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Our Jewish calendar is a special calendar. This year is a special year on that calendar. We know that the Gregorian/Western calendar functions as a solar calendar containing 365 days in a year. Every four years, a day is added to the end of February (February 29th).

Yet the Jewish calendar is a lunar calendar, but not strictly so. The Muslim calendar is a strict lunar calendar consisting of 12 months with 28 days in a month. This creates a year for them of only 336 days. The Jewish calendar, on the other hand is a hybrid, or modified, lunar calendar. It has evolved to function so that the farmers could have a solar calendar, in order that their growing seasons would remain consistent, while the priests, who had a lunar calendar would also remain consistent, based on the mitzvah of witnessing a new moon in the sky. This way, Passover always remains in the spring, Sukkot in the fall, and Shavuot in the summer.

All of the Jewish months, technically, therefore have 29 ½ days. What does that mean practically, or when is a new month stated? When a month is apportioned 29 days, there is one day of *Rosh Chodesh*, which takes place on the first day of the month. On the other hand, when a month is apportioned 30 days, the 30th day of that month is first day of *Rosh Chodesh (of the following month)*, and the first day of the aforementioned following month is its second day of *Rosh Chodesh*. While *Rosh Chodesh* is not a full holiday, in traditional settings, it is observed liturgically with additional readings and ritual. These added rituals include a Torah reading, adding the Hallel prayers, a special paragraph to both the Amidah and the *Birkat HaMazon* (the Blessing After Meals). In some communities, there are traditions which are built around *Rosh Chodesh*, associating it with a woman's holiday. The reason given is that they did not participate in the sin of the golden calf. There are *Rosh Chodesh* women's groups which have sprung up in recent years.

The challenge of 29 ½ days remains a slight issue when arriving at a full year: 29 ½ days multiplied by 12 months totals 354 days, which is the number of days in the Jewish year. Since that is 11 days short of a full solar year, we need to add a month to ensure that the seasons remain at the proper times. This occurs at a specific pattern - seven times in a nineteen-year cycle - or 3rd, 6th, 8th, 11th, 14th, 17th and 19th years of that cycle. The additional month is called Adar Bet (the second month of Adar).

This current year, 5782, is a *shemittah* year (a sabbatical year of release) and a leap year. That is why our holidays have been so early, such as Hanukkah being observed right after Thanksgiving. Once Purim arrives, Adar Bet will be observed, and the holiday is moved from Adar Aleph (First Adar) to Adar Bet (Second Adar). As a result, Purim is observed mid-March, and additionally, the holidays for the remainder of the year will fall a little bit later. Passover will be observed the third week of April, and Rosh HaShanah, the end of September.

As we go through this special year, may it continue to be a special one for you.

Rabbi Elizabeth Bahar

President's Message

HAPPY HANUKKAH everyone! I hope you all enjoy a warm and happy holiday with your friends and family. Don't miss our family latke dinner on December 3rd.

We are thrilled to be meeting in person again for Kiddush Club and Shabbat Services. Please help spread the word, as we believe that not everyone is aware of this yet. Masks are still required.

Thank you to Neala Morgan, Lawrence Mink, and Joyce Harris for planning the lovely installation we held for the Rabbi. We appreciate all those who attended and were happy that Mayor Lester Miller also attended.

We are still seeking an Office Manager. We have applicants but none with the qualifications we require.

Finally, if you are looking for year-end opportunities to make donations, TBI is always happy to receive your generous contributions.

For now, I wish you all a happy, healthy, and peaceful holiday season.

B'shalom,

Betty Taylor

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you all for my installation. You are such a sweet, kind hearted congregation. On behalf of Aiden, David, Daniel and myself we feel that we are home here.

Thank you so very much!!

Rabbi Elizabeth Bahar

Engage Explore Expand

Kiddush Club

Will the Real King David please stand up?!

Join Rabbi Bahar:
Check-in, chat, come together and learn!

Fridays in December at 5:15 p.m.

Join us in-person or via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83522827840>
Meeting ID: 835 2282 7840



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PARTY

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December 6, 2021 from 10 AM - Noon

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7:00 PM SERVICE

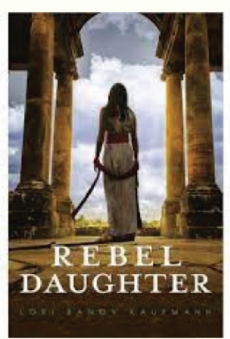
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Sunday, Dec 26th
1:00 PM

Join us at the Temple

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December Honors

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2021

Flowers

Ann Dodson
*Honoring the Yahrzeit of her son
Philip Dodson, Jr.*

Candles

Ann Dodson

Kiddush

Juan Lleras

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021

Flowers

Marlene Humphry
*Honoring the Yahrzeits of her
husband Steve Humphry,
father Nelson Huff, and mother Millie Huff*

