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R A B B I ' S M E S S A G E

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This has been quite a year for our congregation and for me. Whenever we mark the passage of another year in the calendar of life, we find ourselves reminiscing over the year that has just passed. The last months of 2009 have been especially memorable for me personally. It was on July 22, as you recall, that I had the privilege to offer the opening prayer at the House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. Not only having the opportunity to see my name recorded in the Congressional Record was a memorable experience, but knowing that Congregation B'nai Zion will have a permanent place in the historical documents of the United States of America is something that brings me pride as your Rabbi, and should also cause each member to feel a sense of patriotic and Jewish pride. For that reason alone 2009 is a year that will be part of the history of our congregation.

As the year drew to a close in December, another event took place which should cause each of us to take additional notice. Our President Jeff Weislow, my wife, Sharon, and I attended the biennial United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism Convention in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. On December 8th

Congregation B'nai Zion received the gold award, called a "Sollie" named for the founder of our movement, Dr. Solomon Schechter, in the category of "celebrations and dedications." This was the highest award in this category and specifically it was awarded for the B'nei Anousim conferences which our synagogue holds annually, together with the Bat Tziyon Learning Center of Ruidoso, New Mexico. This conference has brought to our community, and in reality to the world, outstanding speakers, films, programs, and discussions which have served to inspire hundreds of people about the reality and history of the crypto-Jews who are returning to Judaism after over 500 years of darkness and rejection. It was a proud moment for Jeff, Sharon, and me when we received this distinguished honor on behalf of Congregation B'nai Zion.

On the following day, December 9th, an even more historic event took place. A resolution which I presented to the convention was passed unanimously by acclamation. This resolution will have its impact on Conservative Judaism for generations to come. To summarize, the resolution submitted by Rabbi Stephen Leon establishes

that the holiday of Tisha B'av will be recognized by all of the congregations who are members of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism as a day to welcome the B'nei Anousim who are returning to Judaism, and to take specific notice of the Spanish Inquisition and the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492. Until the passage of this resolution there was not a specific occasion to recall the horrors of the Spanish Inquisition throughout the Jewish world. Now, thanks to the passage of this resolution, such a day has been established. Also, as a result of this resolution, the crypto-Jews

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who have been facing the challenges of rejection and discrimination, now can feel a true sense of outreach and welcome by one of the three major branches of Judaism. This is a historic moment in Jewish history, and all of us should share in the satisfaction that we played a part in this memorable occasion. If you wish to see the resolution and the award in its entirety, please go the USCJ.org website and access the link to the convention and then to "resolutions" and then to "awards."

In addition to these events, the year 2009 will always be a time that I will recall visiting Jewish communities in very remote areas of the world. I will, of course, recall the opportunity that I had to speak at Temple Israel in Cape Town, South Africa on October 16th at Shabbat services. I will also remember our attending Keser Israel Synagogue in Mumbai, India on Shabbat November 7th and offering a prayer in memory of Rabbi Gavriel and Rebbetzin Rivkah Holtzberg, who had been murdered one year earlier at the Chabad House of Mumbai. On the very next day we offered prayers at the Judah Hyam Synagogue in Delhi, India together with Ezekiel Isaac Malekar, the honorary secretary of the congregation. Attending the 110 year old Musmeah Yeshua Synagogue of Yangon, Myanmar on Shabbat, November 14th was a real honor. How courageous is the gabbai of the shul, Moshe Samuel, who ensures that there is a Minyan every Shabbat, even though there are only seven Jewish families left in that community. I really identified with that congregation, for it originated the same year that our synagogue was founded. When I think that occasionally our synagogue of some 400 members struggles to make a Minyan, I truly appreciate the efforts of the leader of the Yangon synagogue. I hope that our members will think of that synagogue when we make our decisions regarding how important it is to each of us that we provide two Minyanim every single day of the year. Perhaps in 2010 we might make a resolution to attend at least one Minyan a week.

