and their families who settled in Haifa to work at its newly constructed port.

During World War II, Greece was conquered by Nazi Germany and occupied by the Axis powers. Greek Jews fought in the Greek army, the best known of these was Colonel Mordechai Frizis. They repeatedly met with disbelief the danger of their deportation to death camps.



Above, Mordechai Frizis and his wife. During WWII, he fought in the Greek army.

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GREEK JEWS, (cont. from p. 9.)

When most people think of the Holocaust they usually think of Germany and Poland, but 87% of the Jewish population of Greece perished.

Thousands of Jewish lives were saved at that time by the Greek Orthodox Church. The head of the Metropolitan See of Thessaloniki, Archbishop Damaskinos, instructed the Greek Orthodox Church to issue false baptismal certificates to all Jews who requested them. Together with 27 other professional leaders he wrote against the Jewish deportations when the Jews were rounded up in preparation for slave labor. In sharp language he referred to the unbreakable bonds between Christian Orthodox and Jews, identifying them jointly as Greeks, without differentiation.



Archbishop Damaskinos, 1945

According to the Foundation for the Advancement of Sephardic Studies and Culture, this document composed by Archbishop Damaskinos is unique in all of occupied Europe in its character, content, and purpose.

Despite his efforts, about 50,000 Jews from Thessaloniki were sent to Auschwitz and most of their sixty synagogues and 20 Jewish schools were destroyed in addition to the old Jewish cemetery in the center of the city. Today only around 1,000 Jews remain and maintain two synagogues.

Throughout Greece Jews suffered during the German occupation. In Corfu, after the fall of Italian fascism in 1943, the Nazis took control. Its mayor was a known collaborator and various anti-Semitic laws were passed. Most of Corfu's Jews were sent to Auschwitz with few survivors.



Ionnina, Greece: Deportation 1945

The experience of the 275 Jews on the island of Zakynthos during the Holocaust was a distinct contrast. When the island's mayor was presented with the German order to hand over a list of Jews, the bishop gave them a list with only two names, his and the mayor's. The people of the island hid every member of the Jewish community and they were all able to survive.

About 10 years ago my husband, Sol, and I took a Mediterranean cruise that stopped in the city of Rhodes. We had some time to explore on our own and found our way to a synagogue there. As we entered we saw that it was filled with people listening to an elderly man speaking in English. He had been born in the neighborhood and lived as a child in this vibrant Sephardic Jewish community of about 4,500, mainly crafts-

men and merchants.

When he was about 10 years old, all the Jews of Rhodes were rounded up and sent to Auschwitz. He related his experiences while there and following the liberation. He is now living in Italy, but had returned to Rhodes to tell people his story. At his conclusion we all said Kaddish with tears in our eyes. There are only remnants of this community left now, but a Holocaust Memorial marks the square nearby.

Today small Jewish communities remain in Greece, mainly in Athens and Thessaloniki. The Greek government's debt crisis, which started in 2009, has seen an increase in extremism of all kinds, which has included the growth of anti-Semitism. There has been a resurgence of the "Golden Dawn," a political party whose leader denies the Holocaust. Their flag closely resembles the Nazi swastika and they campaign on an anti-immigrant platform under the slogan "So we can rid this land of filth."

The Greek Socialist Party is no longer hostile to Israel, but the political center is the New Democracy Party. This had been a favorite of Greek Jews since the early 1990's, but now they have admitted to their leadership a leading anti-Semitic lawyer-politician, Konstantinos



*Holocaust Memorial in Rhodes, Greece
~Photo by Rockenmachers, circa 2007*

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GREEK JEWS, cont. from p. 10.

Plevris, a self-declared Nazi, fascist, racist, and anti-Semite.

I hate to end on such a sad note, but life for Jews in this part of the world is not easy now. With the poor economic situation in the country and worsening political climate, Greek Jews have been moving to Israel in increasing numbers.

The Jewish traveler today can visit a number of sites of Jewish history in Greece. There is a Jewish Museum in Athens as well as two synagogues and a kosher restaurant.

Other cities that include Jewish walking tours are the old town of Rhodes, Ioannina, and the city of Chania in Crete. The city of Thessaloniki left behind a rich legacy and still has many Jewish monuments.

Cemetery Notice: Price for Cemetery Plots Increases Jan. 1, 2016

The Temple Adath Yeshurun Board of directors has voted to increase the cost of plots at the Manchester Hebrew Cemetery. Currently the cost for a plot plus perpetual care for a temple member is \$950.00 and for a non-member it is \$1500.00.

