

Kayruv



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"Judaism for Today In a Warm and Caring Environment"

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FROM THE RABBI



Dear Friends,

We all know that we, the Jewish people, actually pride ourselves in having discussions and different opinions. "Two Jews, three opinions" – that's an old joke. Just as old as "This is the shul I built, this is the one I wouldn't be caught stepping a foot in," said the Jew on a deserted island." And there's Tevy's "you're also right" scene. I could go on forever, but you get the gist.

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Kayruv means "Welcoming."

This state of affairs is even more real among rabbis – as we are well aware. So it was incredible to see, last month, a near consensus among rabbis as one of us founded a page on Facebook called "Rabbis for Trump." No one signed on, even my most conservative Republican colleagues.

And I want to be clear that any rabbi who endorses any candidate or any political position by using Torah verses is actually using his or her rabbinic status to push forward his or her personal opinions. Torah verses can be (and were) used for political positions across all possible spectrums¹. Torah can be seen as a political text, but to say that any candidate or party reflects Torah completely and clearly is a falsehood. That being said, it was interesting to see that this was a consensus – even though it was a negative consensus – among rabbis. The Rabbis for Trump became Rabbi for Trump, and eventually the page was pulled off Facebook.

Why was there a consensus here? What are the basic values that we can see that still unite us that can be distilled from this incident?

First, I think this particular candidate's xenophobic remarks – painting entire groups

¹ This happened very clearly in mid-19th century America, as Shaindy Rudoff shows in her brilliant book "Scripturally

"Enslaved", where you can find rabbis opposing and defending slavery, and using Jewish text for that.

of people as “the other,” who should be excluded, deported or marked in lists, hit too close to home for our collective ease. Sure, every week now brings the news of the death of a Holocaust survivor, but the process of the exclusion of us as an entire group is still fresh in our collective memory. Instinctively we know where this type of rhetoric leads. The yearly remembrance that we, too, were slaves once, and seen as strangers, contributes to our collective compassion towards the “other”.

Second, Mr. Trump seems to relish in speaking badly of people, and not only badly, but offensively, vulgarly and derogatorily. And this touches on two different Jewish values regarding speech: *lashon hara*, the prohibition of attacking personally those with whom we disagree, and *lashon naki*, the value of expressing our disagreements with clean language. Those values are there in part because our tradition understands that we must have a concern for what other people feel and think: “Death and life are in the power of the tongue”² and “Teach your tongue to say, ‘I don’t know’”³ are two of my favorites. We also have entire books devoted to the whys and hows of guarding our speech: the great power of speaking carries with it great responsibility, to quote Spiderman’s uncle.

Third is the idea that emotional reaction is somehow more true than thought out, researched and studied response. But we pride ourselves in learning, complicating things and seeing the gray areas. So any candidate that says “I love the poorly educated” gives our collective soul the proverbial heebie-jeebies⁴.

Finally, there is the question of truth, lies and shame. Most of us, while not comfortable with one single Truth with capital T, still would rather have our politicians speak more truths than lies. And most of them, when caught having lied, feel shame. Most of us, human beings, feel shame because we care about what others think of us, and when caught doing

what others see as wrong, this is an appropriate response. As it is to say you have regrets about doing those things. But Mr. Trump seems to have none of these characteristics: it is obvious that his strongest trait is his arrogance. And people who are intensely narcissistic cannot admit they are, or were, wrong. They can’t – and won’t – admit that they have regrets or should apologize. Arrogance is a serious character defect in our tradition, being equated with idolatry (of one’s ego) and an impediment to God’s presence in the world⁵.

Deciding who is worthy of being your leader is hard work. But we know that leaders represent us. They are, in a way, our face -the face of the country we live in. They, their political positions and how they express their political positions represent the world we want to live in. I believe that the consensus regarding the Rabbis for Trump page means that there are still values that join all of us together – what kind of person we see as being our face to the world, not only on Facebook.

