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## Our Rabbi Reflects



### LOVE IT OUT

“O Lord! Why have You harmed this people?” (Exodus 5:22) Those are the words of Moshe’s anguished and yet bold cry to Hashem in Parshah She-mot, which we will read on the first Shabbat of January 2018. The cry comes in the midst of a dark time for the Jewish people, downtrodden and enslaved at the hands of the Egyptians.

Moshe’s question in this parshah reminds one of a question later posed by Jeremiah: “Why has the way of the wicked prospered, all who deal with treachery have peace? (Jeremiah 12:1) There is the implication behind these questions that Hashem’s intervention is sorely needed to bring about justice.

Some commentators see Moshe’s question as expressing a lack of faith and rebuke him for it. Others see in his question the inherent expression of faith involved in recognizing that Hashem is in control and an earnest, conscious desire to better understand Him and the world He has created.

Hashem proceeds to remind Moshe of his special relationship with the patriarchs and with the Jewish people as a whole, culminating in the statement, “I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.” (Exodus 6:6) There is an implied call for patience as not every work of divine justice is amenable to a human timeframe. But in ultimately asking Moshe to speak to Pharaoh, Hashem calls for something else – an exercise of human capabilities to move forward the cause of justice in the face of evil.

Expecting only good things to happen removes human choice and free will from the equation. There are those who use their free will for good and others, as in the case of the slaveholding Egyptians, for gross injustice. We must work to be the agents of the justice and healing we hope to see in the world.

We all struggle to understand why we sometimes find ourselves surrounded by adversity or why things don’t turn out the way we planned. There have been times when we have cried out, questioning Hashem, the source of all creation, as to the need for the pain we experience. Sometimes that pain is individual and personal and sometimes, as in the case of the enslaved Jews of Egypt, it is communal. Moshe asks his question out of pain. But he also asks it out of love and hope – both for his people and for Hashem’s mercy.

To those who find themselves engulfed by pain and suffering, it is callous to simply say ‘wait it out.’ It is a more fitting response to say ‘love it out.’ Love yourself and allow yourself to envision the road beyond the pain. Develop enough of a loving, personal relationship with Hashem to see the possibility of a stronger you on the other side of a moment of vulnerability. And although not every painful situation is man-made, love your fellow man and woman enough to share and advocate for their pain– as Moshe did.

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# Message from Our Presidents



## NEIL'S NATTERRINGS

On December 10, 2017, the Jewish Community in Youngstown stepped into a new era. For the first time Rodef Shalom, El Emeth, and Ohev Tzedek held a combined Chanukah Event. Over 160 adults attended at Rodef Shalom, as well as most of the MSJS students.

This is the first of three holidays that will circulate between the three Temples. This year, Purim will be celebrated at El Emeth, and Sukkot will be held here at our Temple.

Due to the declining Jewish population in the five-county area, it was decided at the last few Rabbi and President's meetings that combining was a necessity to provide events that will enhance participation during Jewish holidays and in these events to well beyond just making a critical mass.

Having nearly 200 hundred people in the room, with three or more generations interacting, to celebrate a festive holiday created a truly joyous mood that seemed to sweep the room. Those who attended will probably attend future events, such as the other ones listed above.

Which is why I described this as a new era for the Jewish Community in Youngstown. When the school wing of Ohev Tzedek opened, I believe it was 1966, we had about 200 children who attended. Which is about 10 times the number of the total current Jewish Community children in Jewish Education today.

For the last few years, we have been meeting, or almost meeting our expenses through our major fundraiser, the Super Bowl Pool. This fundraiser has provided us with enough funds to almost cover our shortfall. It did not help that our physical facility has required numerous major repairs, that we have almost completed. For this reason we are going to have a board discussion this month to develop a plan for the future of our shul.

Thanks to the planning of our parents and grandparents, we have been able to handle many of these extraordinary costs through judicial use of the endowment money they have left us. Thanks also to some major donations ranging from the gift of our new kitchen; to the time, money and effort spent by our members to help defray costs in the major refurbishing we have done, we have managed to upgrade our facility while maintaining enough funding to continue our existence.