Plots will increase as of January 1, 2016: to \$1200.00 for a TAY member; and to \$2,000.00 for people who are not members of TAY.

Michael Litvin and I would be happy to help any person who is interested in more details about purchasing plots in the TAY Cemetery. I truly believe that you are doing a mitzvah for your family when you pre-plan and pre-buy your cemetery plots. It is always much easier to do these things when you are not under any undue stress.

Please call me at 603-644-1508. Mike and I are glad to give you any information we can to help make this process as painless as possible.

Sue Niederman & Mike Litvin
Cemetery Committee

Seniors Take Fall Field Trips; Plan Chanukah Party at TAY



On October 30, the Seniors Forever Young group traveled by van from the TAY parking lot to Milford High School for an 11:15 AM lunch at Windows on West Street, for a culinary school lunch served by the High School students. The weather was near perfect, warm to a temperature of 72 degrees, and the lunch was yummy. After lunch, the group traveled to the Sullivan Farm Apple Orchard in Nashua to buy fresh apples and pumpkins.

On November 12, the group is traveling to Swansea, MA, for a Barbra Streisand and Frank Sinatra Tribute Concert at Venus DeMilo for a fun-filled day. We will enjoy a delicious lunch and a great show—

arguably one of the greatest and most realistic tribute shows in existence.

On **December 10**, our annual Chanukah party celebration will take place at Temple Adath Yeshurun with entertainment and lunch. Watch for information to be forthcoming, so you can join the fun. For reservations, information, and questions: call Lea Levy, 623-1810; or Roz Levitt, 965-3878.

[Ed. Note: In the picture above, on the right Brenda Schadick and debate the virtues of MacIntosh vs. Mutsu. Libby Koocher is in sunglasses and Mary Singer is in the back left. Picture by the driver, Alex Thurston, who says I always look forward to the stories and conversation I get to have.]

Happy 30th Anniversary

to

Ruthie & Joel Gordon

November 2015



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Sharing the Joy



*Come celebrate the richness of our
many faith communities*

Thursday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m.

*Registration starts at 6:30 and program begins at 7:00 with a brief
history of the church*

*Unitarian Universalist Church, 669 Union St.,
Manchester 03104*

Presentations

- Jewish celebration of Simchat Torah
- Christmas tradition of Sharing Gifts from God
- The significance of Noah's Pudding date according to Islam
- Polish Christmas Eve celebration of Wigilia with Oplatek
- Holiday Sing-a-long

Join us for refreshments and conversation after the program!

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OUR MISSION:

To share religious beliefs, cultures, and traditions among women of diverse faiths in order
to develop understanding and friendship among us and within our community.

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Happy 40th Anniversary to Rosalind and Gerald Angoff

November 2015

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BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Sol Rockenmacher

Chanukah is on the horizon and your Brotherhood is getting prepared to make



sure that we all celebrate well. David Rosenzweig is heading up the Chanukah Candle Drive, once again in memory of our late beloved Bud Baron.

New member Josh Dolman has stepped up to help organize the **TAY Chanukah Party, scheduled for Sunday, December 13**. There will be plenty of food: latkes of course, but also hot dogs and all the fixings, and delicious desserts.

We are planning once again to have a fabulous magic show for all ages.

Since this is a New Hampshire Primary year with voting scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2016, we are not having a Fall Candidates Forum. But, not to worry, we are planning to have a **Candidates reception** on Thursday evening, **February 4, 2016**.

Given the number of candidates we are planning a "meet and greet" type of reception, with time slots allotted to the candidates. We are making sure that we coordinate our efforts with our Republican and Democrat state organizations. And remember, December is also time for the Christmas Mitzvah Program. Please see the flyer on page 17 in this edition for more information.

David Penchansky has already started working on the ever popular **Deli Night**, which is on for **Saturday night January 30, 2016**. Mark your calendars as first-call tickets for this always-sold-out event will go on sale to TAY members on **Dec. 1**. Entertainment for this event will be headed up by a top stand-up comedian Paul Gilligan, from Boston.

Our Breakfast for Brotherhood Members will be on Sunday morning, January 10, 2016 and features a talk by popular writer-historian John Clayton. John is a fount of knowledge regarding local and state history and this should be an interesting morning.

