

# Temple Sinai

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May, 2018  
June, 2018

Iyyar/Sivan 5778  
Sivan/Tammuz 5778



## WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

### May 2018      IYYAR/SIVAN 5778

**Friday, May 4, 2018**

6 PM

Torah: **Emor** Lev. 21:1-24:23

Haftarah: Eze. 44:15-31

**Friday, May 11, 2018**

6 PM

Torah: **B'har/B'chukotai** Lev. 25:1-27:34

Haftarah: Jer. 16:19-17:14

**Friday, May 18, 2018**

6 PM

Torah: **B'midbar** Num. 1:1-4:20

Haftarah: Hos. 2:1-22

**Friday, May 25, 2018**

6 PM

Torah: **Naso** Num. 4:21-7:89

Haftarah: Jud. 13:2-25

### June 2018      SIVAN/TAMMUZ 5778

**Friday, June 1, 2018**

6 PM

Torah: **B'haalot'cha** Num. 8:1-12:16

Haftarah: Zech. 2:14-4:7

**Friday, June 8, 2018**

6 PM

Torah: **Sh'lach L'cha** Num. 13:1-15:41

Haftarah: Josh. 2:1-24

**Friday, June 15, 2018**

6 PM

Torah: **Korach** Num. 16:1-18:32

Haftarah: I Sam. 11:14-12:22

**Friday, June 22, 2018**

6 PM

Torah: **Chukat** Num. 19:1-22:1

Haftarah: Jud. 11:1-33

**Friday, June 29, 2018**

6 PM

Torah: **Balak** Num. 22:2-25:9

Haftarah: Mic. 5:6-6:8

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## *SERVICE LEADERS*

May 4 – Bruce Katz  
May 11 – Rabbi Weinstein  
(Shabbaton Table Service)  
May 18 – Rabbi Weinstein  
May 25 – George Bodin

June 1 – Rabbi Weinstein  
June 8 – Rabbi Weinstein  
June 9 - Gabe Ledoux's Bar Mitzvah  
June 15 – Dan Boitnott  
June 22 – Joel Davidson  
June 29 – George Bodin

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## *Corned Beef 2018*

To Sandy, George, Judy, Bruce, Nathan, Harry, Sam – it wouldn't have happened at all without you taking the lead on one aspect or another. To all the Picklers, Fluffers and Monday AM Assemblers and Deliverers, this was the best turnout ever! A big heart-felt "thank you"! It was great to see that much activity in the Social Hall.

To those who sold, I appreciate you! Unfortunately, we didn't sell like we have in previous years. Thus, we have pounds of delicious (the best ever!) corned beef and loaves of marble rye bread to sell. All freezes well and is frozen now. **Corned beef is \$12/lb** (divided into quarter pound packets) and **bread is \$5/loaf**. Please contact Sandy if you desire to purchase.

Please thank your customers for their support. Let them know that we have meat and bread to sell.

We will have a Reuben Night after a Shabbat service, so mark your calendar once the date is announced.

Thank you one and all and please make sure all money is turned in to Sandy ASAP!

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## *Talk to the President...*

If any member of Temple Sinai in good standing has questions, comments, or concerns that you would like me to address, or if it is something that a committee should take under consideration, please send them to me in writing by letter or by email. Good or bad, your thoughtful insight will be greatly appreciated.

George Bodin  
3510 Cross St.  
Lake Charles, LA 70607

Email: [gbodin@suddenlink.net](mailto:gbodin@suddenlink.net)

## *Thank You...*

Thanks to all the pickle packers! We packed a lot of pickle packers into the kitchen and got the job done! My heartfelt thanks to Diane, Jacob, Selena, Sandy, Taylee, Skylar, Dan, Maddy, Kayla, Josh, and others, and especially Tevya, Sarah, and Aaron who painstakingly repacked boxes and replaced defective bags! You are all wonderful for helping out! We would have been "in a pickle" of a problem without you!

~George, Pickle Chair

# Message from the Rabbi:

## Personal 2018 Yom HaAtzmaut Reflections

Israel's Independence Day fell this year on Wednesday, April 18, exactly seventy years since Israel attained statehood on May 14, 1948. April 18, 2018, corresponds to the Hebrew date of the fifth of Iyar, 5708, when the late David Ben Gurion proclaimed Israel's Independence.

The "secular" date of Israel's modern rebirth was May 14, 1948. Those of us born in the 1940's can remember the earliest days of the newly reborn nation. If you were among those of us who regularly read the little "World Over" magazines - really "Mini" news summaries of events in the Jewish world - you might recall Israel's "Bat Mitzvah" celebrations in 1961!