Where we are beginning to lack, is our critical mass to have only Ohev oriented events. The other Temples realize that if they are not already experiencing the same problem, they will soon be. Thus, we will see more of these events in the future, and we are even exploring a joint cemetery association to look at the future of our cemeteries when our temples no longer exist. Hopefully, that situation will not occur for many a long year.

In the meantime, we have a new heating and cooling system, a new lighting system, new wiring from the pole to our building and new protection around it, new or repaired roofing. a new kitchen, and are almost finishing with the new LED lighting that will not only brighten our building and make more secure our parking lot, but will save us money. This will last us many years.

So, with God's help we will not go out with a bang, but be like that old soldier that General MacArthur once talked about, "and gradually fade away."

Happy a happy and healthy secular New Year, and enjoy many more years of worshipping, and enjoying events at our Temple and also with the entire Jewish Community of Mahoning, Trumbull, Mercer, Lawrence, and Columbiana Counties.

# Free Will Donations

## SYNAGOGUE FUND

*In Memory Of*

**Bob Rusnak**

Deborah Barlow and Family  
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*Good Health To*

**Linda Kessler**

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**Anniversary of Marvin Zeldin and Ivy Konel**

Jerry, Vincetta, and Adrianna Haber

**Birthdays of Vincetta and Adrianna Haber**

Jerry Haber

**Mark Huberman's Retirement**

Jerry, Vincetta, and Adrianna Haber

*Good Health To*

**Judge Robert Scharf**

Jerry, Vincetta, and Adrianna Haber

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*In Memory Of*

**Father, Herman Lefsky**

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**Mother, Bess Berman**

Benjamin Berman

**Husband and Father, Stanley Greenblatt**

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## JEWISH NATIONAL TREES

*In Memory Of*

**Ronnie Marian**

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**Dom Baragona**

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**To Sisters Mildred & Barbara with gratitude for kindness shown at Villa Maria**

Jerry, Vincetta & Adrianna Haber

## KIDDUSH FUND

*In Honor Of*

**The Congregation**

Anna Provitt

## Thank You

To: **Ron Sabelli, Susan Mostov, Cindy Ryan, Joe Levy, Margaret Klein, Nancy Burnett, and Neil Yutkin** for volunteering at Second Harvest at the end of October.

To: **Barbara Goldberg** for sponsoring the November 4 kiddush luncheon in memory of her father, Herman Lefsky.

To: All who donated during the High Holidays food drive! This year, we collected over 220 lbs. of food items, which will all go toward helping to feed the hungry in our community.

To: **Mindi and Art Einzig** for sponsoring the November 25 Kiddush luncheon in memory of Mindi's father, Thomas Micklas.

To: **Jim & Renee Gianakos, Audrey Scheuer**, who helped cook the last two Kiddush.

To: **Nancy Burnett, Dario Hunter, and Carys Yarwood** for their assistance in the community Hanukkah party.

## Mazel Tov

To: **David and Diane Burda** on the birth of their grandchildren **Greyson James** and **Emerson Claire Syper!** Greyson and Emerson's parents are **Jaime and Rick Syper**.