If you haven't signed up for Brotherhood membership, this is a good time to do so. If you have any questions, please contact Sol at Rockenmacher@comcast.net or David Penchansky at docpen@comcast.net.

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November Birthdays

Michael Gomes-Casseres
Kylie Harrison
David Kassler
Samantha Muskat

Birthday Blessings

At FAMILY SERVICE (usually the first Friday of each month) children under the age of Bar or Bat Mitzvah are called to the Torah for birthday blessings. A community pot-luck supper follows.

November's Family Service was Nov. 6. December's Family Service will be Dec. 4, followed by a Chanukah Family Service and potluck on Dec. 11.

See you on Shabbat.

Getting Names RIGHT For Couples & All Members

Beginning with the May 2015 issue, we will list anniversary couples with first and last names. If the couple has different surnames, we will so note. We will omit Dr., Mr., Ms. and other address titles.

*If we make errors—or if your TAY mailing labels are not as you prefer—please let us know:
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Donations are listed from October 2, 2015, through November 2, 2015.

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By Jonathan Baron to Sol Rockenmacher, wishing you a speedy recovery.

Bud Baron Ritual Fund

By Jonathan Baron to Jake & Anna Berry. Congratulations on the birth of your twin sons, Jonah and Evan.

By Jonathan Baron to Jeannette Popovsky, in memory of Al Popovsky.

Chapel Restoration Fund

By Do Younger & Ron Wilson to Fran Gordon. Happy Birthday!

MANTY Fund

By Shelley & Joel Spierer to Ruthie & Joel Gordon, in honor of Jocelyn and Andrew's engagement.

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By Sylvia Friedmann to Nancy Kudler, wishing you a speedy recovery.

By Sylvia Friedmann to Sol Rockenmacher, wishing you a speedy recovery.

By Sylvia Friedmann to Ted Yegerman, wishing you a speedy recovery.

By Harriet Cannon, in memory of Edna Bayer.

By Helga Degrandpre to Fran Gordon. Happy Birthday!

By Nancy Frankel, in memory of Evelyn Weiner.

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By Margie & Jay Hodes, in memory of Ann Hodes and in memory of Joseph Scheiner.

By Richard Friedman to Cantor Lori Salzman, in memory of Beth Ann Salzman.

By Richard Friedman to Rochelle & Gary Lindner, in memory of Raymond Lindner.

By Richard Friedman to Shelley & Joel Spierer, in memory of Sylvia Goldfarb.

By Richard Friedman to Mary Singer & family, with sincere sympathy on the loss of your husband, Neil Singer.

By Richard Friedman to Michael Jordan, in memory of Mrs. Betty Jordan.

Whitaker Music Fund

By David & Elaine Penchansky to Mary Singer & family in memory of a great guy, Neil Singer.

By Jeannette Popovsky to Mary Singer & family, in memory of Neil Singer.

By Judy & Marty Wolff to Mary Singer & family, in memory of Neil Singer.

By Jonathan Baron to Mary Singer, Douglas Singer & Jessica Ecker, in memory of Neil Singer.

By Shelley & Joel Spierer to Gary & Rochelle Lindner, in memory of Raymond Lindner.

By Karen & Steven Rothstein to Cantor Lori Salzman, in memory of your mom, Beth Ann Salzman.

By Loretta & Ernie Greenberg to Mary Singer and family, in memory of Neil Singer.

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DONATIONS *(cont. from page 14)*

Whitaker Music Fund *cont.*

By Shelley & Joel Spierer to the family of Beth Ann Salzman, in memory of Beth Ann Salzman.

Named Funds

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Stahl Family Fund

By Esther Fishman to the family of Robert Stahl, in memory of Robert Stahl.

Yahrzeit Fund

By Stephen Dolman & Donna Lenz-Dolman, in memory of Ben Dolman.

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By Stephen Dolman & Donna Lenz-Dolman, in memory of Barry Falk.

By Do Younger in memory of George Younger.

Please Note: Minimum Donation to any specific fund is \$18.



November Anniversaries

Rosalind and Gerald Angoff

-40 years

Ruthie and Joel Gordon-30 years

Carolyn and Philip Hollman

NOVEMBER MAZEL TOY

To **Linda Rockenmacher** on being selected as Sisterhood's Woman of the Year for 5776.