Warmly,
Rabbi Nelly Altenburger

² Proverbs 18:21

³ Babylonian Talmud, Berachot 4a

⁴ <https://www.yahoo.com/politics/trump-i-love-the-poorly-educated-144008662.html>

⁵ Babylonian Talmud, Sotah 4b-5a

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

Wow, it's really been an amazing month at B'nai Israel! We started off with an absolutely incredible conversation on inclusion with Matan Koch, which went well beyond inspiring into the realm of the pragmatic and practical. No, seriously, to me the most inspirational part of Matan's remarks was how he brought the initially rather daunting and seemingly distant goal of universal inclusion at B'nai Israel (the idea that we make it possible for everyone's talents and abilities to be accessed equally and for everyone to participate fully in everything we do) down to earth, and he explained that we could pursue inclusion one step at a time by finding ways to "bake it in" to every event we plan. That's the perfect metaphor for us, I quipped, because if there's one thing we understand at B'nai Israel, it's baking!

But all joking aside, Matan's insight that inclusion is an ongoing and continual process that we can tackle in stages, rather than an unattainable nirvana to look at longingly from afar, is exactly the insight we needed to start us on the path of taking inclusion seriously at B'nai Israel, and Rabbi Altenburger is already applying it to our upcoming Purim spiel on Wednesday evening, March 23 (where a slide show will help explicate the spiel for folks who may have trouble hearing the players).

Thanks again to everyone whose generous donations made Matan's visit possible; to the Markinds for a wonderful kiddush that afternoon in honor of Dina's mother Sara Kruzansky; and to the great crowd who showed up and participated (including a number of folks from the broader community beyond B'nai Israel, thanks to Barbara Levitt publicizing the event far and wide).

To top it all off, I'm proud to announce that the USCJ Ruderman Inclusion Action Community did ultimately approve our application for membership in this year's program, which is tremendously exciting, because it means we'll have professional guidance and coaching in assessing our situation and developing an action plan to start making Matan's vision of universal inclusion a reality at B'nai Israel. Please contact me if you're interested in joining the congregants and board members on the inclusion committee, who will be working together on this project for the next eight months.

I'm also absolutely overjoyed to announce that our new website is fully up and running at danburyshul.org! I'd like to give big thank-yous on behalf of all of us to: the anonymous donor who donated the full cost of having our site built by a professional web designer; that designer herself, Annette van Ommeren, for her beautiful and functional design; and most importantly, Barbara Levitt, for her dedication, tenacity and countless hours of work in getting all of the content together—*yasher koach!* Please check the site out, and share it relentlessly on social media.

Admittedly, not everything we try works out quite the way I expect, and a perfect example of that is the USCJ's Sulam for Strategic Planners, the leadership and strategic planning training program that I mentioned last month we were applying to join. Unfortunately, after getting in our application, I found out that the USCJ has discovered over the past couple of years that the program just doesn't work very well for congregations smaller than 250 "membership units" (singles, couples, or families)—there's just too many people and too much work required for a small congregation to succeed with the full program. But it's not all bad news—while we won't be able to join the official program, their "transformation specialists" have some ideas, tools and resources for helping small synagogues like ours think and plan more strategically that they would like to share with us, so I'm still looking for folks who are

interested in bringing strategy and vision to B'nai Israel over the coming year—please let me know if you're one of them.

Finally, one more thing: please join me this year in making sure that everyone in our congregation receives *mishloach manot* (a bag of Purim treats) delivered to them. Many of our members can't make it to the *megillah* reading and Purim spiel, and for the past few years, as I've been heading out the door at the end of the evening, I've grabbed a half dozen bags for folks who weren't able to attend, and delivered them over the next day or two. It's not just a *mitzvah*, it's a way to let our synagogue family know we care about them, and that's a thought that really matters. I've met wonderful people I never would have run into (including our most infamous anonymous donor) if I hadn't delivered a Purim bag to them. Don't miss the opportunity—it's really a lot of fun!

Together with inclusion, vision and connection,

Kennis Koldewyn

Dear B'nai Israel Community,

The family of Melvin Friedman would like to thank you all for your support and the kindness you've shown to us during this difficult time. Your "*chasadim tovim*" (Acts of loving kindness) are very much appreciated by us.

B'Shalom
Roslyn, Mark, Alan, and Steve Friedman

RUDERMAN INCLUSION ACTION COMMUNITY NEWS

Congregation B'nai Israel applied for and was recently accepted into the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism's Ruderman Inclusion Action Community, and we are very proud to have been selected.