As we begin to create the memories for the year 2010, I sincerely hope that we will remember the wonderful accomplishments that our congregation achieved this past year and that as we celebrate our 110th anniversary this year, we will dedicate more time, effort, and support for our incredible synagogue in the coming year and years. Remember our motto, "B'nai Zion, often imitated, never duplicated."

Stephen A. Leon
Rabbi

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday

January 1 ~ 4:55 pm

January 8 ~ 5:00 pm

January 15 ~ 5:06 pm

January 22 ~ 5:13 pm

January 29 ~ 5:19 pm



SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Daily ~ Monday thru Friday 7:00 am
Monday thru Thursday 6:30 pm

Friday evening 6:15 pm
(unless listed otherwise)

Saturday morning & Holidays 9:30 am
Saturday Mincha ~ please check calendar
(followed by Seudah Shlesheet & Ma'ariv)

Sunday (unless Holiday) 8:30 am & 5:00 pm



The unveilings of the monuments
of our late beloved members

Bertha Zditowski & Pola Kimmelman
will take place

Sunday, January 10 at 12:30 PM (Zditowski)
Sunday, January 24 at 1:00 PM (Kimmelman)
in the B'nai Zion Cemetery.

On behalf of the families we ask that you join
them for these solemn occasions.



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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

"If you haven't been at a service, event, or program recently, I want to invite you to try some. Our recent activities are drawing more and more people, and I think you will be pleasantly surprised at how enlightening, educational, and fun our programs are."



I just returned with Rabbi Leon from the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's (USCJ) biennial convention. It was a great experience. Congregation B'nai Zion won the gold award for our anousim conference, spearheaded by Rabbi Leon. Having our synagogue recognized on the national stage was a proud moment for us. Along with accepting the award, I was on a mission to read the pulse of Conservative Judaism by attending conference workshops as well as conversations with other congregational presidents. USCJ has set its agenda this year to celebrate "the year of the family." They explained at the convention that we need to strive to come together to work, learn, and network with each other. By the time I left the convention, I concluded this means we need to welcome all the members of our congregation to participate in our shul's activities. To this end, we will strive this year to have programming for a wide variety of congregants. We need your input in letting us know what you like and what you want in the future. If you haven't been at a service, event, or program recently, I want to invite you to try some. Our recent activities are drawing

more and more people, and I think you will be pleasantly surprised at how enlightening, educational, and fun our programs are.

Some of the workshops at USCJ included creating compelling community, time for learning, community leaders, and creating a family friendly congregation. We will follow this lead and try to tailor some of our events to attain these goals.

I am more than half way through my first term as president of CBZ, and I hope you like the way things are going. We have great services lead by Rabbi Leon. Our Talmud Torah is growing both in numbers and in the quality of learning under our new educational director, Rabbi Rebecca Rosenthal. Our special events, including dinners and holiday celebrations, have been fantastic. Sponsorships for Shabbat meals are soaring, and our hard working staff is there for you.

I hope you and your families enjoyed the winter break and are ready for some synagogue enlightenment and fun.

See you at the shul.

Jeff Weislow

Congregation B'nai Zion President
jweislow@sbcglobal.net

USCJ Honors Congregation B'nai Zion for Work with Anousim

From December 6 – 10, B'nai Zion President Dr. Jeffrey Weislow and Rabbi Stephen Leon journeyed from the Synagogue on Cherry Hill Lane in El Paso to the USCJ International Biennial Convention in Cherry Hill, New Jersey to accept the Solomon Schechter Gold Award for Excellence in Synagogue Programming, in the category of Celebrations & Dedications for the Annual Sephardic Anousim Conference.

At this time, Rabbi Leon also presented his proposed resolution that the solemn day of Tisha B'Av be recognized as a time to commemorate the Spanish Inquisition and the return of the Anousim to Judaism, in addition to the other tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people on this date throughout history. The resolution was passed unopposed! Congregations affiliated with USCJ can look forward to programs, speakers, films and other appropriate materials for such Tisha B'Av observances.



SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Many of our Sisterhood members study with Rabbi Leon and Rabbi Rebecca and they deserve many "Kudos" for their dedication to our shul, for they are truly an 'Eshet Hayil' - Woman of Valor - a priceless find!"