Candles

Marlene Humphry

Kiddush

David Dillard

Oneg

Marlene Humphry

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021

Flowers

Herb Greenwald
*Honoring the Yahrzeit of
his father, Herbert S. Greenwald, Sr.*

AND

Muriel Nathan
*Honoring the Yahrzeit of
her mother, Anna Chaves Halprin*

Oneg

Lawrence Mink
*Honoring the Yahrzeit of his
grandfather, Max Efron and
celebrating Lawrence's birthday*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021

Flowers

Letty Kaplan Family
*Honoring the Yahrzeit of
Michael Morris Kaplan, Lettys father-in-law;
Grandfather of Mike, Barbara, Hugh & Jaime*

Oneg

Letty Kaplan Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021

Flowers

David, Jacob, & Shayna Hammer
*Honoring the birthday of
Marlie Hammer*

Candles

Ann Dodson

Kiddush

David Hammer

December Birthdays



We congratulate the following for their birthdays this month

Mrs. Kathryn Nadler	1st	Mrs. Kathryn Baker	16th
Mrs. Gabby Avery-Rosen	5th	Mr. Lawrence Mink	17th
Dr. Jennifer Hoffman	9th	Mrs. Marlie Hammer	27th
Mr. Shawn Hilton-Thomas	14th		



December Anniversaries



We congratulate the following anniversaries this month

Dr. Amy Flowers & Jim Warren 3rd
Mr. & Mrs. Bernie Gertner 20th

December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	1	2	3 6:00 SISTERHOOD DINNER 6:45 PM KABBALAT SHABBAT	4 10AM FAMILY HANUKKAH EVENT
5	6	7 4:00PM B'NAI MITZVAH PREP PROGRAM	8	9	10 5:15 PM KIDDUSH CLUB 6:30 PM KABBALAT SHABBAT	11
12	13	14 4:00PM B'NAI MITZVAH PREP PROGRAM	15	16	17 5:15 PM KIDDUSH CLUB 6:30 PM KABBALAT SHABBAT	18
19 1:00PM BOARD MEETING	20	21 4:00PM B'NAI MITZVAH PREP PROGRAM	22	23	24 5:15 PM KIDDUSH CLUB 6:30 PM KABBALAT SHABBAT	25
26 SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB	27	28	29	30	31 5:15 PM KIDDUSH CLUB 6:30 PM KABBALAT SHABBAT	1

We remember the following on Shabbat
November 27 Sabbath of Observance (Nov. 27 - Dec. 3)

Bernice R. Bashinski
 12-01-1987

Charlotte Grossman Kahn
 12-01-1923

Sidney Fried
 12-02-1938

We remember the following on Shabbat
December 11 Sabbath of Observance (December 11-17)

Alice Carroll
 12-11-2001

Herbert S. Greenwald, Sr.
 12-12-1976

Herbert M. Besser
 12-15-1901

Max Efron
 12-15-1967

Carrie Waxelbaum Popper
 12-17-1915

We remember the following on Shabbat
December 4 Sabbath of Observance (December 4-10)

Joseph Cohen
 12-04-2006

Nelson Hoff
 12-06-1982

Steve Humphry
 12-06-2017

Millie Hoff
 12-07-1999

Louis Piassick
 12-07-1901

Mrs. William (Maude) Voorsanger
 12-07-1969

Wynette Dodson
 12-09-2011

Julius Fleischer
 12-09-1907

Sadie Siesel
 12-09-1898

Harry Lavine
 12-10-1979

Sylvan Mendelson
 12-10-2009

Eugene Oberdorfer
 12-10-1965

We remember the following on Shabbat
December 18 Sabbath of Observance (December 18-24)

Lola Bates
 12-19-2009

Katie Fried
 12-20-1937

Anna Chaves Halprin
 12-20-1969

Sophie Pollock
 12-22-1992

Max Novak
 12-23-1992

Michale Morris Kaplan
 12-24-1950

We remember the following on Shabbat
December 25 Sabbath of Observance (December 25-31)

Solomon J. Waxelbaum
 12-25-1964

Mamie Voorsanger Waxelbaum
 12-26-1968

Phyllis Donner Zislin
 12-29-2006



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Thank you, thank you for your donations to the "Tree of Life" in honor of our 55th anniversary and my 80th birthday. It absolutely doesn't seem possible we have achieved these "big numbers". Temple friends; your generosity to Temple, in our honor, during the past thirty-five years is appreciated so much. Thank you for supporting our Temple.

Jerry and Beverly Schnee

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