To TAY member **Susan Grodman** of Manchester, and to **Brian Grodman**, also of Manchester, on the wedding of their oldest son **Adam** to **Amy Elitzer** in Connecticut on November 7, 2015. Last month, TAY members and guests joyously celebrated Adam and Amy's Aufruf at the October 24th Shabbat service, and then all in attendance enjoyed a Kiddush lunch immediately after.

Congratulations to **Bob and Toby Bersak** on becoming new grandparents to **Avital Eloise Bersak**, born on Oct. 14, 2015, at Mount Sinai Hospital in NYC to mother **Erin LaFarge** and father **Daniel Bersak**. The new family is living in Astoria, NY, in Queens. Baby naming was held at Congregation Beth El in Norwalk, CT on 10-17-15.

Check Out the Principal's Pic On Page 6

Who is the Jew in the *Principal's Message*? Stay tuned each issue.

Parents: if you know, DON'T TELL.

L'Chayim Celebration



10-18-15. Above, Anna is holding Evan, and Jake is holding Jonah as the Berry family attends the L'Chayim Food Festival. Let's get them started off right.

~David Rosenzweig photo.

Kislev/Tevet 5776

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Conversation with Stephan Lewy

by Roslyn Block

Rabbi Beth has learned that Stephan Lewy has plans to relocate to Buffalo and, because I interviewed Stephan previously, I've been asked to write an article for the *Bulletin*.

I call him, but he is dubious, "Other people leave, but you don't do articles about them."

"Well," I say, "I am guessing that Rabbi feels you've filled a special role in the community."

"Yes, he replies, "but you wrote about that last year."

"That's right," I say, "on the occasion when you received the French Legion of Honor. But I'm sure there's more to talk about. There's your life in Manchester, your family, and, since the *Bulletin* will be published after your Friday night service presentation on Kristallnacht, you could talk about that—for those who missed it."

He considers this and agrees to be interviewed.



Q: When, and why, did you come to Manchester?

A: My family and I moved to Manchester in 1971 from Randolph, MA, where I had been the president of Temple Beth Am, a congregation of 700 families. At the time, my two children were in high school, and I worked for a hotel company (now Omni) headquartered in Hampton, NH.

Q: Were you involved with the Jewish community here?

A: I was active in the Jewish Federation, which then had annual dues of \$75. Over the years, I organized several major functions; one was an installation of officers and annual Thanksgiving day dance, a dance without being a fundraiser. I also initiated a lending library of movie tapes at the Federation and, for two years, a film festival, the precursor of today's New Hampshire Jewish Film Festival. For one year, I served as treasurer at Temple Adath Yeshurun.

Q: At what point did you become involved with Holocaust Studies?

A: When I saw Steven Spielberg's *Schindler's List*, I felt I had to do something. After I retired in 1991, I began speaking engagements, primarily in schools. In 1994, I joined Keene State's Department of Genocide and Holocaust Studies and would travel to any school that indicated an interest in the subject. My personal preference is eighth graders because they listen, think about it, and ask questions. They're more open-minded than high school students. I've just passed the

27,000 mark in the number of students I've addressed, about ten percent adults.

In February 1997, I participated in a Spielberg Foundation project to archive interviews with Holocaust survivors. Some 52,000 people were interviewed.

As I am taking down and considering all this, Stephan remarks in a slightly chiding tone, "You haven't asked me about Kristallnacht," and hands me several typed pages with a hand printed cover sheet filled with bulleted facts.

From these I learn that on the night of November 9-10, 1938 in Germany, 276 synagogues were destroyed; 7500 stores were vandalized and demolished; the Jewish community was assessed a \$100 million penalty payment; Jewish students were dismissed from universities; physicians, dentists, and lawyers lost their licenses; all Jewish passports were declared illegal; every Jew had to carry an identity card with an adopted Jewish middle name: "Sarah" for females and "Israel" for males; and 30,000 (mostly men) were arrested; 91 men were killed that night. Several years earlier, Jewish children had been denied a public school education and were transferred to all-Jewish schools.

Kristallnacht marked an escalation of the Reich's anti-Semitic practices.

Stephan explains that along with their taxes, Jews paid a separate tax to the government which was turned over to the Jewish community. Among other things, these moneys paid all rabbis' salaries. (Rabbis were not assigned to just one congregation; they rotated.)

It is difficult for me to comprehend that rabbis in Germany received their pay from the Reich. For so many reasons, we can understand the argument for the separation of church and state.