Chanukah, 1962, was my first journey to Israel, while studying at the University of Madrid in my junior year at Union College in Schenectady, New York. Thanks to my late brother Elyahu's gift, I was able to sail to Israel from Marseilles on the Turkish boat Adana. Had I realized how rough the Mediterranean can be in winter, I surely would have chosen to fly! Like most of the passengers, I struggled with nausea throughout the journey.

Noteworthy about this ship were the dozens of Jewish Refugees from North Africa who were among the passengers, fleeing to their new homes in Israel. Even now, nearly sixty years later, I still vividly remember how thrilled I was to actually walk on Israeli soil!

My relatives, the Himmelscheins, hosted me at their Kibbutz in the "Emek," the Valley of Jezreel not far from Afula. They helped me understand how fortunate they were to be among those earliest settlers of Israel, having escaped Shoah, the Holocaust.

Regrettably they lost most of their extended family in Europe during Shoah, and kept their photos in a small box under their bed. Thanks to the persistence of Elyahu, Z'L, copies of those precious photographs are now firmly protected in Yad V'Shem, the National Museum of the Holocaust in Jerusalem, along with folders of millions of others of our People who perished during Holocaust. May They Rest in Peace.

Among the many stories they told me about their Kibbutz, they were especially eager for me to know that to defend their community from attack they would set up large polyester tubes to appear like cannon! During my few days in Israel I was able to visit and tour

Jerusalem. Of course this was five years before the Six Day War of 1967 and the capture of East Jerusalem and the Western Wall. As we toured near East Jerusalem, we could only look over "No Man's Land" to the area near the Kotel, the Western Wall.

## Rabbi Weinstein's Schedule:

May 11, 2018

May 18, 2018

June 1, 2018

June 8, 2018

As a token of our having made it this far, we were all given little Medallions with the image of the Western Wall. How I wish I still had this tiny, memorable souvenir. Years later Linda and I helped lead tours of Israel during my tenure as rabbi of Congregation B'nai Israel in Baton Rouge, and several of us from Temple Sinai enjoyed our very special visit to Israel in 2011.

As we do our best to keep up with news of Israel, I encourage checking in with Aipac.org for the most current information about Israel. This is the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. I also hope you check in with Arza.org, the site of the Association of Reform Zionists of America.

"Hatikvah," the National Anthem of Israel, declares:

"So long as within the inmost heart a Jewish spirit sings, so long as the eye looks eastward, gazing toward Zion, our hope is not lost — the hope of two thousand years: To be a free People in our land, the land of Zion and Jerusalem."

(Mishkan T'filah, page 678)

Israel's National Anthem "Hatikvah" is "Hope" in English, The continuing freedom, safety and security of Israel, together with the freedom, safety and security of America, continue to be our eternal hope for both Israel and America.

*Rabbi Barry*

## RABBI BARRY'S WORD OF THE MONTH: Yom HaAtzmaut

Yom HaAtzmaut is the annual celebration of the Independence Day of Israel!

The Modern Nation of Israel was reborn on May 14, 1948. The Hebrew date was the fifth of Iyar, 5708.

The phrase "Yom HaAtzmaut" literally means "Day of Independence," with the root of Atzmaut "Etzem," which translates in this phrase as "Selfhood," which reminds us of the miracle of Israel becoming an independent, sovereign nation seventy years ago!

Hardly 13 years after the Holocaust, statehood for Israel created a national home for the Jewish People, so that never again would our People be trapped as during the Holocaust in Europe.

**BAR  
MITZVAH**

PLEASE SHARE IN OUR HAPPINESS AS

**GABRIEL EVANS  
LEDOUX**

IS CALLED TO THE TORAH AS A BAR MITZVAH

saturday, the ninth of june  
two thousand eighteen  
at ten o'clock in the morning

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KIDDUSH LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW

**AIMEE AND JEFFREY HANKIN**

*Temple  
Birthdays:*

*May Birthdays*

- 1 Corene Davidson
- 4 Dawana Holtzman
- 6 Alexandra Battestin Foster
- 8 Randy Fuerst
- 11 Lee Schwalben
- 15 Linda Riff Parker
- 16 Elizabeth Dondis
- 16 Lee Garcia
- 17 Barbara Peck
- 19 Ellen Michel Raley
- 20 Richmond Reinauer
- 20 Benjamin Katz
- 22 Heidi Hankin Walker
- 24 Craig Ferguson
- 26 Bailey Ferguson