# Shabbat Services

Weekly Portion: Shemot	Candles: Friday, Jan. 5–4:50 pm Shabbat Services: Saturday, Jan. 6–9:45 am	<b>B'nai Mitzvah Anniversaries</b> Jacklyn Golden, Harold Davis, Paul Biller, Alan Sacolick, Elisabeth Spiro, Jacob Dulberger
Weekly Portion: Va'era	Candles: Friday, Jan. 12–4:58 pm Shabbat Services: Saturday, Jan. 13–9:45 am	<b>B'nai Mitzvah Anniversaries</b> Marvin Schotland
Weekly Portion: Bo	Candles: Friday, Jan. 19–5:06 pm Shabbat Services: Saturday, Jan. 20-10:30 am	<b>B'nai Mitzvah Anniversaries</b> Spencer Lockson, Linda Kornswiet, Rick Greenfield, Elaine Levoff Crofford, Victor Simon, Jonathan Lackey, Taylor Kelvin Leonard
Weekly Portion: Beshalach	Candles: Friday, Jan. 26–5:14 pm Shabbat Services: Saturday, Jan. 27–9:45 am <i>Simcha Shabbat</i>	<b>B'nai Mitzvah Anniversaries</b> David Levoff, Sharon Prizant Blumental, Lisa Altman, Jeffrey Hirschl
Weekly Portion: Yitro	Candles: Friday, Feb. 2–5:23 pm Shabbat Services: Saturday, Feb. 3–9:45 am	<b>B'nai Mitzvah Anniversaries</b> Joseph Merkin, Mark Kessler, Steven Sands, Jeffrey Zoldan, Scott Zoldan, Samantha Feld, Jared Kirby
Weekly Portion: Mishpatim	Candles: Friday, Feb. 9–5:32 pm Shabbat Services: Saturday, Feb. 10–9:45 am <i>Shabbat Shekalim</i>	<b>B'nai Mitzvah Anniversaries</b> Susie Geffen, Bruce Pincus, Janet Shapiro
Weekly Portion: Terumah	Candles: Friday, Feb. 16–5:40 pm Shabbat Services: Saturday, Feb. 17–9:45 am	<b>B'nai Mitzvah Anniversaries</b> Lawrence Jacobs, Jeffrey Segall, Barry Davis, Elke Sniderman, Jacob Mandel
Weekly Portion: Tetzaveh	Candles: Friday, Feb. 23–5:49 pm Shabbat Services: Saturday, Feb. 24–9:45 am <i>Shabbat Zachor; Simcha Shabbat</i>	<b>B'nai Mitzvah Anniversaries</b> Jaclyn Gordon, Mark Segall, Robert Karzmer, Stephen Berman

## Community and Upcoming



### PJ Library Purim Event

*February 21, 6:00 pm*

*Hosted by Ohev Tzedek*



Learn about the holiday through craft and story.  
Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Emily Collins at 330.746.3250 x. 152



### COMMUNITY PURIM EXTRAVAGANZA & MEGILLAH READING



*Wednesday, February 28 at Temple El Emeth*  
*Megillah Reading—5:30 pm*

Full salad bar, hot dog dinner, and celebration immediately following megillah reading

- *Purim Photo Booth*
- *Purim Band!*
- *Prizes for all children*
- *Return engagement by our favorite balloon artist, Joe Sullivan*

Come join us for an evening of music, singing, fun, food, and surprises!

No charge for dinner, but **reservations are a must!** RSVP to the Ohev Tzedek office (330.758.2321) by *Monday, February 26*

**We hope to see everyone in costume! Let's make this the most joyous holiday of the year!**

## Community



### Women's Group

Come join us at the monthly potluck meeting of the Rosh Chodesh women's group!

Shevat January 17 (Wednesday) at the home of Susan Mostov  
Adar February 15 (Thursday) location TBA

Time: 6:00-8:30 pm  
Dairy or Vegetarian Pot Luck

Please RSVP to Shari Della Penna, Nancy Burnett or to the Ohev Tzedek office (330.758.2321) by 1/15 and 2/12 respectively.

### Tu B'Shevat Seder

Come celebrate the New Year for Trees! A Tu B'Shevat seder will be held immediately following services on Saturday, 1/27.



Please RSVP to the Ohev Tzedek office by Tues., 1/23.

### Cantorial Classes

Want to lead services? We are having a short organizational meeting on January 10 @ 6:30 pm. The board meeting will start promptly at 7pm.

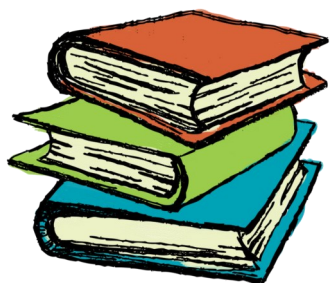
Contact the office by Monday Jan. 8 if you are interested.

### Small Toiletry Project

The Ohev Tzedek office will continuously collect small toiletry products such as shampoos, conditioners, lotions, razors, soaps, cleansing gels, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. to be provided to families in need.