The program is designed to provide participating congregations the support "to develop and implement a comprehensive vision and action plan on inclusion (including) physical facilities, education programs, *tefillah*, social activities and the very attitudes of congregants and leaders," according to the USCJ's letter welcoming us into the program.

Last month's excellent discussion on Universal Inclusion by national disabilities advocate Matan Koch (son of member Roz Koch and the late Rabbi Norman Koch) was a catalyst for interest among the many members of the synagogue and community who attended this inspiring and informative program. While the Ruderman Inclusion Action Community does not come with a blank check, it will fill in the blanks in terms of our setting goals and initiatives to implement them.

Yasher koach to Rabbi Altenburger and CBI president Kennis Koldewyn for working on our successful application to a program that is important and beneficial to all of us.

Joel Levitt

MARCH EVENTS



**JOIN US
MARCH 23, 2016
AT 6:30 P.M.
FOR CBI'S**

PURIM PARTY

Come watch our Religious School's Purim Play (Star Wars) at 6:30 P.M. followed by

The Megillah Reading
Part in Hebrew and all in English

(We will have support for the hard of hearing through the projector.)

Music

COME IN COSTUME



DROWN OUT THE NAME OF HAMAN!

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 P.M. Adult Hebrew Course

Are you stumped by your siddur? Have you always wondered how to decipher the ancient symbols of the Hebrew language? Look no further, because Congregation B'nai Israel is offering a FREE Beginning Level Adult Hebrew course.

All are welcome to learn to read and write Hebrew in a friendly, nonjudgmental environment. The course is held on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. and is taught by our own Hebrew School teacher Jason Mix. Textbooks are provided. Please call the office at [\(203\) 792-6161](tel:(203)792-6161) to enroll.

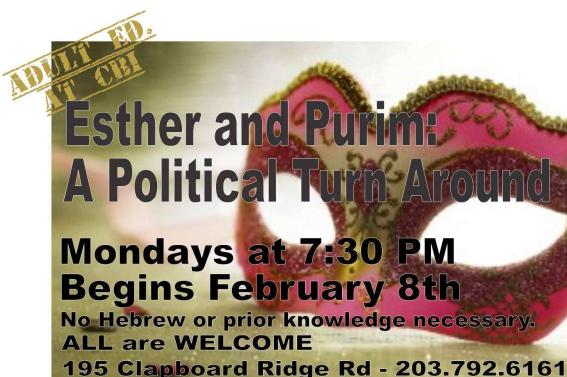


Monday mornings from 10:30 A.M. to Noon CBI Reading Group Discusses "The Dignity of Difference"

CBI meets as a reading group Mondays from 10:30 to 12:00 for the book "The Dignity of Difference" by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks. We will discuss and analyze the main ideas and ideals proposed by one of the most interesting Jewish thinkers of this century. The course runs twelve sessions.



Monday Evenings from 7:30 To 9:00 P.M. Esther and Purim



Join us as we prepare for Purim with a course on the Book of Esther. Using the commentary by Rabbi Meir Leibush ben Yichiel Michal, also known as the Malbim, we will meet a very different Purim story. The Malbim's commentary is unique due to his superb literary critical skills and unexpected answers. The course runs 6 sessions.



Mishloach Manot Purim Goody Treats!

One of the important **mitzvot** of Purim is sending gifts of food and good wishes to loved ones, friends, and our fellow congregants. Through this we bring joy and friendship to each other, strengthening *Ahavat Israel*, one of the themes of the holiday.

How does it work? Each household you choose will receive a variety of delicious treats with a greeting card listing the names of their friends who have joined together to send them.

Please fill in below and send with your payment by March 18, 2016 to:
Congregation B'nai Israel, 193 Clapboard Ridge Road, Danbury, CT 06811

My/Our name will appear as

on the greeting card enclosed in the ***Mishloach Manot*** package.

Please choose one or more options:

\$60.00 - Purim Goody Packages are given to all synagogue members.

\$10.00 per package - One package of treats will be given to each of the following members.

Please print name(s) clearly. Total \$_____

\$10.00 per package - Please prepare _____ (please specify number) Purim Goody Packages for my friends and family. I will pick them up. Total \$_____

\$18.00 per household*. Please send by mail to the non-members I have listed on the next page. Total \$_____
(*\$10.00 per package plus \$8.00 postage each package)

Total Enclosed \$_____

NEW THIS YEAR: Gluten Free Hamantaschen for those with gluten free dietary needs. PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP IF YOU WOULD LIKE THIS OPTION!