The holidays are behind us, the new secular year is ahead of us and Sisterhood has been and will continue to be very busy. I want to thank all the women who came forward and "Drove-a-Meal" during the month of December. It definitely was a Mitzvah, bringing hot meals to the shut-ins of El Paso.

Speaking of food, our Chanukah dinner was a huge success. I'm sure members had their fill of latkes, along with laughter, singing and answering questions about Chanukah. I have come to the conclusion that our Sisterhood members are one great big latke-making machine. Not only did we feed our dinner guests, we helped with the joint Talmud Torah/Temple Mt. Sinai Chanukah Community Celebration on Dec. 13, and we even extended our culinary expertise to Ft. Bliss soldiers. We thank Sheri Cohen for alerting us about helping bring Chanukah to our Jewish servicemen and women and their families.

The generosity of Sisterhood members didn't stop at food preparation but continued in bringing gifts for youngsters residing at Southwest Key, a non-profit organization that houses at risk youths and helps underprivileged teenagers.

2010 finds us doing another joint book discussion with Hadassah. "Sarah's Key," by Tatiana de Rosnay, will be the book to review, and I hope everyone will read the story and come prepared for a lively discussion. Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 24 at 2:00 PM.

Sisterhood members will lead Shabbat services on Saturday, January, 23 for our annual Sisterhood Shabbat. Join us for a time of worship and fellowship, and of course, a great Kiddush lunch after services in honor of Sisterhood. Many of our Sisterhood members study with Rabbi Leon and Rabbi Rebecca and they deserve many "Kudos" for their dedication to our shul, for they are truly an "Eshet Hayil" - Woman of Valor - a priceless find! You should consider joining Sisterhood for an experience of a lifetime. My heartfelt thanks to Rachel Leon who is working very hard to make these services meaningful and alive. See you in Shul!

Annalie Rollins
Sisterhood President

Please join
B'nai Zion Sisterhood
and the
El Paso Chapter of Hadassah
Sunday, January 24
2:00 PM
B'nai Zion Social Hall
for a joint book discussion of
Sarah's Key
by Tatiana de Rosnay



Refreshments will be served

Sisterhood Shabbat



Saturday, January 23

Services begin at 9:30 am
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Sunday, February 21, 8:30 AM
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3. select "Register" from the drop-down list
4. click on "Join a Team" on the right side of the page
5. type in "Congregation B'nai Zion Sisterhood" as the name of the team
6. click on "Search for a Team" - when the team name comes up at the bottom of the page, select "Join"
7. follow registration process

Most Sisterhood participants registered last year for the
5K Non-Competitive Run/Walk

You can also choose from:

a 1 mile run/walk,

a 5K timed competitive run, or

"Sleep in for the Cure" (which requires no running or walking!)

Sisterhood Supports Ft. Bliss Soldiers

On Monday, December 14, the Fort Bliss Jewish community held their 2nd Annual Hanukkah party. The party was hosted by MG Howard and Glenda Bromberg, COL Michael and Hilary Benjamin, and COL Daniel and Leba Hirsch from the Temple, along with COL Jonathan and Sheri Cohen from B'nai Zion. For the second year in a row, those in attendance enjoyed traditional Hanukkah foods, playing dreidel, fun games and meeting new people. The party was a huge success in large part due to generous donations from B'nai Zion and Temple Mt. Sinai.

When asked for their help, the B'nai Zion Sisterhood graciously agreed to make and donate 200 latkes for the party. The latkes were delicious and appreciated by all who attended. In addition to the latkes, Joan Korn, another member of the B'nai Zion Sisterhood, generously donated homemade Hanukkah chocolates.

Rabbi Rebecca Rosenthal, Education Director at B'nai Zion, was also in attendance. She told the story of Hanukkah to the soldiers, families, retirees and non-Jewish chaplains at the party. Rabbi Yisrael Greenberg from Chabad offered the blessings over the candles.