"Little things make a big difference! Your continuous support is so appreciated." ~ Linda Palumbo

## Adult Education



Some classes may require a text to be purchased in addition to the registration fee. Unless otherwise noted, all classes will be held at Ohev Tzedek. All of the classes are open to the entire Jewish community. Please contact the office for times.

Mussar – The study of Mussar is a Jewish ethical, educational practice that studies personal character traits (middot), such as humility, patience, anger, and jealousy, and their relationship to living a meaningful life. Its goal is to align individual actions and intentions with Jewish values. While this class has been ongoing for some time, our study is at a point where we will revisit each of the middot; there is still time to join the class if you have been wondering but worried about joining mid-class. Mussar class will reconvene under the leadership of Rabbi Dario, please contact Ohev Tzedek for dates and times.

Birkhot Hashachar – Using Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman's excellent volume in the My People's Prayer Book series as a guide, we will explore these traditional morning prayers to discuss tefilla, Jewish prayer, as a whole, and how Jews have ever understood our ongoing, evolving relationship with G-d. (The fee of \$25 includes book.)

# JANUARY 2018

## TEVET 5778 – SHEVAT 5778

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <i>Office Closed</i>  <b>New Years Day</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Candles 4:50 pm	<b>6</b> Shabbat Service 9:45 am (Traditional)
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Board Meeting 7 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Candles 4:58 pm	<b>13</b> Shabbat Service 9:45 am  Birkat Hachodesh Shevat ~ Teaching Shabbat (Psalms, etc.)
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <i>Office Closed</i>  <b>MLK Day</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Rosh Chodesh at 6 pm	<b>18</b> Minyan 7:30 am	<b>19</b> Candles 5:06 pm	<b>20</b> Shabbat Service 10:30 am (Shortened Service)
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>		<b>26</b> Candles 5:14 pm	<b>27</b> Shabbat Service 9:45am  Tu B'Shevat Seder Shabbat Shira v Shabbat HaYam (Musical)  <b>Simcha Shabbat</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>   <b>Tu B'Shevat</b>			

# FEBRUARY 2017

## SHEVAT 5778 – ADAR 5778

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Candles 5:23 pm	3 Shabbat Service 9:45 am
4	5	6	7	8	9 Candles 5:32 pm	10 Shabbat Service 9:45 am  Shabbat Shekalim
11	12	13	14 Board Meeting 7 pm	15 Minyan 7:30 am  Rosh Chodesh at 6pm	16 Candles 5:40 pm	17 Shabbat Service 9:45 am
18	19  Presidents Day	20	21 PJ Library Purim Event 6pm	22	23 Candles 5:49 pm	24 Shabbat Service 9:45 am  Shabbat Zachor Simcha Shabbat
25	26	27	28  Fast of Esther  Purim Extravaganza Megillah Reading @ El Emeth 5:30pm			