IMPORTANT!

Please indicate your preference for receiving your Purim Goody packages. Choices are listed on the next page.

IMPORTANT!

Please indicate your preference for receiving your Purim Goody packages:

[] I will pick my Purim package(s) up on Purim.

[] I will pick my Purim package(s) up at the synagogue.

[] I will call the office at (203) 792-6161 if I need my Purim package(s) delivered to me. (Danbury area only.)

If you want us to send a package to a non-member, please fill out the name, address, and zip code for each recipient. The cost is **\$18.00** per household. (**\$10.00 per package plus \$8.00 postage for each.**)

My/Our name will appear as

on the greeting card enclosed in the **Purim Goody Package**.

To: _____

If you would like us to send more than one, please write additional information on separate paper.

LOOKING AHEAD



Fourth Annual Touch A Truck! This year it will be held on Sunday, May 22nd from 8:00 A.M. (set-up time) to 4:00 P.M. (done with clean-up time) at Danbury High School.



CBI TAG SALE IS BACK

We will let you know the date as soon as we firm it up. In the meantime, spring cleaning is around the corner put those little treasures aside for our tag sale.

BEST ITEMS: Books, household items, towels, sheets, knick-knacks, jewelry, toys, games and other children's items, (all items must be in good condition.)

ITEMS WE DO NOT ACCEPT: Clothing, computers, car seats, strollers, cribs, bulky furniture, or TV's. When in doubt, throw it out!!!

Let us know if you'd like to help. As always we need to price items, set up, clean up.

MEET OUR NEW MEMBER

Donna Goodstein has recently joined CBI but she is not new to the northeast. She was born in Queens, New York, at Jamaica Hospital, which she notes is now a "Trump building". A middle child, she has an older brother who lives in Yonkers, and a younger sister who lives on Long Island. Donna's father was a veteran of World War II. The family lived in Queens, until Donna was nine, and then they moved to Franklin Square on Long Island.

After graduating from high school in New York State, she went to the University of Wisconsin where she earned degrees in history and economics. While attending the university, Donna met her future husband. After their marriage, she worked for some time for an economic development center which was concerned with ownership of land in South America. She notes that her Spanish language skills were beneficial in her work.

Donna and her husband decided to relocate to the East Coast and they settled in New Rochelle, New York. There, she was employed by a non-profit which published a medical newsletter called "The Medical Letter". This work became her career when they called her to come back on a part-time basis in 1980 after taking time off during the 1970's to give birth to the Goodstein's three children - Rachel, Michael, and Rebecca.

Eventually, Donna became a senior editor. She enjoyed her work very much and learned a great deal about medicine while fact-checking. She notes with a smile in her voice that her husband called her the "Queen of Drug Drug Interactions", referring to her knowledge of the subject, and he often said that Donna was "clerking her way through medical school."

Since retiring in 2013 (the same year her husband passed away) Donna has kept busy with a variety of activities. She moved from the family home to a condominium in Somers, New York in order to be closer to her daughter Rachel, son-in-law Kennis and granddaughter

Adina. In her new home Donna enjoys hiking, walking, and participating in Zumba classes. For many years, cats have been a part of Donna's life, and her most recent two pet cats are being enjoyed by Adina as well. The first one, Tex, was found "up a tree" in Austin (daughter Rebecca was going to college there at the time, and brought him home to her parents). The other cat, Marigold, had been abandoned locally when Donna spotted her at The Home Depot.

In addition to Adina, there is another grandchild cherished by Donna. Rafael is the son of Michael Goodstein and his wife Emily. The family lives on the West Coast. Donna's daughter Rebecca is also living on the West Coast. She is a nurse practitioner in the San Francisco area.

Donna enjoys traveling to visit her family and friends in Colorado and California. Her only trip abroad so far was with Rachel. They enjoyed visiting London, Edinburgh and Paris together. This trip ended with the two of them being detained in London due to the tragic events of 9/11. As they have for many people, current events have put a damper on Donna's enthusiasm for travel abroad.

While condo living has many benefits, Donna does miss raking leaves in the fall. As a very active retiree she will soon be completing a 5K race at Disney World with Rachel and Adina. Regrettably, they must be up at 6:00 A.M. in order to do this before the park opens!