I would personally like to thank Sisterhood President, Annalie Rollins, Becca Korn, Joan Korn and the other members of the B'nai Zion Sisterhood for supporting the local Jewish Soldiers. A big thank you also goes to the B'nai Zion kitchen staff for preparing the latkes for the party...you all did a fantastic job!

Sheri Cohen



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Guadalupe Ramos |
| 03 Tiffany Israel-Ritchey | 15 Beth Lipson | 24 Sam Kobren |
| 04 Cherryll Lieberman | 16 Beverly Robinson | 25 Mildred Levitt |
| 05 Eileen Armour
Leslie Novick
David Sabal | 17 Esther Kishk | 26 Dr. Todd Reiter |
| 06 Robert Jacobson | 18 Miriam Lait | 27 Harvey Plaut |
| 07 Wilma Salzman | 19 Sandra Levenson | 28 Dr. Arvin Robinson |
| 08 Cherrie Forman
James Holland
Joel Weiss | 20 Lea Kessel
Lenore Kobren
Ann Rothstein
Julio Sidransky | 29 Bobby Kishk
Rose Kupfer
Audrey Lavi |
| 11 Florence Cohen | 21 Eleanor Carroll
Maxwell Kahn | 30 Sara Heller
Alice Kasner
Malkiel Leeds
Jane Rosen |
| 12 Jaime Cherem | 22 Martin Naparstek
Marvin Roth | 31 Shaya Holland
Dora Roe
Emilie Swartz |

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 02 Bernard & Molly Goldberg
Richard & Robin Krasne
- 03 Dr. Richard & Lois Applebaum
Dr. Sol & Rowena Heller
- 04 Mario Aranda & Gail Slater
- 06 Carl & Joyce Lieb
- 07 Don & Lynette Brown
Richard & Leslie Otis
- 08 Abraham & Nadia Chowaiki
Allan & Amy Goldfarb
- 09 Richard & Leslie Grodin
- 13 Harris & Muriel Kaplan
- 15 Louis & Miriam Rosenbaum
- 16 Nat & Linda Holzer
Carl & Natalie Scoggin
- 18 Jerry & Sheri Rosenbaum
- 22 Jack & Claire Hirsch
Martin & Dorene Naparstek
Robert & Sara Shiloff
- 23 Irvin & Alicia Nadler
- 24 Saul & Debbie Frank
- 27 Isaac & Ruth Gniazdowitz
- 29 Meyer & Melinda Marcus

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Fay Cohen
Bernard Gluck
Don Goldman
Vivian Katz
Rosa Maurer

1/12 (Tevet 26)

Joseph Lerner
Leo Rosenberg
Goldie Schochat
Batya Yellin

1/13 (Tevet 27)

Marilyn Cohen
Molly de Maya
Max Dubin
Jerry Kellen
Nellye Schlom
Max Stelzer

1/14 (Tevet 28)

Esther Claire Brown
Robert James Lyons
Ben Nedow
Irving Rubin

1/15 (Tevet 29)

Julius Feiner
Herman Golden
Joshua Kramer

1/16 (Shevat 1)

Leah Goldberg
Idelle Rubin
Louis Rubin
Magda Schaechner

1/17 (Shevat 2)

Samuel Berk
Phyllis Chonoles
Bertha Edelman
Clara Heller
Mary Horowitz

1/18 (Shevat 3)

Sara Gluck
Sarah Pinchuck

1/19 (Shevat 4)

Julius Goldman
Rebecca Kajomovitz
Sigmund Rosen
Franklin Slusser
Michael Zurio

1/20 (Shevat 5)

Simon Kahn
Albert Nedow

1/21 (Shevat 6)

Gisela Bernat
Jacob Heller
G. Fred Kahn
Nochum Veta

1/22 (Shevat 7)

Sara Berg
Betty Nedow
Dov Rosenbaum
Isadore Wintroub

1/23 (Shevat 8)

Mordechai Aaronson
Lena Bendalin
Jacob Garbar
Sarah Garbar
David Grodin
Samuel Stark
Pearl Stein

1/24 (Shevat 9)