# Yahrzeits

	TEVET	JAN.		SHEVAT	JAN.		SHEVAT	FEB.
*Jerome Pincus	14	31-1	*Leonard Weisman	4	19-20	*Milton Kessler	28	12-13
*Sophie Hermann	16	2-3	Morris Grossman	5	20-21	*Matt Yanow	28	12-13
Israel Lockson	16	2-3	Bella Robins	5	20-21	*Herman Sacolick	29	13-14
Leon Lieberman	16	2-3	*Eugene Sacolick	5	20-21	*Emil Huttner	29	13-14
*Samuel Belinky	16	2-3	*Ralph Price	6	21-22	*Salo Albini	29	13-14
*Freda Davidson	17	3-4	*Marvan Bill Davis	7	22-23		<b>ADAR</b>	
Lillian Gelber	17	3-4	Philip Oblonsky	8	23-24	*Ronald Mostov	1	15-16
*Harold Berkowitz	17	3-4	*Emanuel Sinoway	9	24-25	*Kate Kirshenbaum	1	15-16
*Morris Jancovitz	18	4-5	*Sidney Schweitzer	9	24-25	*Louis Rosenberg	2	16-17
Abe Harshman	18	4-5	*Lillian Ostroff	9	24-25	Katherine Simpson	2	16-17
*Stanley Kornspan	19	5-6	*Leatrice Schwartz	10	25-26	*Joseph Davis	2	16-17
*Kenneth Katz	19	5-6	*Louis Scharf	10	25-26	*Rose Feldman	3	17-18
*Frances Rosenberg	19	5-6	*Morris Simon	11	26-27	*Irwin Marks	3	17-18
*Abraham Fischer	20	6-7	Rose Oresky	12	27-28	Estelle Oresky	3	17-18
Dora Feren	21	7-8	*Nellie Stein	13	28-29	*Ruth Perlman	3	17-18
*Murray Barham	22	8-9	*Myron Agrenovitz	13	28-29	*Shirley Wolk	4	18-19
Ida Grobstein	23	9-10	Clara Heselov	15	30-31	Morris Wexler	5	19-20
*Barbara Pincus Perez	23	9-10	Jacob Rosky	15	30-31	Justine Kessler	5	19-20
Clara Cook	23	9-10			<b>FEB.</b>	*Helen Allen	5	19-20
Jennie Stone	23	9-10	*Mary Gross	16	31-1	*Susan Roth	7	21-22
Seymour Oresky	24	10-11	*Dora Friedman	17	1-2	*Julius Markowitz	7	21-22
Jack Rusnak	24	10-11	*Linda Mikkelsen	19	3-4	Betty Pitinii	8	22-23
*Isaac Bernstein	25	11-12	*Mark Hirschl	19	3-4	Helen Brooks	8	22-23
*Anne Steinberg	25	11-12	Bertha Stein	19	3-4	Barbara Jacobson	9	23-24
*Bertha Sisman	26	12-13	Benjamin Stein	20	4-5	*Mollie Greenblatt	9	23-24
Jacob Haber	28	14-15	Louise Feld	20	4-5	Samuel Oresky	9	23-24
Beatrice Santer	28	14-15	*Laura Barham	21	5-6	*Harold Jacobs	10	24-25
*Rose Karzmer	28	14-15	Ella Lackey	22	6-7	Phyllis Rothenberg	10	24-25
*Mary Levine Thaler	28	14-15	*William Feldman	22	6-7	Freda Scherr	11	25-26
*Mary Roth	29	15-16	*Sylvan Sacolick	22	6-7	*Leo Einzig	11	25-26
*Sidney Krute	29	15-16	Julius Schwartz	22	6-7	*Samuel Wolk	11	25-26
	<b>SHEVAT</b>		Dorothy Mulne	23	7-8	Ben Mostov	12	26-27
Pearl Schlosser	1	16-17	*Ben Koffman	24	8-9	*Eugene Rusnak	12	26-27
*Myron Fish	1	16-17	Rae Cohodas	24	8-9	*Sally Finkelstein	12	26-27
Anne Nichol	1	16-17	*Ruth Berger	24	8-9	Ruth Lockson	12	26-27
*Laszlow Klein	1	16-17	*Anna Fish	24	8-9	*Leon Birnbaum	13	27-28
*Benjamin White	1	16-17	*Sidne Weisman	25	9-10	*Lillian Yanow	13	27-28
Benjamin Scherr	2	17-18	*Morris Prizant	25	9-10	Stanley Malkoff	13	27-28
*Charlotte Toffler	2	17-18	Estelle Ortman	26	10-11			
*Arlen Stuart Jacobs	4	19-20	*David Leiter	27	11-12			

A \* next to the name denotes that the Yahrzeit Light will be lit on the anniversary of their death and for all services where Yizkor is recited.

*To order a memorial plaque to be illuminated on your loved one's Yahrzeit and when Yizkor is recited, please call the office for more information.*

Eternal G-d, as I kindle this Yahrzeit candle on the anniversary of the death of my beloved \_\_\_\_\_, the memory of his/her life passes before me. I reverently recall the moments we shared together. Time cannot efface the measure of his/her memories. I shall be ever grateful for the sacrifices made on my behalf. With affection and understanding, he/she stood by my side to guide and encourage me when I needed help. Teach me to love thee, O G-d, and to keep thy commandments.

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## 71st Annual Interfaith Tea

Tuesday, February 6, 2018 @ 1:30pm

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Lord’s blessing,

He chastens and hastens His will to make  
known.”



Everyone is Welcome!

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