Donna says that one of the best things about retirement is being able to get up later in the morning, and she concluded our interview by saying that she is "very lucky to have had wonderful children and a great job."

Harriet Lebetkin

CBI'S NEW WEBSITE

Like all new births, the debut of our synagogue's new website could not happen fast enough, but, oh, was it worth the wait.

The new site, easily accessed at www.danburyshul.org is the culmination of several months of planning and, most recently, was made a reality by a generous donation to cover all of the expenses of hiring a website developer. Our web guru, Annette van Ommeren of AnnaGraphics, was aided in her task by Barbara Levitt, who coordinated all of the material that inhabits the site, with assists from Rabbi Altenburger, Kennis Koldewyn and Henry Tritter.

The site is useful for members who want to check our frequently updated religious, social and educational calendars, read about upcoming events or revisit recent programs and activities. Our Kayruv bulletin articles and others will be published monthly. Beautiful photos of staff, students and congregants will let us savor the good times we've shared. A Community page lists our partners, such as PJ Library, The Jewish Federation of Western Connecticut, and others. And there is even a resource directory of kosher food stores, etc. in the region.

The other great value of having an attractive, inviting and up-to-date website is its outreach potential. We anticipate people who are moving into the area and looking for a synagogue to join will now be able to find us first, on the web. Local residents who may be "synagogue surfing" are sure to find our new website a warm and welcoming online presence.

So check us out online (and recommend us to friends) and experience B'nai Israel in yet another creative facet of our synagogue community.

Joel Levitt

IN THE COMMUNITY



HADASSAH
the power of women who DO™

Hadassah of Greater Newtown/Danbury cordially invites you to an evening of fun and giving!

Thursday, March 17, 2016
7:00 PM
at the offices of LMT Communications*
84 S Main St, Newtown, CT 06470

We will each be making two Mishloach Manot (Purim Baskets) filled with tasty treats; one to take home, and one to donate to the Women's Center of Danbury.

Admission is \$18 PLUS any one of the following items to donate to the Women's Center:

ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW IN UNOPENED PACKAGES

Diapers, tampons, non-perishable food, coloring books, socks and underpants (any size), towels, school supplies

RSVP by Friday, March 11, 2016 to Alicia Brown 203-260-1707

*LMT Communications is located in the building behind the light green Berkshire Hathaway building



Stew Leonard's **Gift Card** **Fundraising Program**



Do your shopping at **Stew Leonard's** because the synagogue receives 5% (sometimes 10%) when you shop using the gift card(s).

Call Cheryl at the office (792-6161) for your gift card(s).

THE JCC IN SHERMAN

P.O. BOX 282, 9 ROUTE 39 SOUTH,
SHERMAN, CT 06784



Movie: She's Beautiful When She's Angry **Saturday, March 19th at 3:30PM**

In honor of television journalist Marlene Sanders, the JCC in Sherman will show the documentary "She's Beautiful When She's Angry." The documentary focuses on the lesser-known women who organized for better pay and better jobs for women. Although most audiences in the New York metropolitan area are familiar with the work of Betty Friedan and Gloria Steinem, these women were equally important for the struggle for equal opportunities.

In the months before her death, Marlene Sanders traveled with film producer Mary Dore to show and talk about the film. In addition to being the first woman to anchor a television newscast, Sanders' was also an award-winning documentarian. Three of her twenty-four documentaries won Emmys; nine of them covered the women's movement. She can easily be credited for the publicity that gave voice to the issues women were demanding. The documentaries are now part of Harvard's Schlesinger collection. She also taught in New York University's graduate school of journalism and was a former guest speaker at Columbia University's journalism school.

The film will be shown at 3:30 PM on Saturday, March 19. Coffee will follow.

Free and open to the public. Donations are requested; proceeds will be donated to a journalism scholarship in Marlene Sanders' name.

Please RSVP before the event: The JCC in Sherman, 860-355-8050 or info@jccinsherman.org

SAVE THE DATE!



SUNDAY, March 13 9:30-1:00 PM and 5-8 PM
SUPER SUNDAY!
Calling all volunteers, we need your help!



B'nai Israel (Southbury) Casino Bus Trip!