Yetta Deener
David Grunberger
Sadie Reiter

1/25 (Shevat 10)

Jeannette Falber
Hilde Mason
Adam Schnall
Evelyn Starr
Elizabeth Stein

1/26 (Shevat 11)

Nandor Schwartz

1/27 (Shevat 12)

Phyllis Fruithandler
Gladys Kenoffel
Helen Krapin
Leonard Lipson
Isaac Ratusnik

1/28 (Shevat 13)

Myer Hutman

1/29 (Shevat 14)

Oscar Eisenberg
Laurie Epstein
Jean Feinberg
Pola Kimmelman
Mercedes Sabal

1/30 (Shevat 15)

Morris Cohen
Ricki Gross
Jacquez Guez
Betty Lederman
Herbert Margolis
Maurice Schwartz
Manfred Vorenberg

1/31 (Shevat 16)

Milton Liebman

1/1 (Tevet 15)

Nathaniel Falber
Irvine Jacobson
Edith Kallman
Anne Mandell
Jessie Stark
Anne Weiser
Morris Weiss

1/2 (Tevet 16)

Lillian Kozberg

1/3 (Tevet 17)

Ethel Hutman
Helen Schonberg
Abraham Swithgall
Bertha Zditowski

1/4 (Tevet 18)

Tsirel Handkan
Philip Yellin

1/5 (Tevet 19)

Sol Garbar
Max Schechter

1/6 (Tevet 20)

Hedwig Grunebaum
Lewis Siegel

1/7 (Tevet 21)

Ruth Gluck

1/8 (Tevet 22)

Louis Baron
Jason Levit
Karen Licht
Tillie Pitter
Sid Zaben

1/9 (Tevet 23)

Albert Goldberg
Rose Luskey
Samuel Metzger
Carolyn Warach

1/10 (Tevet 24)

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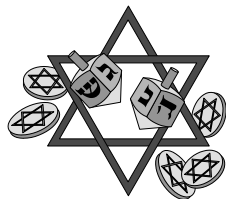
FAMILY EDUCATION MESSAGE



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Community Family Hanukkah Event A Great Success

The Community Family Hanukkah Event -- a collaboration between Congregation B'nai Zion and Temple Mount Sinai -- was a great success. Approximately 200 people gathered together at B'nai Zion for singing, crafts, learning, and the EPJA Hanukkah play. It was followed by a delicious lunch of latkes with apple sauce and sour cream, and decorate your own Hanukkah shaped cookie. Enjoy some pictures from this great event:



Upcoming Talmud Torah Schedule January:

- 3 - No School
- 6 - Back to School
- 9 - Shabbat Club (mandatory for Talmud Torah Families)
- 10 - No School
- 13 - Talmud Torah
- 17 - No School (MLK Day)
- 20, 24, 27, 31 - Talmud Torah

Mazel Tov to our Minyanaires

The following children have attended at least 10 Shabbat morning services:

Eddie Madero	Emerson Valenzuela
Mara Sias	Rene Valenzuela
Sadie Swartz	Victoria Valenzuela
Isaac Weislow*	

*Indicates children who have attended 18 or more services, and are in the Minyanaires Hall of Fame

Taste of Talmud Torah: 3, 4 and 5 year olds enroll today

Rabbi Rebecca will be offering a three session Taste of Talmud Torah for children who are three, four and five years old and their families. The Taste of Talmud Torah will be a chance for children and families to explore Judaism in a fun, hands-on environment. We will learn about holidays, Torah and Hebrew through art, games, singing and movement. It will also give families a chance to see what Talmud Torah at B'nai Zion is all about.

The class will meet at B'nai Zion on Sunday, January 24, and Sunday, January 31, from 10-11, and on Saturday, February 6 from 10:45-11:45, so that families can experience Shabbat Club, an important part of our Talmud Torah. Shabbat Club is a Shabbat morning children's service with singing, praying, dancing, Torah and stories.

Any family who is interested in learning more about our fun and educational programs for families is encouraged to enroll in Taste of Talmud Torah. There is no commitment necessary -- just a desire to have a great time and learn along the way.