Stephan does not accept payment for teaching, but has established a fund at Keene State College to be used to observe

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We Need Volunteers for the
**TAY BROTHERHOOD
HOLIDAY MITZVAH PROGRAM**
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There are **3** ways to perform a good deed for
our Christian friends:

1. Elliot Hospital and Catholic Medical Center
reception desk staffing for Christmas Eve
and Christmas Day
*Get a partner to share a few hours and
help out OR we can find a partner for you.*

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*Enjoy bringing food and company to seniors
who are alone on Christmas Day.*

3. Veterans Administration Hospital BINGO Party
on Christmas Night
*Calling all Veterans! Help spread some joy
and goodwill to those who have contributed
so much and who may need a special "thank
you" that night. Form a helping group OR we
can find one for you.*

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

For further information contact

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HELPING HANDS ARE ALSO NEEDED TO SERVE THE NEEDY AT THE

SOUP KITCHEN

ON CHRISTMAS EVE and CHRISTMAS DAY

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LEWY, cont. from p. 16.

Kristallnacht. A movie theater in Keene is totally dedicated to the observance on the anniversary day. On that night, most stores place a candle in their window.

Finally, I ask about upcoming plans. "Do you know how old I am," he asks. Let's see, if he was bar mitzvahed in 1938, a quick calculation yields ninety—though he doesn't look it.

A move to Buffalo, where his daughter lives, is pending. He plans to take an apartment with a meal plan in an independent living facility.

I comment that it's hard to imagine that he wouldn't be involved in some activities in his new location.

He chuckles: "I'm already on the Holocaust committee in Buffalo."

Fuchs Revisits TAY: Scholar-in-Residence

Rabbi Stephen Fuchs will be our scholar-in-residence on Nov. 21 & 22, 2015. Recently returned from leading High Holy Day services in Germany, Rabbi Fuchs will share some thoughts about that experience on Friday night, in a sermon entitled "A Reform Rabbi in Germany."

On Saturday morning, in an extended *Breakfast with the Rabbi* and Torah



Interfaith

Thanksgiving Service

Please join us at 7 PM on the Monday of Thanksgiving week (that's **Nov. 23**) at the Holy Trinity Cathedral of the Polish National Catholic Church, 122 Walnut Street, Manchester, for our annual Thanksgiving Service.

Celebrating its 100th birthday, the Cathedral is newly rededicated, and this is the first time the Polish National Catholic Church is hosting our service.

Our speaker will be Rev. Patrick McLaughlin of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Manchester, and we will be collecting donations of food and money to help feed the hungry in our city. The service will also feature the choirs of every participating congregation, including some of our own singers from Temple Adath Yeshurun.

Come support your fellow congregants, worship with our neighbors, and donate to fight hunger in Manchester.

Study, Rabbi Fuchs will lead the session and share from his recently published book, *Finding Ourselves in Biblical Narratives*. Copies of Rabbi Fuch's book will be available.

Rabbi Fuchs and Rabbi Davidson will also continue their 28-year long debate on the Patriarch Jacob: "Good Guy" or "Heel."

The Breakfast with the Rabbi will begin at **9:30 AM**. RSVP to **669-5650** so that we can get an accurate count for food.

Now retired, over the course of his career Rabbi Fuchs served congregations in Columbia, MD; Nashville, TN; and West Hartford, CT. He also served the World Union of Progressive Judaism as President. He and his wife Vickie are the proud grandparents of five. Rabbi Fuchs helped Rabbi Davidson begin her career in the rabbinate after her ordination.

MANTY ~ Heads-Up for

Winter Wonderland, 2016

by Adam Klein, MANTY advisor

For your winter planning, mark **February 5-7, 2016**, on your home calendar. That's when the out-of-town hordes descend for Winter Wonderland, a skiing, singing, and praying extravaganza hosted by our temple youth in Manchester, with much support from Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

(If you've got space, see if you can help place an out-of-town guest for a couple of nights.) More appeals will follow.

Adult Ed November News

Our Adult Ed class with Brookside Congregational Church continues over the next month. All classes run from 7-8:30 PM. Call the office for materials.

Monday, **Nov. 16**: Class at Brookside.
Monday, **Nov. 30**, "The BDS movement and the Congregational Church." Class will be at TAY.

Please feel free to join us any night.