Thursday, April 7, 2016,
A day of fun! Motor Coach
Bus leaves Walzer Campus
at 9:00 A.M. and returns at
approx. 6:00 P.M.

\$36 B'nai and Federation Members \$40 Non-Members



What's Happening at the JCC in Sherman

Yoga: Mondays & Thursdays 9:00 AM
Gentle Yoga - Fridays 10:30 AM
\$14 Members/Seniors / \$18 Non-Members

The Place of Peace: Meditation and Journaling

Taught By Shannon Marzella, Life Coach

6-Week Series – March 2nd – April 6th
Wednesdays 7:15 PM – 8:30 PM
Non-members: \$90 / Members: \$75
Limit 10

Pre-Paid Registration Required



Digging In: A Primer on Growing an Organic Vegetable Garden

Class Taught By: Michele MacKinnon

3-week Series: May 7th, 14th, & 21st
Saturday Mornings: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
\$75 members / \$90 Non-members
(Includes all materials)
Limit 12

Pre-Paid Registration Required.

Great Decisions 2016

Begins Sunday April 10th, 2016 / 10AM-12PM
Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the DVD and meeting in a Discussion Group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today.
\$50 PER PERSON (includes Briefing Book)
Pre-Paid Registration Required.

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860.355.8050

Mitzvah Project Castle of Kindness - Food Sculpture



Date: Sunday, March 6th at 10:00 A.M.

Location: Congregation Shir Shalom,
46 Peaceable Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

Let's join together with families at Congregation Shir Shalom for the 5th Annual Food Sculpture project. Once complete, the sculpture will be on display at the Ridgefield Rec Center and then donated to local food pantries.

Together we can help with craft projects for the sculpture such as decorating paper dragons, villagers, fish and making a flower garden to grace the castle! Lots of fun and all for a great cause!

SCHEDULE OF SHABBAT SERVICES

❖ **Shabbat, 25, Adar I, March 5, Vayakhel:** The portable sanctuary is built by the Israelites. *Haftarah:* 2 Kings 12:1-17

❖ **Shabbat, 2 Adar II, March 12, Pekudei:** The *Mishkan* is completed and assembled to close the Book of Exodus. *Haftarah:* 1 Kings 7:51-8:21

❖ **Shabbat, 9 Adar II, March 19, Vayikra:** We begin the third book of the Torah which deals with the sacrificial rites of the Priesthood (Kohanim). *Haftarah:* I Samuel 15:2-34

❖ **Shabbat, 16 Adar II, March 26, Tsav:** The sons of Aaron prepare for the dedication of the sanctuary. *Haftarah:* Jeremiah 7:21—8:3, 9:22-23

❖ **Shabbat, 23 Adar II, April 2, Shemini:** The dedication of the sanctuary and the death of Aaron's sons. *Haftarah:* Ezekiel: 36:16-38

❖ **Shabbat, 1 Nisan, April 9, Tazria:** The laws of ritual purity. *Haftarah:* Ezekiel 45:16-46:18

THANKS! THANKS!

For the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

❖ Roz Friedman and family thank you for all your help in making Mel's funeral a memorable event

For the General Fund

❖ Pam and Shalom Lampell in memory of Mel Friedman

❖ Pat and Alvin Goldman love and admiration to Sol Berman; in loving memory of Mel Friedman, *mazel tov* to Isabel and Barry Kaplan on the birth of their grandson, Asher Felix Kaplan

For Their Generous Kiddush

❖ Dina Markind in memory of her mother Sara Kruzansky

❖ Howard and Nadia Weiner in honor of those who helped in the conversion of their children

CANDLE LIGHTING

March 4, 2016:	5:31 P.M.
March 11, 2016:	5:39 P.M.
March 18, 2016:	6:46 P.M.
March 25, 2016:	6:54 P.M.
April 1, 2016:	7:02 P.M.
April 8, 2016:	7:09 P.M.

YAHRZEITS

10 Adar II, March 20, 2016

Edythe Kiner (Dennis Adler)

26 Adar II, April 5, 2016

Betje Smeer (Dina Essinger)

4 Nisan, April 12, 2016

Pearl Silverstein (Roslyn Friedman)

5 Nisan, April 13, 2016

Max Kruzansky (Dina Markind)

Sylvia Simon (Paul Simon)

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