Please contact me at or bzeducation@gmail.com or 833-2222 to register or with questions. Hope to see you there!

Rabbi Rebecca Rosenthal
Director of Education

YOUTH NEWS

BZUSY Mid-Year Recap

For the third year in a row, BZUSY kicked off in late August with dinner and elections at Ardovino's Pizza. With 25 BZUSYers in attendance, the board was voted in:

Joseph Roe, President

Rodolfo Madero, Communications Vice President

Alberto Cherem, Religious, Educational, Cultural VP

Yamit Lavi, Programming/Israel Affairs VP

Ashlei Nadler, Membership/Kadima VP

Victoria Teplitz, Social Action/Tikkun Olam (SATO) VP

Kaylee Grodin, Freshman Representative

Two weeks later, the BZUSY board attended Mincha, Ma'ariv and Havdalah before staying overnight in the Marvin Nadler Youth Room for a board leadership training (and some jam sessions of Rock Band). Early the next morning, the board kidnapped six freshmen and treated them to a pajama breakfast at Village Inn. BZUSY didn't take a break during the High Holidays, helping with childcare and Junior Congregation at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. For Sukkot, BZUSY helped the Shiloff family build their sukkah, as has become a yearly tradition, and welcomed Jeff Goss, SWUSY Regional Coordinator, to "Ladies' Night with the Rabbi" in the B'nai Zion sukkah.

At the end of October, ten BZUSYers journeyed to Camp Carter in Ft. Worth for SWUSYstock, Fall Kallah. For three days, participants experienced Shabbat peace, love and ruach-style, and made lots of new friends from other chapters in the region. In November, BZUSY Shabbat was a great success with high schoolers leading and participating in services both Friday evening and Saturday morning. The following weekend, 18 BZUSYers met at Adventure Zone for an afternoon of go-carts, mini golf and video games. December began with the Kadima kick-off, an ice cream and movie night following Havdalah. During Chanukah-time, BZUSY members joined together to light the 7th candle on the large outdoor chanukiah and brought the gifts collected by B'nai Zion congregants to Southwest Key. They visited with the teenage residents, and helped serve Christmas Eve lunch to the homeless at the Rescue Mission of El Paso.

BZUSY has also been active in several ongoing projects. Four BZUSYers volunteer as Talmud Torah class aides on Sunday mornings. Several members of BZUSY participate in the weekly online Israel Challenge that accumulates credits for regional Israel trip scholarships. BZUSY members promote the "Raise Your Paws for Peace" bracelet fundraiser to benefit the Humane Society of El Paso and animals in need.

The most anticipated event for BZUSY in the coming year is Spring Kallah. This regional convention will be hosted at B'nai Zion February 19-21, and BZUSY couldn't be more excited to welcome the other chapters to our hometown. The Spring Kallah co-chairs and committee members are working hard to plan a fantastic weekend, and they need the help of the congregation to make this convention a huge success after several years off the regional radar. Areas that BZUSY needs help in include: transportation to and from the airport, home hospitality for either boys or girls from out-of-town chapters, donations for the welcome bags, and anything else you can offer. Please contact BZUSY co-advisors Becca Korn or Joseph Ruiloba at the shul office (833-2222) with any questions or to volunteer. Thank you for helping BZUSY go from strength to strength.

Rebecca Korn
USY Co-Advisor



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on the loss of his brother, Phillip
*Yvonne, Stephen, Beila and
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- ~ Bernie and Selma Chasens in memory of parents, Jacob & Jennie Chasens and Samuel & Bessie Kurman

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					1 New Year's Day Shabbat services 7:30 pm	2 Shabbat services 9:30 am Mincha 4:55 pm	
3 No Talmud Torah	4	5	6 Talmud Torah 4:00 pm	7	8 Shabbat B'Yachad 5:30 pm Shabbat services 6:15 pm	9 Shabbat services 9:30 am Jr. Congregation 10:30 am Children's Services 10:45 am Mincha 5:00 pm	
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