*June Birthdays*

- 4 Robby Reinauer
- 5 Reve Greenberg
- 5 Taylee Lacombe
- 7 Hector Rivera
- 8 Sarah Katz
- 8 Katherine Thorn
- 10 William Battestin
- 12 Linda Wygoda
- 16 Stanley Levy, Jr
- 16 Mary Katherine Ginsburgh
- 23 Rena LeJeune
- 24 Ruth Bachrack Gerrard
- 25 Matthew Goldsmith

***SHABBATON 2018***

*Temple Sinai*

May 11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup>

Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM – Table Service  
Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

**RSVPs needed for Friday Table Service**

5-6 side dishes needed & 2-3 desserts

**RSVP by Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>** to Sandy:

[sdesadier@gmail.com](mailto:sdesadier@gmail.com) or 337-540-9993

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# SHABBATON 2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Friday, May 11, 2018

6:00 PM Table Service

## Saturday, May 12, 2018

9:30 AM Breakfast

10:00 AM Morning Service

11:00 AM AM Session – Torah Study

12:00 PM Luncheon – Cholent Stew

1:00 PM PM Session I – TBA

1:45 PM PM Session II – Chanting Sh'ma

2:30 PM Sabbath Rest/Sabbath Walk

3:00 PM Third Meal

3:30 PM Havdalah in the Courtyard

4:00 PM Affixing New Mezuzot

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## *Passover Seder 2018*

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Passover Seder was a huge success this year! The service was beautiful, thank you to Rabbi Barry Weinstein and George Bodin. A huge thanks goes out to George for setting up the sound system and all the schlepping of items to Reve's. Thank you to Sarah Hodnett for orchestrating the food. Also thanks to Sandy Desadier, Betsy Doucet, and David Katz for making Charosets, Barbara DiBartolo, Betsy Doucet, Sarah Hodnett, and Maria Mezey for making cakes, and Sarah Hodnett, Judy Katz, and Maria Mezey for making the matzah balls. Next year in Jerusalem!!!!

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Every couple of months, ReformJudaism.org sends out an email to congregation presidents called "Bulletin Bytes" which provides links to electronic resources located on their website. Every time I read something in these resources, I seem to learn something new. And I always want to share anything that I've just learned. I didn't know that Shavuot was known by so many different names. I thought I'd share with you RJ's concise history, but for lots more about customs, rituals, and food, visit:

[HTTPS://REFORMJUDAISM.ORG/JEWISH-HOLIDAYS/SHAVUOT](https://reformjudaism.org/jewish-holidays/shavuot)

Enjoy! *George Bodin*

## Shavuot History

**ReformJudaism.org**  
Jewish Life in Your Life

Shavuot, known as the Festival of the Giving of the Torah, is reflected in the Bible, which recounts how, after the Exodus from Egypt, the Children of Israel proceeded to Mount Sinai in the desert. Moses ascended the mountain to meet God, who gave him the Ten Commandments, which were written on two tablets to be delivered to the Children of Israel.

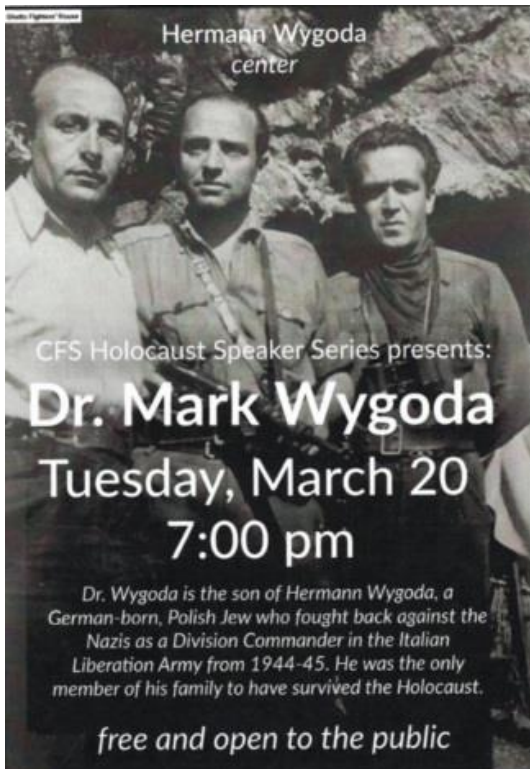
According to the Torah, it took precisely 49 days, or seven weeks, for the ancient Israelites to travel from Egypt to the foot of Mount Sinai. The Torah commands: "And you shall proclaim that day (the 50th day) to be a holy convocation!" (Leviticus 23:21). The name Shavuot, "Weeks," symbolizes the completion of this seven-week journey. The rabbis tightened this connection by associating Shavuot with Moses' receiving the Torah from God atop Mount Sinai.