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DATES & TIMES : *MARK YOUR CALENDAR*



NOVEMBER

FRIDAY, Nov. 6

Family Shabbat Service 6 PM
—followed by potluck supper

Sunday, Nov. 8

Religious School 10 AM—Noon

Monday, Nov. 9

Adult Ed. At Brookside Church 7 PM

Tuesday, Nov. 10

Religious School 3:45—5:45 PM

Wednesday, Nov. 11

Hillary Silver Memorial Blood Drive
at TAY 2 PM —7 PM

FRIDAY, Nov. 13

Shabbat Service 7 PM

Guest Speaker: **Stephan Lewy.**

[Ed. Note: See p. 16+ for interview.]

SATURDAY, Nov. 14

Torah Study 10 AM

Sisterhood Sets up for Craft Fair 11:30
AM—1:30 PM

Sunday, Nov. 15

Religious School 10 AM—Noon

(Special School Day at Currier)

Sisterhood's Craft Fair:

10 AM—3PM

Monday, Nov. 16

Seniors Forever Board 10 AM

Adult Ed. @ TAY 7 PM

Tuesday, Nov. 17

Religious School 3:45—5:45 PM

Thursday, Nov. 19

TAY Board Meeting

FRIDAY, Nov. 20

Shabbat Service 7 PM

Guest Speaker: **Rabbi Stephen Fuchs**

[Ed. Note: See article & pic on p.18]

SATURDAY, Nov. 21

Torah Study & Breakfast with Rabbis

Davidson and Fuchs 9:30 AM

Sunday, Nov. 22

Religious School 10 AM—Noon



Monday, Nov. 23

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at
Polish National Cathedral, 166 Pearl
Street. 7 PM

Tuesday, Nov. 24

NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Wednesday, Nov. 25

Office OPEN.

Thursday, Nov. 26

OFFICE CLOSED.

THANKSGIVING

FRIDAY, Nov. 27

OFFICE CLOSED

Memorial Service for Nannine Dubinsky
at South Beech Street Cemetery Chapel 11
AM.

Shabbat Service 6 PM at TAY; Temple
Israel will be our guests.

SATURDAY, Nov. 28

NO TORAH STUDY

Sunday, Nov. 29

NO SCHOOL

Monday, Nov. 30

Adult Ed. at TAY 7 PM

DECEMBER

Tuesday, Dec. 1

Religious School 3:45—5:45

Brotherhood Meeting 7 PM

FRIDAY, Dec. 4

Shabbat Family Service 6 PM,
—followed by pot-luck supper

SATURDAY, Dec. 5

Torah Study 10 AM

Sunday, Dec. 6

Religious School 10 AM—Noon

Chanukah Candle 1

Monday, Dec. 7

Chanukah Candle 2

Tuesday, Dec. 8

Religious School 3:45—
5:45 PM

Chanukah Candle 3

Wednesday, Dec. 9

Chanukah Candle 4

Thursday, Dec. 10

Seniors Forever Young Chanukah Party
Chanukah Candle 5



FRIDAY, Dec. 11

Chanukah Service 6 PM: Bring
your family Chanukiyot.

Chanukah Candle 6

SATURDAY, Dec. 12

Torah Study 10 AM

Chanukah Candle 7

Sunday, Dec. 13

Religious School 10 AM

Brotherhood Chanukah Party 11 AM

Chanukah Candle 8

Monday, Dec. 14

Seniors Forever Young Board 10 AM

Tuesday, Dec. 15

Religious School 3:45—5:45 PM

Thursday, Dec. 17

TAY Board Meeting 7 PM

FRIDAY, Dec. 18

Shabbat Service 7 PM

SATURDAY, Dec. 19

Torah Study 10 AM

Sunday, Dec. 20

Religious School 10 AM—Noon

Monday, Dec. 21

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, Dec. 22

OFFICE CLOSED

Religious School 3:45—5:45 PM

Wednesday, Dec. 23

OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday, Dec. 24

OFFICE CLOSED

Brotherhood Mitzvah Program

FRIDAY, Dec. 25

OFFICE CLOSED

Brotherhood Mitzvah Program

NO Service at TAY; Shabbat Service
at Temple Israel, 7:15 PM

SATURDAY, Dec. 26

NO Torah Study

Sunday, Dec. 27

NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Dec. 29

NO SCHOOL

Thursday, Dec. 31

OFFICE OPEN until 2 PM

FRIDAY, Jan. 1

OFFICE CLOSED. **Shabbat**
Service, place & time to be decided.

SATURDAY, Jan. 2

Torah Study, to be decided.

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