Shavuot also is a harvest holiday. In the time of the Temple, the ancient Israelites brought their first fruits to the Temple to offer to God at Shavuot. Along with Sukkot and Passover, it is one of the *Shalosh Regalim* (Three Pilgrimage Festivals), during which people gathered in Jerusalem with their agricultural offerings.

Shavuot is known by several names: *Chag Hashavuot* (the Festival of Weeks), *Chag Habikkurim* (the Feast of the First Fruits), and *Chag Hakatzir* (the Festival of Reaping). Ashkenazi Jews may pronounce and write the name of the holiday as Shavuos.



Hermann Wygoda center



CFS Holocaust Speaker Series presents:

# Dr. Mark Wygoda

## Tuesday, March 20

### 7:00 pm

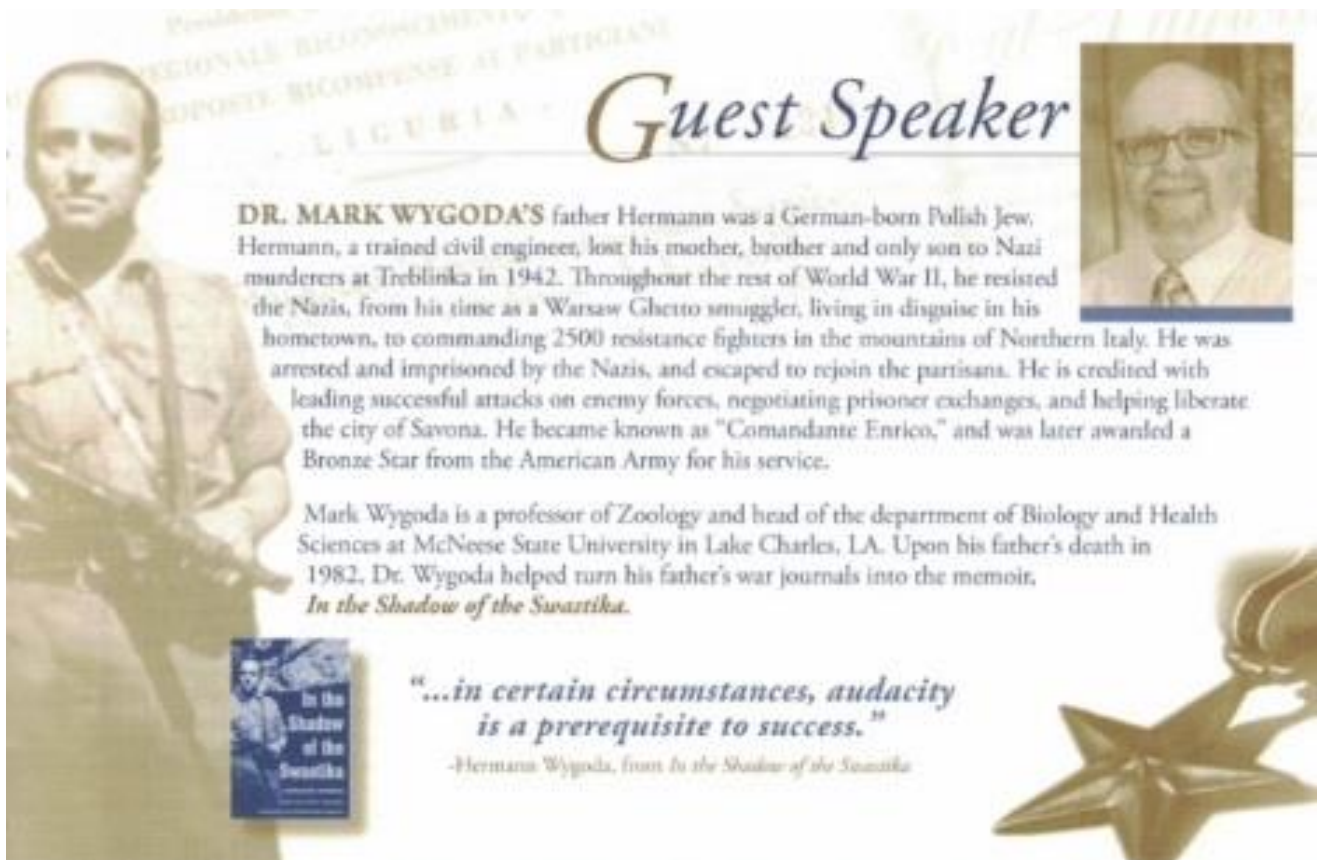
Dr. Wygoda is the son of Hermann Wygoda, a German-born, Polish Jew who fought back against the Nazis as a Division Commander in the Italian Liberation Army from 1944-45. He was the only member of his family to have survived the Holocaust.

free and open to the public

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Mark Wygoda spoke about his father Hermann Wygoda at two separate events this spring (Hermann Wygoda was a Polish Jew who resisted the Nazis in Poland, Germany, and Italy during the Holocaust). In March Mark participated, along with several Holocaust survivors, in the Institute for Holocaust Education's Week of Understanding in Omaha NE, where he spoke at three schools, a community event, and a library. In April he was the Yom HaShoah keynote speaker in Norfolk VA and also spoke at 6 schools in Norfolk, Virginia Beach, and Chesapeake while he was in the area.

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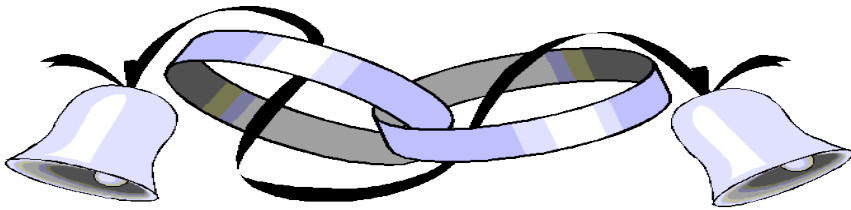
## Guest Speaker

**DR. MARK WYGODA'S** father Hermann was a German-born Polish Jew, Hermann, a trained civil engineer, lost his mother, brother and only son to Nazi murderers at Treblinka in 1942. Throughout the rest of World War II, he resisted the Nazis, from his time as a Warsaw Ghetto smuggler, living in disguise in his hometown, to commanding 2500 resistance fighters in the mountains of Northern Italy. He was arrested and imprisoned by the Nazis, and escaped to rejoin the partisans. He is credited with leading successful attacks on enemy forces, negotiating prisoner exchanges, and helping liberate the city of Savona. He became known as "Comandante Enrico," and was later awarded a Bronze Star from the American Army for his service.

Mark Wygoda is a professor of Zoology and head of the department of Biology and Health Sciences at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, LA. Upon his father's death in 1982, Dr. Wygoda helped turn his father's war journals into the memoir, *In the Shadow of the Swastika*.

*"...in certain circumstances, audacity is a prerequisite to success."*  
 -Hermann Wygoda, from *In the Shadow of the Swastika*





## Temple Yahrzeits:

(Week Ending)

### June Anniversaries

03	Leslie & John Loffin
14	Susan & Bill Battestin
15	Micol & Barry Rosen
18	Judy & Bruce Katz
19	Lisa & Hector Garcia

### In Loving Memory

Heartfelt condolences go out to Barbara Peck and all her family on the loss of their/our beloved Ethel Faye Barnhart on March 6th, 2018. Ethel Faye was such a pillar of our Temple Sinai, the Jewish community at large, as well as the community of Lake Charles. Her presence will leave a hole, but her memory will be a blessing to all who were privileged to walk in her path.

Heartfelt condolences go out to Sonya Harris, Corene Davidson, as well as Sandy, Joel, Judy, and Jody, and their families, on the loss of their beloved husband, brother-in-law, and uncle, Richard (Dick) Harris. Dick passed away on April 6th, 2018. His memory will be a blessing to all who knew him.

Heartfelt condolences go out to Joel and Jan Davidson and their family on the loss of their beloved mother, Jolene David. Jolene passed away on April 6th, 2018. Her memory will be a blessing to all who knew her.

#### **May 4, 2018**

William Prater  
Henry Avner  
Martha Levy  
Morris Guttman  
Elizabeth Helman  
Solomon Paymar  
Shirley Reinaur Cohn  
Sol B. Klaus  
Daniel Louis Kleinman

#### **May 11, 2018**

Shannon Cox  
Harriet Fink  
Bessie Heller  
Bill Barnhart  
Meyer Love  
Lois Cowen  
William Holtzman

#### **May 18, 2018**

Ruth Chozen  
Rosalind Kaufman  
Arthur Landsman  
Rita Donn Raphael  
David Dwight Barnhart  
Tommy McManus  
Helen Wise  
Sarah Levin  
Anna Gorin  
Isaac T. Hart  
Herman Wygoda

#### **May 25, 2018**

Beatrice Smith  
Henry Milstein  
Esther Painter  
Edith Kristal  
Jeannette Fry  
Udith Milford

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**Funds:**

**Sisterhood:**

Decorating Fund  
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Meal of Consolation

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**June 1, 2018**

Clyde Arabie  
Augusta Fish  
John Robert Toerner  
Adolph Marx  
Shirley Goldsmith  
Jane Kleinman  
Jessie Winner

**June 8, 2018**

Leanora M. Hoffman  
Nellie Edelstein  
Gertrude Lowenthal

**June 15, 2018**

Joseph Liebman  
Riva Roseman  
Estelle Frank Craft  
Gertrude Adler  
Manuel Lowenthal  
Beatrice Zakroff  
Estelle Stopnik  
Hyman Roseman  
Miriam Berkowitz Schoolsky  
Simon Davidson

**June 22, 2018**

Alex Fish  
Julia Greenberg Rosenthal  
Joel Adler  
J. Leo Gross  
Abraham Lindenberg  
Pauline Kaufman  
Solomon Reinaur

**June 29, 2018**

Alexander Helman  
Marie Ferguson  
John Blevins  
Ethel Horn  
George Kamm  
Allen Kristal  
Ben Rosen  
Morris Tankel  
William Coleman, Jr. (June 30)

# *We are grateful for these contributions:*

## **Tree of Life Fund:**

From: Karen & Harry Kleinman  
In Memory of: Faye Barnhart & her dedication  
to all she held near and dear

From: Karen & Harry Kleinman  
In Honor of: Barbara Peck for her devotion  
to her family

From: Tootsie Fournet, Wendy, Mark, Chloe, & Quinn  
In Honor of: A speedy recovery for Karen Kleinman

From: Tootsie Fournet, Wendy, Mark, Chloe, & Quinn  
In Memory of: Faye Barnhart

From: Sandy & Ron Desadier  
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From: Corene Davidson  
In Memory of: Faye Barnhart

From: Carrie & Nathan Dondis  
In Memory of: Faye Barnhart

## **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:**

From: Charlene & Tim Blevins

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From: Rochelle Miesel  
In Memory of: Rabbi Jerome Marks

## **Courtyard Fund:**

From: Annabelle & Norman Holman  
In Honor of: Passover

From: Carrie & Nathan Dondis  
In Memory of: Jolene David

From: Carrie & Nathan Dondis  
In Memory of: Barbara Riff

## **Tree of Life Fund Continued:**

From: Barbara & Tony DiBartolo  
In Memory of: Faye Barnhart

From: Mr. & Mrs. Sonny Marks  
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From: Dr. James McLeod  
In Memory of: Faye Barnhart

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In Memory of: Faye Barnhart

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In Memory of: Barbara Riff

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In Memory of: Les Warshaw

From: Simone & Stan Levy  
In Memory of: Faye Barnhart

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In Memory of: Les Warshaw

## **General Fund:**

From: Charlene & Tim Blevins

## **Courtyard Pavers:**

From: Susan & Jim Wilson  
"Hilda Beth Prater Depaquier"

From: Lillie Ray Levy  
"In Memory of Sam & Esther Levy"

From: Lillie Ray Levy  
"In Memory of Bernard & Ann Levy"

From: Stephen Lamb  
"In Memorium: Bob & Mary Lamb &  
Randy Lyons"

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**Sisterhood Meal of Consolation:**

From: Brenda & Michael Goldman  
In Memory of: Faye Barnhart

From: Eddie Conner  
In Memory of: Faye Barnhart

**Sisterhood Fund:**

From: Carol & Charlie St. Dizier  
In Memory of: Faye Barnhart

From: Susan & Paul Miller  
In Memory of: Faye Barnhart

From: Rochelle & Kristal Miesel  
In Memory of: Faye Barnhart

From: Rochelle & Kristal Miesel  
In Memory of: Myrtle Altman

From: Rochelle & Kristal Miesel  
In Memory of: Rose Stander

From: Lillie Ray Levy  
In Memory of: Faye Barnhart

From: Lillie Ray Levy  
In Memory of: Casey Sorkow

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